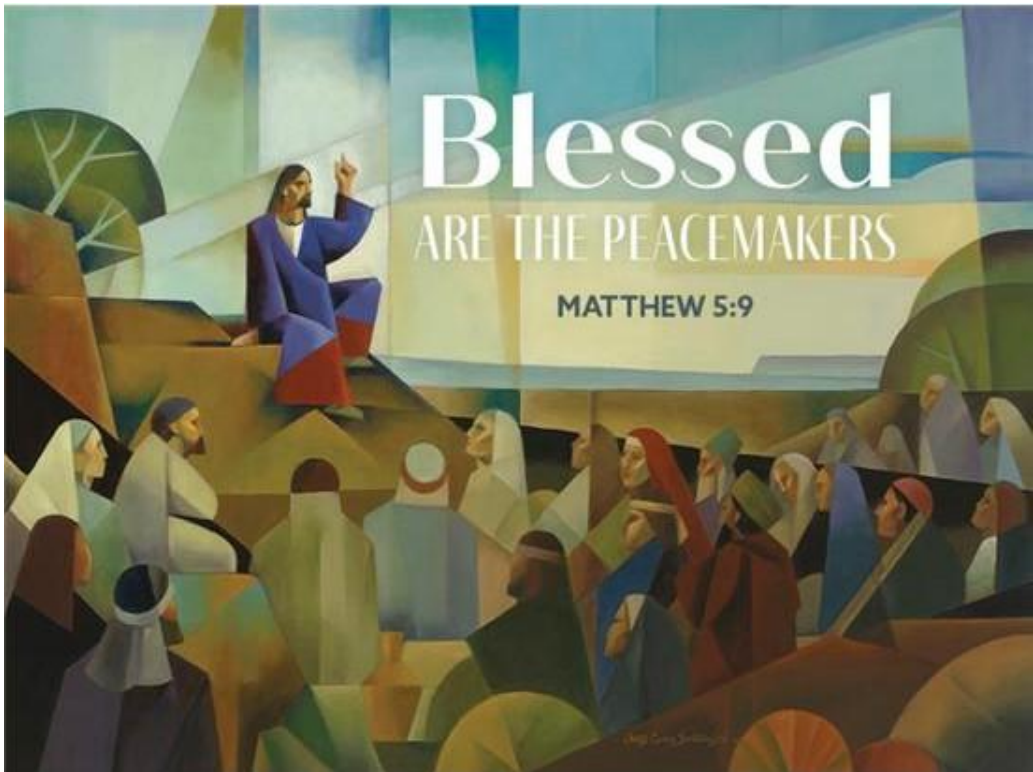


CROSSROADS
Atonement Lutheran Church
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



February 1, 2026
Fourth 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

	9:30 at Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA
LECTOR	Jennifer Schneider
USHER/ACOLYTE	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Carol Hoiby
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	Bruce Jahnke, 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

"Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)" vv. 1-3

Hymn of the Month ACS 1097

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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: MICAH 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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 5:1-12

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are Called” vv. 1-3

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WE ARE NOT ALONE

L: Please stand as you are able as 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.

L: Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Blest Are They" vv. 1-5

ELW 728

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" vv. 1-5

ELW 669

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **All: Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10:30 – Atonement Annual Meeting & Potluck 3pm – FCC at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
Tuesday	5:30 – Worship Visioning Meal 6pm – Worship Visioning Conversation at Atonement 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	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 <u>10:45 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i></u>

ATONEMENT MEMBERS

Please remain in the sanctuary for our annual meeting.

Cross of Glory members are welcome to go to the fellowship hall for some potluck food.

WORSHIP VISIONING CONVERSATION - THIS Tuesday, February 3 at Atonement - please sign up to attend! Crossroads is continuing a worship visioning process with Nate Crary and Interserve Ministries to help ensure our worship reflects who we are as a congregation. We need your voice as we talk about our shared values and what worship means to us. Join us for dinner at **5:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall, followed by the conversation at **6:00 p.m.** in the Atonement sanctuary. **Registration is required** please sign up on the sheet in the narthex today—or contact Pastor Cassie by phone, text, or email.

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.

THANK YOU - A sincere Thank You to all who prepared food, sang in the choir, sent cards, attended, or otherwise participated in Pat's Celebration of Life service. What a wonderful way to thank God for her life with us. ~ The Haselhorst Family

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, February 2 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. On March 2 we will discuss *The Small and the Mighty* by Sharon McMahon. 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.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER at Atonement next Sunday, February 8 in celebration of the big game! Freshly popped popcorn will be available. Donations accepted for the general fund.

CAMP WAPO - Summer registration is open through 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>

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/>