

CROSSROADS

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



October 19, 2025
19th 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
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

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jaime Verkuilen	Steve Klaers
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Cheryl Lunde
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork	Carol Hoiby
GREETER	Annette Steichen	Vicki Klaers
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	Tony Houfek, 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

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, 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

"Firm Foundation" vv. 1-3 – Carnes, Davis, Moore

Hymn of the Month

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: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you

go, unless you bless me.” ²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant

justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Give Me Jesus" vv. 1-5

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8:30 BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

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: Special Music

Musician's Choice

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

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vv. 1-3

ELW 773

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – MEA Weekend – No Sunday School/Youth 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	5:30 – Trunk or Treat & Community Meal at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:30am – Toastmasters at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal 7:30 – Sabbatical Slide Show with Pastor Cassie
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons
Friday	10am – Charitable Giving Meeting Offsite 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory 6:30 – Faith and a Pint at Torg Brewery
Saturday	8:30am – Lefse Workshop at Atonement 9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement 3pm – Cristo Rey Event at Atonement
Sunday	<i>Reformation Sunday & Blessing of the Bibles</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>

TRUNK OR TREAT THIS WEEK! Tuesday, October 21 from 5:30 – 7pm. Join us for candy, games and a community meal. We are still looking for donations of candy and/or monetary/gift cards to help with the cost of the meal and candy. **There's a sign-up sheet in both narthexes** to volunteer to host a decorated car or to help prepare & serve the community meal. Please talk to Dani Gow or Marie Thomalla with questions.

SABBATICAL SLIDE SHOW this Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm. Join us at Atonement to see pictures from Pastor Cassie's summer travels and hear a little about the places she visited. The presentation will last about 45 minutes.

FAITH AND A PINT – This Friday, October 24 at Torg Brewery, 6:30pm. One week early due to Halloween.

REFORMATION SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BIBLES is next Sunday, October 26. Bring your bibles for a blessing during service.

INTENTION CARDS – Generosity letters and intention cards were mailed out last week. Please remember to complete your Intention Cards and drop them in the offering plate during service by November 9.

ALL SAINTS’/DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS SUNDAY is November 2. Please submit the names and relationship to the office by October 26, of any loved ones that have died in the past year if you would like them named.

2025 HOLIDALE BOUTIQUE IS APPROACHING FAST! - Please share with any of your crafty friends that we are still looking for vendors to share their homemade crafts. Applications are available in the narthex of both churches. Signup sheets will be out soon. Please consider contributions of food/baked items and your time! **Important Dates:**

- **Saturday, October 25 8:30am - Lefse Workshop – Recipe in both narthexes**
- Thursday, October 30 NOON - Wild Rice Soup Workshop
- Friday, October 31 6:30pm - Caramel Roll Workshop
- Saturday, November 1 9am-3pm - Holidale Boutique

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Order forms are in the narthex if you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate our Christmas altars. Poinsettias can be taken home after Christmas worship. Orders are due by November 9. Thank you!

CROSSROADS PAPER ANGELS CARD MINISTRY – Have you been receiving cards from Crossroads and wondering who is sending them? Near the end of 2024, Dawn Saros-Kirk asked for volunteers to send cards to our members for birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses or just to say hello and the Paper Angels Card Ministry was born. The volunteers are Shelly Markham, Gwen Lentsch, Arlene Drier, Lindsey Fabian, Marilyn Goldsworthy, Becky Redding and Nancy DeValk. Please see Dawn if you need your birthday or anniversary added to our system. Each volunteer has a section of the alphabet of our directory, so volunteers send cards to members from both churches.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS is a series providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The last session is October 23 which is a service of comfort and healing with Pastor Matt at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU FROM BRIDGING - Hello Crossroads! Thank you for sponsoring a towel and housewares drive! We are grateful for the 17 bags you donated to provide to clients during their shopping appointments at [Bridging](#). How does your gift impact families?

“I’m in my kitchen right now. Most of the stuff came from Bridging, it’s all fantastic and usable. I have what I need to cook properly. ...We have a dining room table where we eat together. ...This is what normalcy looks like for me and my family. When I come home, it feels like a home. When my kids come home, they have a home. It’s not just bare bones. There is a substance here. ... We’re back to living in our own place. My kids are happy. I’m at peace.” - Charles, Bridging client, fall 2024

Thank you for helping us FURNISH HOMES WITH HOPE!