

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



September 7, 2025
13th 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**
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
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Servicio en Español al mediodía

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Cassie Nault (on sabbatical)

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Marilyn Goldsworthy/Jaime Verkuilen - 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	Steve Klaers
LECTOR	Marilyn Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Bonnie Anderson
GREETER	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	ALC: Tony Houfek, Gwen Blomseth COG: Allan Alt, 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

Pastor Cassie is away on her sabbatical, and we continue to keep her in our prayers. A reminder that while she is gone, we can reach out to Pastor Ana Becerra, Deacon Brad, or contact the church office with any questions.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"We Are One in Christ/Somos uno en Cristo"

ELW 643

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and

become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 (Please read responsively)

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

READING: PHILEMON 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to

me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Humble Heart” by Sarah Kroger

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: And now we confess our faith together in the words of the “Apostles’ Creed”.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace,

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...

SHARING OF PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: "Take My Life, That I May Be/Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad" vv. 1-4 ELW 583

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore/Tú has venido a la orilla” vv. 1-4

ELW 817

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
“God’s work. Our hands.”

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	“Gods work. Our hands.” Sunday 9:30 – Worship at Atonement with Cristo Rey 10am – FCC at Atonement LL
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – ABCD at Atonement 4pm – Crossroads Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6pm – Atonement Property Committee
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls Plus at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement 1pm – Game Day at Atonement 4pm – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite 4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	Pastor Cassie’s Homecoming Celebration 9:30 – Worship at Atonement with Cristo Rey – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> <u>10am – FCC at Atonement LL</u>

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” Thank you to everyone who brought in towels and/or kitchen utensils and/or kitchen utensils. We’ll be donating these items to Bridging. Bridging empowers people to thrive in their homes by providing quality furniture and home goods for those pursuing housing stability.

SEPTEMBER 14TH WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR CASSIE - We are celebrating Pastor Cassie's Sabbatical and return on Sept 14th. Cristo Rey will be cooking for us and Rachel Kurtz will join us and share a song that she wrote for Crossroads Parish.

CROSSROADS WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Monday, September 8 at 4pm at Cross of Glory.

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, September 8 at 1:00 pm**. We will discuss ***Remarkably Bright Creatures*** by Shelby VanPelt. On October 6 we will discuss ***Table for Two*** by Amor Towles. 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.

2025 HOLIDALE BOUTIQUE - Conversations have started. We are gearing up for a Holidale Boutique on Saturday, November 1st. Please keep an eye on the announcements for dates and times for meetings to discuss what it will look like.

Immediate need - Atonement was able to acquire apples this year. This means... apple pie workshop in the next couple of weeks! Any and all who are available are welcome to help: peeling, slicing, rolling and assembling. Pies and apple crisp will be frozen to be sold for the Boutique.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE CAHOWS - Virginia is home and slowly on the upswing. She and Doug are open to receiving meals (comfort food like soups and casseroles of any kind). Please contact Cheryl Lunde if you are interested in signing up.

PRAYER MINISTERS will be available September 14th at Atonement and continuing the 2nd Sunday of each month for those needing additional prayers.

HELP A NEIGHBOR, a nonprofit supporting students in the Mounds View School District, has been asked to help provide daily snacks for 500 students this school year. 83,000 snacks are needed and we would greatly appreciate your help in meeting this goal. **By Sunday, September 14**, please bring bags (or boxes) of 1.5 ounce individually packaged pretzels or Cheez-Its to church. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Nelson at 320-260-5955. Thank you for supporting these students!

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School begins September 21. Please complete a registration form and submit it to Marilyn Goldsworthy maylon1@juno.com or to either church office. Forms are in the narthex.

KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! For details and a registration form, please contact preschool@atonementlutheran-nb.org or call 651-633-2240, ext 15.

CAMP WAPO OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th - All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend. We will depart at 5:30pm on 11th from Cross of Glory (eat dinner before you come) and we will return before dinner at 5pm on the 12th. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Please bring snacks to share for Friday night. **What:** Smores, bonfires, fall weather, hikes, low ropes course, cabin time, card games, and more! Come enjoy the crisp fall weather and the leaves changing together with your faith community. We will be reading bible stories and discussing their impact in our lives today! Carpooling to get there! \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).