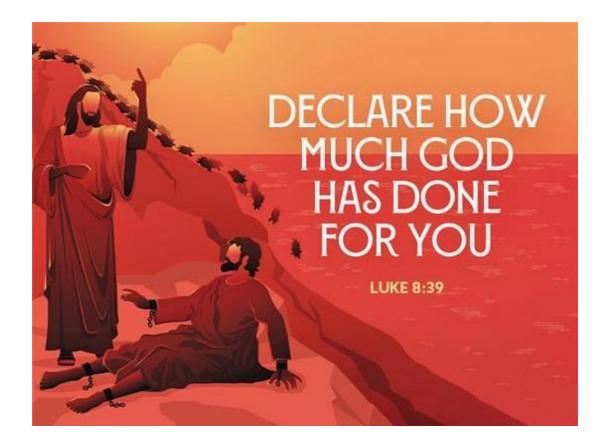
CROSSROADS Atonement Lutheran Church Cross of Glory Lutheran Church Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



June 22, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost





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 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 (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 Cross of Glory
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk
LECTOR	Gretchen Davis
USHER/ACOLYTE	Leslie Bjork
GREETER	Linda Radtke
BREAD BAKER	Roberta Olson
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Kolleen Olsen
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gwen Lentsch, Gretchen Davis
COUNTERS	COG: Bob Reed, Allan Alt
	ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Bruce Jahnke

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Listen, God Is Calling" vv. 1-3

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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, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:19-28 (Please read responsively)

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

20 Deliver me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Thy Word" - Grant, Smith

Chorus, Verse 1

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom

the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" vv. 1-3

ELW 523

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: hear our prayer.

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: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 3X – June Hymn of the Month ELW 752

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"One Bread, One Body" vv. 1-3

FLW 496

"Be Unto Your Name" - Sadler, DeShazo

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

⊕ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" vv. 1-3

ELW 843

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT & CROSS OF GLORY

Today 9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory

Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement

3pm – FCC at Atonement

Monday 8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement

6:30 - BINGO at Cross of Glory

Tuesday 5:30 – 7pm - Jumbo Sale Collection

6pm – Zumba at Atonement

Wednesday 6:30 – S'more Worship at Cross of Glory

Thursday 1pm – Game Day at Atonement

4:30 - Bible Junk Book Journaling at Cross of Glory

Friday Church Offices Closed

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 Cross of Glory

10am – FCC at Atonement LL

Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement

THANK YOU to Gretchen Davis for filling in as accompanist today.

BINGO AT CROSS OF GLORY – All are welcome for a fun night of Bingo at Cross of Glory, 6:30pm this Monday, June 23. Invite friends and family!

S'MORE WORSHIP is this Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30pm at Cross of Glory. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage if you wish. S'more making supplies will be provided.

BOTH CHURCH OFFICES will be closed this Friday, June 28.

SAVE THE DATE! – The Walk a Mile for Your Neighbor fundraiser for the Community Support Center is Sunday, July 27 from 9am – 1pm at Silver View Park in Mounds View.

JUMBO SALE COLLECTION days are Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7pm. Mark your calendars for the dates of the Jumbo Sale: August 7, 9am – 7pm; August 8, 9am – 5pm; August 9, 9am – Noon (Bag Sale!).

2025 SUMMER STRETCH registration is open! **Cost**: 3 ways to stretch your summer--read carefully:

- Full 3-day + 1 day @ Nickelodeon Universe on Fri \$200 (early bird \$150);
- 3-day (NO Nickelodeon Universe) \$150 (early bird \$125);
- Nickelodeon Universe ONLY \$50 (no early bird pricing available)

*Early bird ends on June 30. Registrations Ends: Sunday, July 22, 2025 (2 weeks before the event). Contact the church office about how to register.

