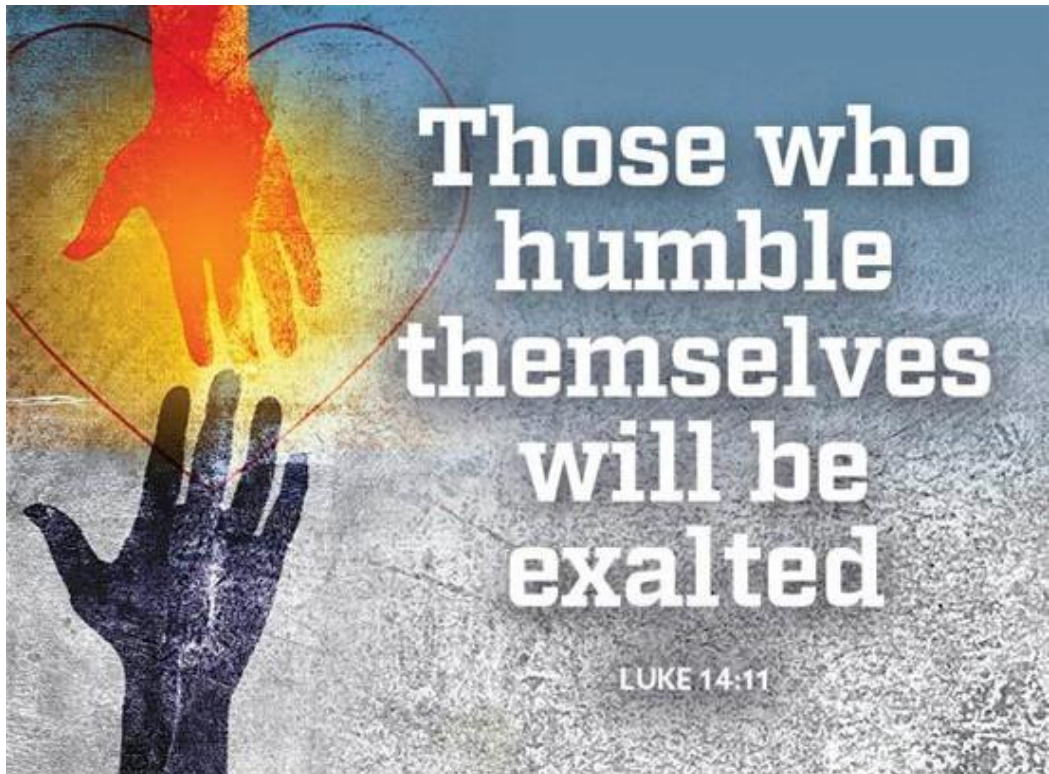


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Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost



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**Proud to be a Reconciling
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Three Churches, One Big Community In Faith. All Are Welcome



**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

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
763-784-2528
CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

Pastora Ana Becerra
1980 Silver Lake Rd NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
763-225-7079
Servicio en Español al mediodía

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault (on sabbatical)

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Marilyn Goldsworthy/Jaime Verkuilen - 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

	9:30 at Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Laurel Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Judy Hill
GREETER	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Andrea Weatherly, Laurel Nelson, Judy Hill
COUNTERS	ALC: Tony Houfek, Sally Kline COG: TBD

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

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

Pastor Cassie is away on her sabbatical, and we continue to keep her in our prayers. A reminder that while she is gone, we can reach out to Pastor Ana Becerra, Deacon Brad, or contact the church office with any questions.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In" vv. 1-4

ELW 532

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

All: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: PROVERBS 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 (Please read responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Listen, God is Calling!" – Refrain, Sung Twice

ELW 513

GOSPEL: LUKE 14

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ² Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had

edema. ³ And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?” ⁴ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?” ⁶ And they could not reply to this.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ ²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then

while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is useful neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. If you have ears to hear, then hear!”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Humble Heart” by Sarah Kroger

Please stand as you are able.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of “We Are Not Alone”, a creed from the Church of Canada.

**All: We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF 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.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: ""Be Unto Your Name" – Sadler, DeShazo

Hymn of the Month

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: Our Father...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Now We Join in Celebration" vv. 1-3

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

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COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” vv. 1-5

ELW 716

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement 3pm – FCC at Atonement
Monday	Labor Day – Buildings and Offices Closed No Bible Study
Tuesday	Church Offices Closed 6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Boy Scouts at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Lessons at Cross of Glory 4pm – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	"Gods work. Our hands." 9:30 – Worship at Atonement with Cristo Rey <u>10am – FCC at Atonement LL</u>

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." Crossroads is collecting the following for our "God's Work. Our Hands" service project on September 7th: very gently used (clean, no stains, rips or tears) or new towels (bathroom or kitchen); kitchen utensils. We'll be donating these items to Bridging. Bridging empowers people to thrive in their homes by providing quality furniture and home goods for those pursuing housing stability.

SEPTEMBER 14TH WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR CASSIE - We are celebrating Pastor Cassie's Sabbatical and return on Sept 14th. Cristo Rey will be cooking for us and we are asking all Atonement and Cross of Glory folks to bring a dessert/fruit or vegetable tray/soda or beverage to share after worship at 9:30am at Atonement.

HELP A NEIGHBOR, a nonprofit supporting students in the Mounds View School District, has been asked to help provide daily snacks for 500 students this school year. 83,000 snacks are needed and we would greatly appreciate your help in meeting this goal. On or before Sunday, September 14, please bring bags (or boxes) of 1.5 ounce individually packaged pretzels or Cheez-Its to church. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Nelson at 320-260-5955. Thank you for supporting these students!

VIRTUAL RECITAL - On Thursday, September 4th at 7pm, Emily Davis is having a virtual recital! Join the livestream for a half-hour of Bach in celebration of her journey back to being a musician. Access the virtual program via the link below where both the performance livestream link and an archive link can be found. bit.ly/45UCTPU (case sensitive)



REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School begins September 21. Please complete a registration form and submit it to Marilyn Goldsworthy maylon1@juno.com or to either church office. Forms are in the narthex.

KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! For details and a registration form, please contact preschool@atonementlutheran-nb.org or call 651-633-2240, ext 15.

EVERYONE IS INVITED! CAMP WAPO OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th

Who: All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

Where: Ox Lake, 5 miles from Camp Wapo's main site - 1442 120th Ave, Amery, WI 54001.

When: October 10-11th, 2025. We will depart at 5:30pm on 11th from Cross of Glory (eat dinner before you come) and we will return before dinner at 5pm on the 12th. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Please bring snacks to share for Friday night.

What: Smores, bonfires, fall weather, hikes, low ropes course, cabin time, card games, and more! Come enjoy the crisp fall weather and the leaves changing together with your faith community. We will be reading bible stories and discussing their impact in our lives today!

How: Carpooling to get there! Let us know if you can drive and how many seats you have.

Cost: \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN? A challenging question, indeed. Luther Seminary is hosting from August – November 16 the exhibit, "Exploring Human Origins," at their site on 1490 Fulham Street in St. Paul. It includes exhibits on science, religious beliefs, caring for creation, and the value of humans. There are hands-on displays and videos about human evolution. Parking lots are available. It is free and open to the public Monday-Thursday 12-6 PM ; and Friday 12-8 PM. For further information, access luthersem.edu/origins. ~Charitable Giving Team