

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



January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after Epiphany



## 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

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Radtke	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER		No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP		No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS		No Communion
COUNTERS	Patsy Thorsbakken Gretchen Davis	Gwen Blomseth 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

### 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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All: you call us to life in community,**

**but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace  
we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### CATECHiSM MOMENT

Deacon Brad Mills

## READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**  
**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The Holy gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” vv. 1-4

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*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: Merciful God,

**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...**

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

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

Offertory Music: 8:30 Special Music by Marnie Thies

10:45 Special Music by Debora Holmes

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

*Hymn of the Month*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	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 Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement Noon – Private Event at Cross of Glory
Monday	Buildings are Closed for the MLK Jr. Day Holiday
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:00/6:30 – Scouts at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30 – ALC Choir Rehearsal at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	10am/11am – Visitation & Funeral at Atonement 3:30 – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 10:30 – Cross of Glory Annual Meeting & Potluck Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement <u>3pm – FCC at Atonement LL</u>



**FUNERAL FOR PAT HASELHORST** – The funeral for Pat Haselhorst is this Friday, January 23 with a Visitation from 10:00-11:00am, Celebration of Life service at 11:00am and fellowship following the service. Contact Virginia Braunwarth if you would like to help bring food and/or help in the kitchen. Please keep the Haselhorst family in your prayers.

**VISITATION TEAM MEETING** – Would you like to join our combined church team that visits with members, brings communion, and checks in on folks who might not be able to attend regularly? It can be as simple as 15 minutes a month in-person or phone calls! Sign up and join us for our first lay visitation team meeting and training session which will be held February 15 at Cross of Glory at 9:30am in the fellowship hall and at Atonement at 11:30am in the fellowship hall (same meeting/only need to attend one). If you can't make it to either meeting, please sign up on the paper copy at church or let the church office know you would like to be included in this team and Deacon Brad will contact you with more information.

#### **ANNUAL MEETINGS & WORSHIP TIMES**

##### **Next Sunday, January 25**

**One worship service at 9:30am at Cross of Glory**

**10:30am Cross of Glory Annual Meeting & Potluck**

Sign up in the narthex to bring something to share if you are able.

We are also looking for a few Atonement helpers in the kitchen during the annual meeting so all Cross of Glory members can attend the meeting. Sign up in the narthex.

##### **Sunday, February 1**

**One worship service at 9:30am at Atonement**

**10:30am Atonement Annual Meeting & Potluck**

Sign up in the narthex to bring something to share if you are able.

We are also looking for a few Cross of Glory helpers in the kitchen during the annual meeting so all Atonement members can attend the meeting. Sign up in the narthex.

**WINTER DANCE PARTY!** – Join us for some fun dancing, socializing and snacks Tuesday, January 27 from 6:00-7:00pm at Atonement. We're looking for dance song suggestions so sign up in the narthex at both churches with your favorite dance songs. If you can bring a snack to share there is also a sign up for that too. This event is put on by the Zumba group.

**CAMP WAPO** summer registration opens January 15 – February 15. Our dates this summer are: Wapo Youth August 2-7; Ox Roots August 2-7; Wapo Seeds August 7-9. Register through our specific link: <https://lwlbc.com/crossroads55112>

#### **RETREATS**

**RENEW: WAPO WOMEN'S RETREAT** - This retreat is designed to offer space to renew your spirit. Maybe that means some shopping at the many Amery area boutiques and antique stores, relaxing with a good

book, hiking or snowshoeing (bring your own) the beautiful trails at Ox Lake, or enjoying a challenging jigsaw puzzle. All of this is in addition to time spent in bible study and other sessions. Your soul will be fed and renewed during the Wapo Women's Retreat **Friday, February 27 at 7pm to Sunday, March 1 at 1pm**. Cost is \$200 with \$50 non-refundable fee at registration. Must be 18+ years old. Sign up in the narthex. Register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/renew-wapo-womens-retreat/>

**ROOTED & RESTORED: WAPO MEN'S RETREAT** – Mark your calendars for the Wapo Men's Retreat which is led by a talented Bible Study and Worship leader along with our retreat staff. Come for a fun weekend to recharge. There will be lots of time for fun and games as well as time for some serious relaxing. May 1–3 (Check in Friday at 5pm and check out Sunday at noon.) for ages 18+. Cost is \$200. Register here: <https://lakewapo.org/programs/recharge-wapo-mens-retreat/>

**WATCH FOR A QUARTERLY UPDATE** from Allan Alt, who has graciously volunteered to track how many pounds of food is donated from Cross of Glory. Allan volunteers at Ralph Reeder. He has been monitoring Cross of Glory's donation grocery cart and brings all donations to Ralph Reeder.