

CROSSROADS

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



October 18, 2026
21st 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

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
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

Pastor Cassie Nault

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Dani Gow – Youth Group

Intern Pastor Brad Mills

Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator

Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist

Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual

Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
Worship Assistant (WA)	NA	NA
Lector	Peg Lindner	Lorna Schultz
Usher	Leslie Bjork	Lindsey Fabian
Acolyte		
Greeter	George Emerson/Jeanne Boyle	Carol Hoiby
Bread Baker	No Communion	No Communion
Communion Setup/Cleanup	No Communion	No Communion
Communion Servers	No Communion	No Communion
Counters	Bob Reed, Patsy Thorsbakken	Gwen Blomseth, Royce King
Coffee Setup/Cleanup	Linda Radtke	
Treats/Kitchen Setup/Cleanup	Jillian Emerson/TBD	Lindsey Fabian

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

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

Welcome! We are so glad you joined us today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a regular in worship, our prayer is that you feel God's love and find peace during our time together.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness

in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory" vv. 1-4

ELW 705

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children, please come forward.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brad Mills

As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.

"This Little Light of Mine" v.2

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 96:1-13

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**All: ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**All: ⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**All: ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**All: ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**All: ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peoples ¹ with your truth.

READING: THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be” vv. 1-4

ELW 583

WE ARE NOT ALONE

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 THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

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...

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*You are invited to shake hands, make a peace sign or greet each other in whatever way you’re comfortable.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” vv. 1-3

ELW 841

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.** The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.** The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios” (2X English; 1X Spanish)

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Cross of Glory choir rehearsal in the sanctuary 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen KutUps at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement in the fellowship hall 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement LL 6pm – Scouts at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Design Team Meet & Greet at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:00 – Atonement choir rehearsal in the choir room
Thursday	11am – Jam Workshop at Atonement 1pm – Game day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory 5:30 – 7pm - Trunk or Treat at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Cristo Rey Event at Atonement 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Intergenerational Sunday School at Cross of Glory – Choir Room 9:30 – Youth Group at Cross of Glory – Multipurpose Room 9:30 – Cross of Glory Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement <u>3pm – FCC at Atonement</u>

There is no Sunday School or Youth Group today due to the MEA weekend.

Virtual Recital - Bits of Baroque - On Saturday, October 24th, Emily Davis will be performing in her second virtual recital with two members of her family, broadcast on YouTube at 7pm. Music by Baroque composers Bach and Telemann will be featured, including two pieces she has played at church services in the past. For more information and the livestream link, visit the virtual program here:

<http://bit.ly/45UCTPU> (case sensitive)

Reformation Sunday is next Sunday, October 25. Remember to wear red and we'll take a group photo after each worship service.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! We thank both Pastor Cassie and Pastor Brad for all work they do every day.

Trunk or Treat is this Thursday, October 22 from 5:30 - 7pm at Cross of Glory! If you haven't signed up to help yet, there are signup sheets in the narthex of both churches to help with the community meal or to host a trunk to hand out candy to the children. A Mounds View Police officer will also be participating with one of their squad cars!

We are still accepting candy donations or monetary donations to purchase groceries for the community meal. Look for the cauldron outside of each office to donate candy. You can drop monetary donations in the offering marked "Trunk or Treat". Thank you for your support!

The Jam Workshop for the Holidale Boutique is this Thursday, October 22 at 11am at Atonement.

All Saints' Sunday, November 1 – Please submit the name and relationship of loved ones you would like to honor, that have died since November of last year, by Sunday, October 25 to either church office. (No photos needed.)

The Holidale Boutique at Atonement is Saturday, November 7 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Please share our vendor application with any of your crafty friends and family. There are signup sheets in the narthex at Atonement with many opportunities to help! Take a flyer or two and share them. Vendor applications and flyers are in the narthex at both churches.

The following boutique preparation workshops are at Atonement. All are welcome to help:

Jam Workshop - Thursday, October 22, 11am

Lefse Workshop - Saturday, October 31, 8:30am – Recipe in the narthex of both churches.

Wild Rice Workshop - Thursday, November 5, 12:00pm

Caramel Roll Workshop - Friday, November 6, 6:30pm

Apple Pie Workshop - TBD

Poinsettia Orders are currently being taken. If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate our altars, please complete the pink order form in the narthex. Orders are due by November 8. You are welcome to take your plant home following Christmas Eve service.

Share the Joy of Baking this Holiday Season – Join us in spreading warmth and joy this holiday season by creating Holiday Baking Bags for Ralph Reeder to distribute to families.

Suggested items include: flour, white sugar, brown sugar, oil, chocolate chips, vanilla, baking powder and baking soda. Add a personal touch by including your favorite cookie recipe or add sprinkles, cookie cutters, measuring cups, etc. You can donate a complete Holiday Baking Bag or individual items. We will collect items through November 1 so Ralph Reeder can distribute bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Join us Sunday, November 8 after each service, to assemble the Holiday Baking Bags with the items we collected.

Growing Through Loss – This series provides an opportunity to obtain information and support on a variety of loss and grief issues. This week's session is October 19, "Personal Story: Loss of Spouse" with Margarita Alvarez, Grief Support Volunteer. Each session is held at The Church of St. William in Fridley at 7pm. Brochures can be found in the narthex at both churches.

Gather Twin Cities is a Lutheran (ELCA) ministry for those who are hungry for community and connection with other young adults in the metro area. Join us at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth tonight, October 18 at 7pm, for a conversation on what, why, and who saints are, spoOOoOoky smores, and shared storytelling of remembrance.

