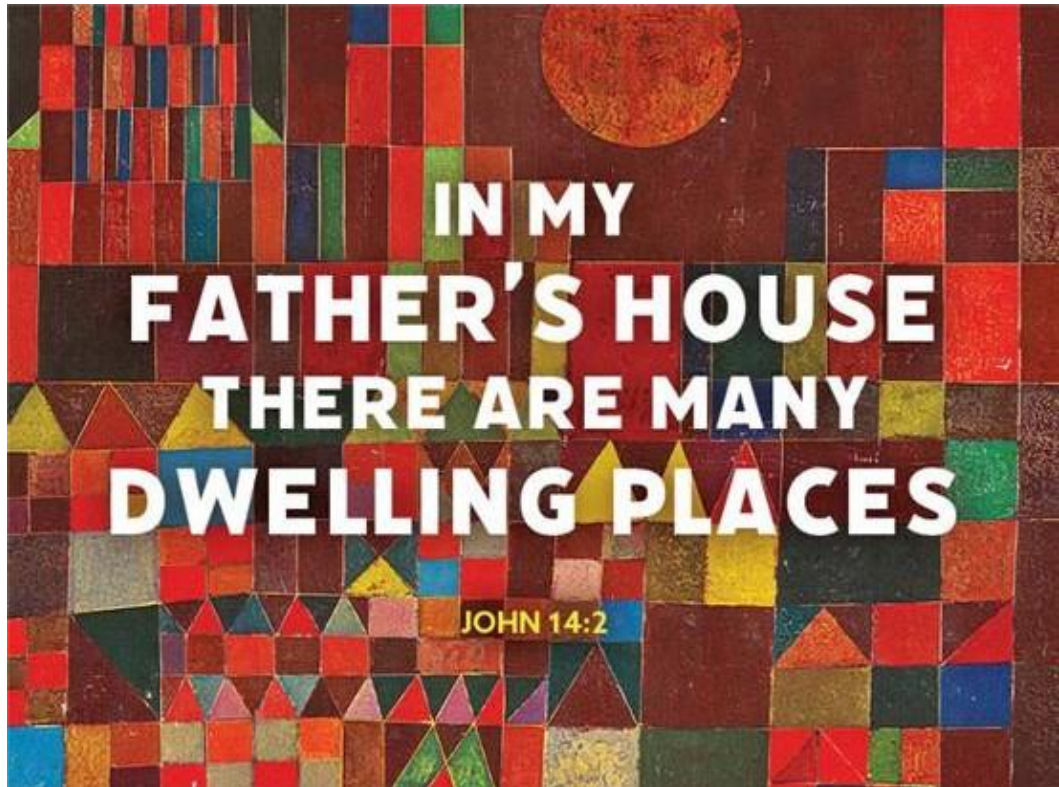


# CROSSROADS

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



May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



# 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  
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



**ATONEMENT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA  
CRISTO REY**  
Crossroads Parish

## **\*A Warm Welcome to Any Guests and Visitors\***

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>8:30am</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jaime Verkuilen	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Vicki Klaers
USHER/ACOLYTE	Paula Reed	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Allan Alt, Gretchen Davis	Bruce Jahnke, Tony Houfek

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)

### 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.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" vv. 1-4

ELW 645

### 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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and to share his risen life with all the world.**

*Please be seated.*

### CATECHISM MOMENT

Deacon Brad Mills

READING: ACTS 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

The Holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" vv. 1-4

ELW 367

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 THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

*(Response after each petition)*

L: Merciful God,

**All: hear our 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 GOD'S PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

L: Let us show 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.*

*This is the sign of setting aside divisions among us to prepare to receive the Lord's supper.*

*Please be seated.*

#### OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Hope of the World" vv. 1-5

ACS 1085

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” vv. 1-5

ELW 389

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## 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 Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm - Kitchen Kut Ups 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 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11am – Public Safety Safe Partners Meeting at Atonement 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Theis Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory 7pm – Kitchen Kut Ups & Ice Cream Social at Atonement – All are invited!
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	<i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45am – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

**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, May 4 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. On **June 1** we will discuss *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. 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.

**GROWING THROUGH LOSS** – This week's session is May 7 at Centennial United Methodist Church, "Watch for the Signs" with Donna Mathiowetz, speaker and author. Please find a brochure in the narthex for more information.

**THE KITCHEN KUT UPS** presents “Our Hometown” a variety show and ice cream social this **Friday, May 8 at 7pm** at Atonement. Free will offering for the ice cream social. All are welcome!

**GERTEN’S PLANT SALE PICKUP** - If you ordered plants from the Gerten’s fundraiser, they will be available for pickup on Wednesday, **May 13 between 2:00pm – 6:00pm**. We are looking for helpers to sort plants when they are delivered between 8:00am – Noon and to help hand out orders when people come to pick them up. Please see Dawn with any questions.

**KING’S KIDS PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 54 YEARS OF MINISTRY** – Join us on **Sunday, May 17 at our 10:45 service** as we celebrate and say goodbye to King’s Kids Preschool after 54 years at Atonement. There will be a reception following worship.

**RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST** – We are purchasing 18 red geraniums for our Pentecost altar on **May 24 at Cross of Glory, 9:30am**. If you would like to purchase a geranium, complete an order form. We are limited to 18 so it’s first come, first serve. They can be taken home after Pentecost worship.

**ORDINATION OF JENNIFER SCHNEIDER** - By the grace of God and the call of the Church, Jennifer Lynn Schneider will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament Thursday, **May 14 at 7:00pm**, Oak Knoll Lutheran Church, 600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka, 55305. Your prayers and presence are requested. Reception with light refreshments to follow. Jennifer is called to serve as Pastor of Engagement of All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka.

**MINNESOTA BOYCHOIR SPRING CONCERTS** – The families of Ivan Konev & Debora Holmes invite you to attend Minnesota Boychoir Spring Concerts where they both have a son performing. The first concert is **May 17** at Church of St. Gerard Majella, Brooklyn Park from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. The second concert is **May 31** from 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Ted Mann Concert Hall on the U of M campus.

**DONATIONS FOR PLANTS AT CROSS OF GLORY** – We are looking for donations to help offset the cost of purchasing plants to beautify the grounds at Cross of Glory. If you are able, mark that it’s for “Church Plants” and drop it in with the offering. Thank you!



## **CROSSROADS RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION DATES**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

**Collection Times: 2:00pm – 7:00pm**

Tuesday & Thursday, May 5 & 7

Tuesday & Thursday, May 12 & 14

Tuesday & Thursday, May 19 & 21

Accepting gently used, clean items in good working order.  
Please no TVs, large furniture or mattresses.

**The sale dates are Wednesday – Friday, May 27-29 at Atonement.**

Signup sheets to volunteer are in the narthex of both churches.  
This is a Crossroads event!