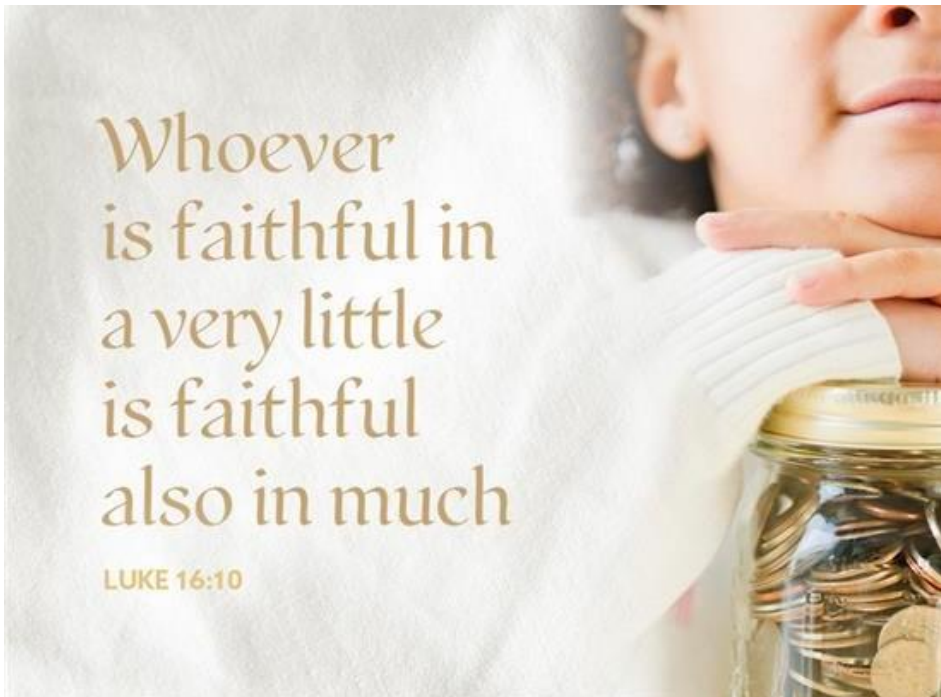


CROSSROADS

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



September 21, 2025
15th 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**
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 - 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

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Carreen Houfek
LECTOR	Kolleen Olsen	Laurel Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Becky Redding	Carol Hoiby
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	Tony Houfek, Royce King

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

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vv. 1-3

WOV 783

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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

READING: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

¹⁸No healing, only grief; my heart is broken. ¹⁹Listen to the weeping of my people all across the land: "Isn't the LORD in Zion? Is her king no longer there?" Why then did they anger me with their images, with

pointless foreign gods? ²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, yet we aren’t saved.” ²¹Because my people are crushed, I am crushed; darkness and despair overwhelm me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then have my people not been restored to health? ⁹If only my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for the wounds of my people.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Streams of Living Justice” vv. 1-3

ELW 710

8:30 BLESSING OF THE TABLE RUNNERS

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: And now 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 INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace,

All: receive our prayer.

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 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: "Take My Life, That I May Be/Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad" vv. 1-4 ELW 583

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" vv. 1-4

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
"God's work. Our hands."

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling 6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 2pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Faith and a Pint at Torg's Brewery
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Today we bless backpacks for our students that have returned to school.

QUILTED TABLE RUNNERS – A small group of quilters each made a quilted table runner for Cross of Glory's Fellowship Hall. They will be blessed during worship today at Cross of Glory. Thank you to this group!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH GROUP begins today at 9:30 at Cross of Glory. Sunday School parents, please complete a registration form. The forms are in the narthex.

CROSS OF GLORY COUNCIL UPDATE - Gretchen Davis will provide a quick recap of what the council has been working on for anyone who wants to listen, immediately after service today.

COLLECTION ENDS SEPTEMBER 28 FOR "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." Thank you to everyone who has brought in towels and/or kitchen utensils for Bridging.

NEW QUILTING GROUP – There will be a meeting at Cross of Glory, Thursday, September 25 at 7pm to discuss plans for this group. All are welcome!

JUMBO SALE RECAP MEETING – If you are interested in attending, meet at Cross of Glory, Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30pm.

FAITH AND A PINT – Stop by Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park this Friday, September 26 at 6:30 for fun conversation! All ages welcome.

2025 CROSSROADS HOLIDALE BOUTIQUE MEETINGS – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - Please join us for pie making and planning. Questions? Please contact Cheryl Lunde or Carol Hoiby.

1pm - Pie making. We will complete the 8 pies ready for crusts and finish the last 20 pounds of apples.

3pm - 2025 Boutique planning meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to this planning meeting to discuss next steps.

VENDOR APPLICATIONS for the November 1st Holiday Boutique are available in the narthex. Please share with all the crafty people in your life! Applications and vendor fee are due no later than October 25 and space is very limited.

CAMP WAPO OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th - All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend. 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! Carpooling to get there! \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE CAHOWS - Virginia is home and slowly on the upswing. She and Doug are open to receiving meals (comfort food like soups and casseroles of any kind). Please contact Cheryl Lunde if you are interested in signing up.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS is a series providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Each session is complete in itself and will be held at St. Philips Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 6:45 to 9pm. The next session is September 25, *"Is This Normal? Living with Grief"* with Licensed Therapist, Educator, Consultant and Author Linda Cherek. Pamphlets are in the narthex.

PASTOR TIM THOMPSON'S RETIREMENT – For those Atonement folks who knew Pastor Tim Thompson; he is retiring and his last worship service at St. Stephen's will be September 28, 2025 at 9:30am. All are welcome to be a part of celebrating Pastor Tim's retirement and invited to attend the service and/or the luncheon that will follow the service, beginning at 11am in our fellowship hall. Please feel free to send any well wishes to Pastor Tim to the church at this address: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton St, West St Paul, MN 55118