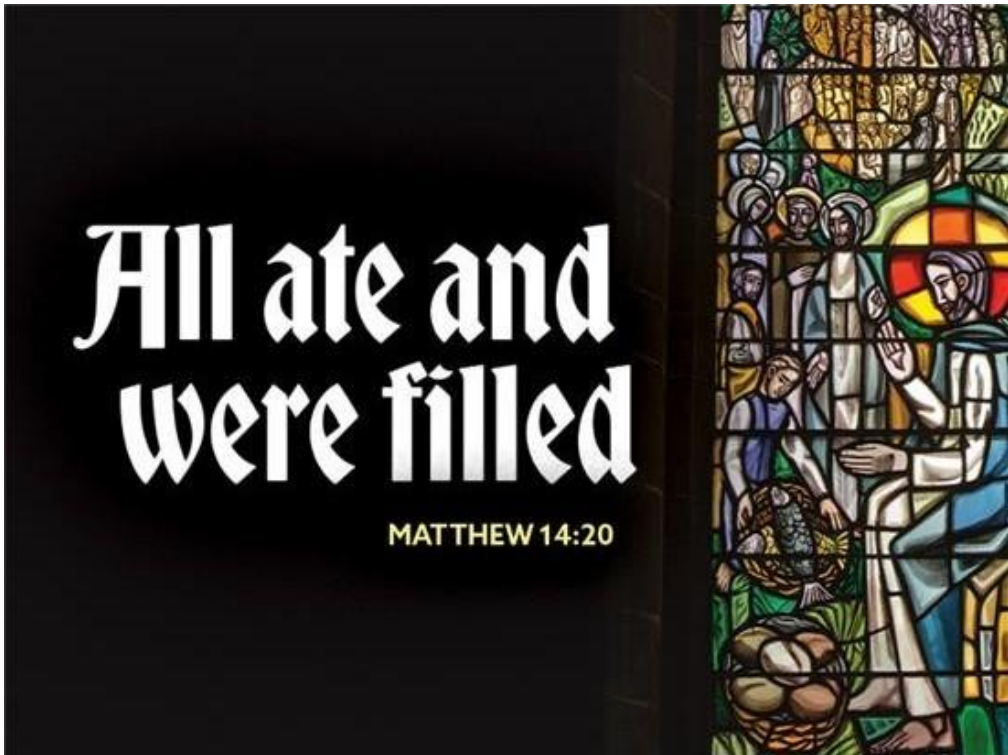


CROSSROADS

Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost



CROSSROADS PARISH



**Proud to be a Reconciling
In Christ Community**

Three Churches, One Big Community In Faith. All Are Welcome

Atonement Lutheran Church

1980 Silver Lake Road NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-633-2240
AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

A Warm Welcome to Any Guests and Visitors

Pastor Cassie Nault

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Marilyn Goldsworthy - Sunday School

Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

Deacon Brad Mills

Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator

Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist

Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual

Dani Gow – Youth Group

	9:30am at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	
LECTOR	Royce King	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Bonnie Anderson	
GREETER	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth	
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	COG: Gretchen Davis, TBD	ALC: Tony Houfek, Sally Kline

We acknowledge that we gather as Atonement and Cross of Glory Lutheran Churches on the traditional land of the Wahpekute, a band of the Dakota and one of the seven groups of Oceti Sakowin, translated as “the Seven Councils Fire”, also referred to as the Great Sioux Nation as well as Anishinaabe people and other indigenous nations who have called this land home. We further acknowledge that both the State of Minnesota and the United States Government carried out genocide, ethnic cleansing, forced removal and broken promises against indigenous people as a way to acquire land. This calls us to commit to learning how to be better stewards of the land and to support indigenous communities.

ORDER OF SERVICE

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

TRINITY CHIMES - *The singing bowl rings out 3 times to remind us we are gathered in the name of the Triune God.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God in a brief moment of silence.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" vv. 1-3

ELW 461

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 1

ELW 677

Children, please come forward.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Cassie Nault

As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 2

READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what

is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read responsively)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: ⁹ LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**All: ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**All: ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**All: ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" vv. 1-4

ELW 712

INSTALLATION OF INTERN PASTOR BRAD

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith together in the words of the "Apostles' Creed".

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

L: Lord, we lift our prayers to you...

All: Sung response: “Hear Our Prayer”

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LORD’S PRAYER

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us now pray the Lord’s Prayer in whatever language is most familiar.

All: Our Father...

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*You are invited to shake hands, make a peace sign or greet each other in whatever way you’re comfortable.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “In the Garden”

Allan Alt & Gretchen Davis

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING FOR WAPO CAMPERS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving” vv. 1-4

ELW 689

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

Cross of Glory Congregational Vote for Daycare – Thank you to everyone who attended the informational meeting last Sunday. Now is the time to ask any questions or review any documentation. You can talk to anyone on the design team: Melissa Emerson, Gretchen Davis, Kevin Gaylor, Dawn Saros-Kirk or Brayden Kirk, or reach out to the church office. We will have a congregational vote on **Sunday, August 23** immediately following 9:30am worship at Atonement.

Atonement is the polling location this year for Precinct 8 - New Brighton, State Elections. The Election Primary is **Tuesday, August 11** and the General Election is **Tuesday, November 3**.

Atonement will get a lot of visibility so let's put our best foot forward. We are looking for volunteers to create a "Crossroads – Look What We've Done Together!" type bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any good photos, please email them to dawn@crossroads55112.org. Also, now would be a good time to do any "sprucing up" of the church and grounds.

If anyone is also interested in creating a similar bulletin board at Cross of Glory, please let Dawn know. It would be great to show visitors all that we've done together.

"God's work. Our hands." **Sunday, September 13** is the ELCA's annual day of service, when congregations across the church join together to love and serve their neighbors as a joyful expression of our baptismal calling and confidence in God's grace. Do you see a need in our community? Is there something that you're passionate about? Please share your ideas with Deacon Brad.

Deacon Brad is in the process of changing ordained rosters in the ELCA from Deacon (Word & Service) to Pastor (Word & Sacrament) and has received endorsement from the candidacy committee. Deacon Brad has already completed all educational requirements prior to becoming a Deacon, a Master's of Divinity

from Luther Seminary and CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), and will now complete a 10-month internship in his present setting here at Crossroads Parish that will begin August 1st, 2026 and conclude in May of 2027 for final approval in June 2027.

Panhandlers Steel Drum Band – Jaime Verkuilen is part of the steel drum band and is inviting everyone to come and hear one of their remaining performances. Please see Jaime with any questions.

August 8, 5:45pm, Edison High School (Day of Pan- multiple ensembles)

August 19, 6pm, Victoria Concert in the Park

August 20, 7pm, Como Dockside performance

Shari Waddell would like to let everyone know she is having a memorial service for her daughter Julie, who died last year. It will be at Cross of Glory on **Friday, August 21 at 2:00pm** with visitation an hour prior.

Parade Update – Unfortunately the difficult decision was made to not participate in either the New Brighton or Mounds View parade since there wasn't enough interest. We'll try again next year!

Montessori School Update - The project of moving the Montessori school into the Education wing at Atonement has been cancelled. Both the school and Atonement worked together positively to accomplish this large task. In the end, the financial expense of updating to required safety codes coupled with the aggressive timeline was more of a burden than either the school or Atonement was able to bear. We parted friends, appreciative of each other's work to accomplish the goal. If you have any questions regarding this, please discuss with a Council member.

Camp Wapo Campers – Wishing you all many wonderful experiences, conversations, laughter and fun at camp!