

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



December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata Program



## 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

	<b>9:30 at Atonement</b>
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	NA
LECTOR	NA
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork/Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Annette Steichen/Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	Andrea Weatherly
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Andrea Weatherly/Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Becky Redding, Andrea Weatherly
COUNTERS	<b>ALC:</b> Bruce Jahnke, Royce King <b>COG:</b> Allan Alt, Gretchen Davis

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

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ELW 257

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vv. 1-3

### 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: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### PRELUDE

“Overture and Christmas Gloria”

### THE REHEARSAL ROOM

“The Gathering”

### THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

“God With Us to Dwell”

### THE ANNOUNCEMENT

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

“While Shepherds Watched”

“Heavenly Peace”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

Long-expected God,

**All: we confess that we look to ourselves**

**for the peace and security only you can provide.**

**We reach for swords and spears,**

**reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**

**We become impatient while waiting**

**and weary of keeping awake.**

**Free us from self-reliance,**

**and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing,  
and awaken us to your advent among us,  
that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

#### 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 THE TABLE

#### COMMUNION

*The ushers will direct you when to come forward to receive communion. There are gluten-free wafers available by request. Lighter colored grape juice is available at the center of the tray. After receiving communion, please place your empty glass communion cup in the basket at the end of either first row.*

*Please be seated.*

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

"Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn"

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

"Papatan"

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

#### MEETING BABY JESUS

#### OFFERING

Offertory Music: "He Is Born"

#### THE WISE ONE

"Born a Mighty King"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#### TABLE BLESSING FOR POTLUCK BRUNCH

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Christmas Cantata Program & Potluck at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study 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	6:30am – Toastmasters at Cross of Glory 6:30pm – Longest Night Service at Atonement
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Faith and a Pint at Torg Brewery
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	<i>Christmas Sweater Sunday</i> 8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement <u>3pm – FCC at Atonement</u>



**THANK YOU** everyone for joining us today and supporting our program participants! All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for brunch.

**PHOTOS – Cantata Participants:** Let's gather together after worship for a group photo before we head to brunch.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE** – Join us this **Wednesday, December 17** at Atonement for the Longest Night worship service at 6:30pm.

**FAITH AND A PINT** – This Friday, December 19 stop by Torg Brewery around 6:30 for some good conversation and fun.

**CORRECTION: CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY** is next Sunday, December 21. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater to church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY** – The kids will have a holiday party next **Sunday, December 21** at 9:30am in Cross of Glory's youth room. There will be an ornament exchange (please bring a wrapped

\$5 or less ornament if you are able) and Pastor Cassie will show a short slide show of her sabbatical adventures. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US** in the youth room for the sabbatical slide show.

**WINTER COAT COLLECTION ENDS TODAY** – Thank you to everyone who donated a coat(s) to benefit the Salvation Army and Harbor Light Center!

**RALPH REEDER FOOD SHELF** – Please bring in non-perishable food donations to benefit families in our community. Monetary donations are even better; for every \$1.00, Ralph Reeder can purchase up to 8 pounds of food. AND there is currently a generous matching holiday challenge from Bell Lumber and Pole. All first-time donations or increased giving by a current supporter over the previous year will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$150,000 through December. Ways to make a monetary donation: By mail; online at [RalphReederFoodShelf.org](http://RalphReederFoodShelf.org); or drop it off at Ralph Reeder. Food donations can be left at either church.

**THE ATONEMENT COUNCIL** is seeking 2-3 members for election at the next annual meeting. If interested, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Andrea Weatherly, Carol Hoiby or Tony Houfek.

**CROSS OF GLORY COUNCIL** – Please see one of our current council members if you are interested in learning more about being part of our church council. (Paula Reed, Kolleen Olsen, Peg Lindner, Kevin Gaylor, Gretchen Davis, Claire Verkuilen, Brianna Thomalla)

**CROSS OF GLORY 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Next Sunday, pick up your 2026 offering envelopes. If you don't receive a box and would like one, please let Dawn know.

**JUSTMove Party - Sunday, Jan. 18 - 2:30-11:30 p.m. | Woodlake Lutheran, Richfield**

Youth in grades 6-9 from across the Twin Cities are invited to attend this justice-themed party centered on being holy disruptors. Enjoy a JUSTmove presentation by Joe Davis and David Scherer with music, poetry, storytelling, dance and conversation. Hear from justice advocates, enjoy inflatables, games, dinner and more. Youth in 10th-12th grades are invited to participate as leaders. This event sponsored by the Richfield Area Lutheran Youth (RALY) is free; a suggested donation of \$10 will be given for 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering MYLE scholarships. Adult volunteers are also needed. Let us know if you would like us to send you the link.

**CROSS OF GLORY SNOW SHOVELING** – If anyone can help with shoveling the sidewalks Sunday mornings when we get snow overnight, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you for your help!



# Holiday Schedule

## **MID-WEEK ADVENT (6:30pm)**

December 17 – Longest Night Service at Atonement

## **SUNDAY ADVENT**

December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – *Christmas Sweater Sunday*

## **CHRISTMAS**

December 24– Christmas Candlelight Service at Atonement **(4pm)**

December 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service at Cross of Glory with Cristo Rey **(10pm)**

December 28 – Lessons and Carols at Atonement **(9:30am)**

January 4, 2026 – Epiphany