

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



July 26, 2026
9th 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

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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**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

	9:30am at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Steve Klaers	
LECTOR	Bruce Jahnke	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Lindsey Fabian	
GREETER	Vicki Klaers	
BREAD BAKER	Lynn Miller	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Andrea Weatherly	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Steve Klaers, Bruce Jahnke	
COUNTERS	COG: Patsy Thorsbakken, TBD	ALC: 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

(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.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God in a brief moment of silence.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Gather Us In" vv. 1-3

ELW 532

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: 1 KINGS 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give

your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136 (Read responsively)

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore obey them with all my heart.

**All: ¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

**All: ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**All: ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

**All: ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” vv. 1-3

ELW 860

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 *(Response after each petition)*

L: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF GOD'S 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.

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: "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Performed by Men's Gospel Choir with accompaniment by Ethan Lunde and Percussion by Allan Alt

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vv. 1-3

WOV 783

"We Walk by Faith" vv. 1-5

ELW 635

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision” vv. 1-4

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:30 – Cross of Glory Member Meeting at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30am – Toastmasters at Cross of Glory
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

Please keep the family of Darlene Voxland in your prayers as they mourn their loss of Darlene. Darlene passed away last Thursday morning. We will update everyone with funeral information.

Faith at the Movies - This special series will explore spiritual themes found in some of this year's movie theater films. Together, we'll discover how stories that entertain us can also help us reflect on God's presence and work in our everyday lives. Today's exploration is about *Toy Story 5*.

TODAY - Presentation for Cross of Glory Members

Please plan to join us immediately following the **9:30am worship service** in the Atonement sanctuary. The Cross of Glory Council and the renovation planning team will share an important update on the potential renovation of Cross of Glory's building.

Deacon Brad is in the process of changing ordained rosters in the ELCA from Deacon (Word & Service) to Pastor (Word & Sacrament) and has received endorsement from the candidacy committee. Deacon Brad has already completed all educational requirements prior to becoming a Deacon, a Master's of Divinity from Luther Seminary and CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), and will now complete a 10-month internship in his present setting here at Crossroads Parish that will begin August 1st, 2026 and conclude in May of 2027 for final approval in June 2027.

Panhandlers Steel Drum Band – Jaime Verkuilen is part of the steel drum band and is inviting everyone to come and hear one of their remaining performances. Please see Jaime with any questions.

August 8, 5:45pm, Edison High School (Day of Pan- multiple ensembles)

August 19, 6pm, Victoria Concert in the Park; **August 20**, 7pm, Como Dockside performance