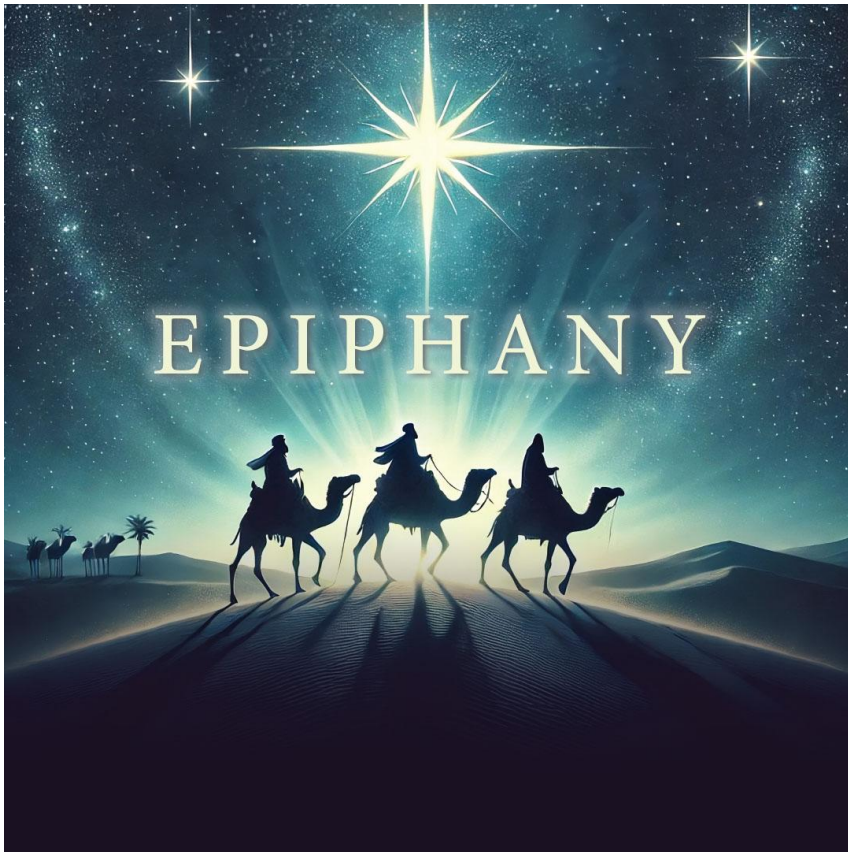


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Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



January 4, 2026
Epiphany of Our Lord



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
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	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA	NA
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Laurel Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Paula Reed	Kevin & Gwen Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	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

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP: FOLLOWING THE STAR

Leader: Wise travelers looked to the night sky and saw a promise.

People: We lift our eyes to God's light, shining even in the darkness of night.

Leader: A star rose in the east and called them to begin the journey.

People: We follow where God leads, even when the path is unfamiliar.

Leader: Kings were troubled, cities were shaken, but the star still moved.

People: We choose trust over fear and hope over doubt.

Leader: The star stopped over a humble home, and joy overflowed.

People: We rejoice at the presence of Christ among us.

Leader: The Magi knelt, offering gifts of great worth.

People: We bring our lives, our love, and our worship.

Leader: Warned and guided, they returned home by another way.

People: Changed by Christ, we go forth, following God's light.

OPENING HYMN

"All My Heart Again Rejoices" vv. 1-4

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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, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maani Grace

READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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 2:1-12

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” vv. 1-4

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Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

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...

REMINDER OF GOD’S PEACE – *During cold & flu season, we refrain from sharing a sign of peace.*

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ☩ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine” vv. 1-3 (10:45 Accompanied by Laurel Nelson)

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DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

All: And peace to God’s people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

All: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory NO Sunday School/Youth 9:30 – White Elephant Gift Exchange 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 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:00/6:30 Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 6:30 – ALC Choir Rehearsal at Atonement
Thursday	10am – Mary Circle at Atonement 10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
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 at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement</u>

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE is today at 9:30 at Cross of Glory. All are welcome to participate.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE NOW! Please submit yours to either church office.

EPIPHANY STAR WORD – If you would like a Star Word for Epiphany, please stop by the narthex to receive a generated Star Word.

WINTER'S GLOW is a **FREE performance by the Minnesota Boychoir today at 1pm at the Landmark Center in St. Paul.** Minnesota Boychoir has four core ensembles and several outreach programs and includes over 120 singers ages 6-18, from more than forty communities throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The choir's vast repertoire includes challenging sacred, classical, secular, folk and contemporary choral music sung in more than 30 languages and dialects. Each season they perform up to

30 concerts in churches, hospitals, schools, retirement homes and convert venues across the globe. Deb Holmes' son Tennyson and Ivan Konev's son Alyosha are both part of the performance today.

ABCD MEETS TOMORROW AT 1:00PM - The **Atonement Book Club Daytime** discussion group will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Monday, January 5 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss ***The Eyes and The Impossible*** by Dave Eggers. On February 2 we will discuss ***The Island of Missing Trees*** by Elif Shafak. People from Atonement, Cross of Glory and Cristo Rey are welcome. You can attend all of the discussions or only those that interest you. Please bring your own beverage.

ANNUAL MEETINGS – Cross of Glory's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, January 25** and Atonement's Annual Meeting is **Sunday, February 1**. We'll have **one 9:30am worship service** at the church having their annual meeting followed with fellowship and food.

THE ATONEMENT COUNCIL is seeking 2-3 members for election at the next annual meeting. If interested, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Andrea Weatherly, Carol Hoiby or Tony Houfek.

JUSTMove PARTY - SUNDAY, JAN. 18 - 2:30-11:30PM | Woodlake Lutheran, Richfield - Youth in grades 6-9 from across the Twin Cities are invited to attend this justice-themed party centered on being holy disruptors. Enjoy a JUSTmove presentation by Joe Davis and David Scherer with music, poetry, storytelling, dance and conversation. Hear from justice advocates, enjoy inflatables, games, dinner and more. Youth in 10th-12th grades are invited to participate as leaders. This event sponsored by the Richfield Area Lutheran Youth (RALY) is free; a suggested donation of \$10 will be given for 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering MYLE scholarships. Adult volunteers are also needed. Let us know if you would like us to send you the link.