

CROSSROADS

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



EVERY DAY
I WILL
PRAISE YOU.

PSALM 145:2, NIV

September 20, 2026
17th 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
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AtonementNB.org
Worship at 10:45am

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

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Mounds View, MN 55112
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

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**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



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



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

Pastor Cassie Nault
Pastora Ana Becerra
Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist
Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual
Dani Gow – Youth Group

Intern Pastor Brad Mills
Dawn Saros-Kirk – Office Administrator
Debora Holmes – Atonement Accompanist
Tony Houfek/Alice Sponholz – Audio/Visual
Maani Grace – Crossroads Music Coordinator

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Steve Klaers
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Lorna Schultz
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Paula Reed	Bruce & Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	No Communion
COUNTERS	Patsy Thorsbakken, TBD	Bruce Jahnke, Royce King

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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship cranberry hymnal; ACS = All Creation Sings)

Welcome! We are so glad you joined us today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a regular in worship, our prayer is that you feel God's love and find peace during our time together.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. *(Silence for reflection.)*

Compassionate God,

All: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness

in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome" vv. 1, 3, 4

ELW 641

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 and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children, please come forward.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Cassie Nault

As the children return to their families, the lector comes forward.

"This Little Light of Mine" v. 2

READING: JONAH 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rise Up, O Saints of God” vv. 1-5

ELW 669

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.

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 GOD’S PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

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.
Please be seated.*

OFFERING

Offertory Music: 8:30 "Sicilienne" by Maria Theresia von Paradis
10:45 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" vv. 1-5

Marnie Theis
ELW 659

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"O God of Mercy, God of Light" vv. 1-4, *Hymn of the Month*

ELW 714

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Cross Generational Sunday School begins today after worship at Cross of Glory. Children and adults will gather together to learn, share and build relationships side by side. Meet in the choir room at 9:30am for this 45-minute class. Questions? Ask Pastor Cassie.

Thank you to Marnie Thies for her musical offering at Cross of Glory today. Marnie uses space at Cross of Glory for violin lessons. There is a flyer posted at both churches if you know someone looking for lessons.

Confirmation Orientation is tonight at 6:30pm at Bob & Paula Reed's house.

Blessing of the Animals is at 6:30pm, Wednesday, September 30 at Atonement.

Fall Men's and Women's Retreats are available at **Camp Onomia**.

- Women's Refresh Retreat September 25th-27th
- Men's Weekend Away October 23rd-25th

If you'd like to see details or sign up, go to: <https://www.camponomia.org/adult-retreats>

Construction Project Update – We have begun work in the classrooms. **Cross Generational Sunday School** will meet in the choir room. **Youth group** will meet in the multi-purpose room. **Cross of Glory Choir** rehearsals will be in the sanctuary (Oct 4). **Puzzle Group** will move back to Atonement this Tuesday. Thanks for your flexibility!

Growing Through Loss series begins this Monday, September 21 at The Church of St. William in Fridley at 7:00pm. Each session is complete in itself. Find a brochure in the narthex for more details.

The Community Support Center’s Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors is next Sunday, September 27 at Silver View Park in Mounds View. Walk after worship with other churches in the area.

Performer Flamy Grant - Saturday, September 26 at 7pm, artist Flamy Grant will perform at Roseville Lutheran Church (Pastor Marty’s church) for an evening of entertainment, heart, community and fun. Flamy is a drag queen singer songwriter who "beautifully blends her Appalachian roots with drag artistry and musical excellence." Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/flamy-grant-at-roseville-lutheran-tickets-1990131706507?aff=oddtcreator>

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:30 – Youth Group/Cross Generational Faith Formation at Cross of Glory
	10am – FCC at Atonement LL
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	6:30 – Confirmation Orientation
	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
	1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement
	2pm – Puzzles at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement
	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30am – Toastmasters at Cross of Glory
	6:30pm – Atonement Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement
	3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	3pm – Atonement Charitable Giving Meeting offsite
	5pm - New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Sunday	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory
	9:30 – Youth Group/Faith Formation at Cross of Glory
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
	<u>3pm – FCC at Atonement</u>