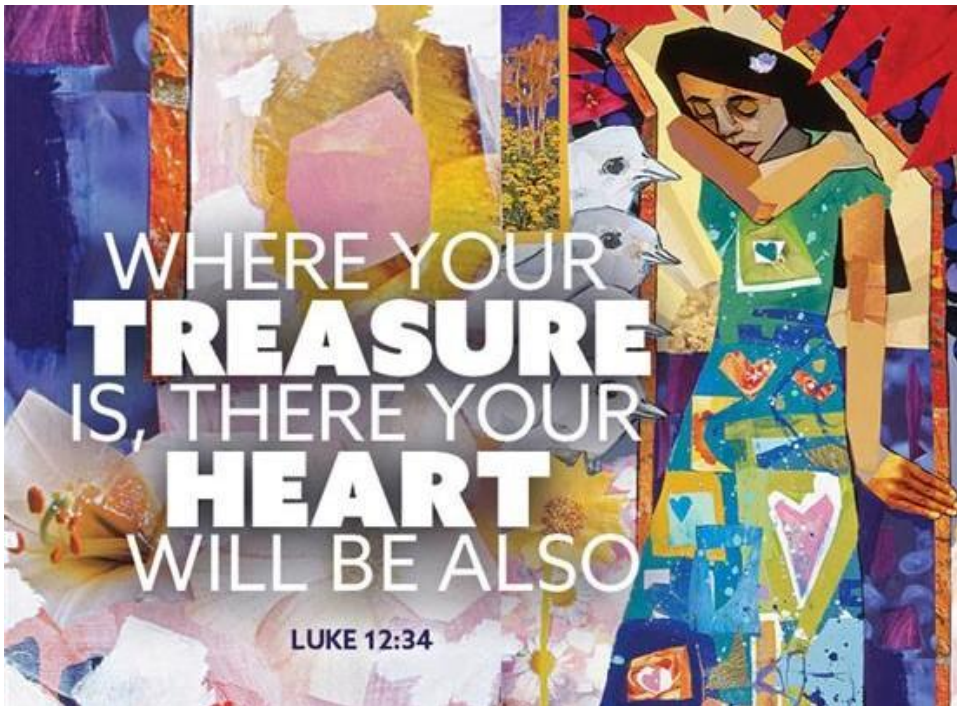


CROSSROADS

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



August 10, 2025
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**
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 (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 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly
LECTOR	Royce King
USHER/ACOLYTE	Judy Hill
GREETER	Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	Lynn Miller
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Judy Hill
COMMUNION SERVERS	Andrea Weatherly, Royce King
COUNTERS	ALC: Gwen Blomseth, Royce King COG: Bob Reed, Patsy Thorsbakken

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.**

Silence for reflection.

OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vv. 1-4

ELW 632

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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 (Please read responsively)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Listen, God Is Calling" – Refrain only, 2X – *Acclamation of the Month*

ELW 513

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy gospel according to .

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastora Jacqueline Belzer

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” vv. 1-4

ELW 596

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: "Be Unto Your Name" Sadler, DeShazo

Hymn of the Month

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" vv. 1-4

ELW 502

"Even So Come"

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

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” vv. 1-3

ELW 618

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

Crossroads is collecting the following for our “God’s Work. Our Hands” service project:

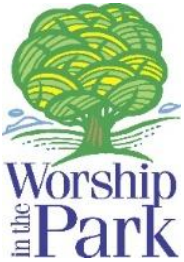
- very gently used (clean, no stains, rips or tears) or new towels (bathroom or kitchen)
- kitchen utensils

We will be donating these items to Bridging. Bridging empowers people to thrive in their homes by providing quality furniture and home goods for those pursuing housing stability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement – <i>Prayer Ministers Available</i> 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 6pm – Property Committee at Atonement
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:30 – Councils at Cross of Glory
Thursday	9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement 1pm – Game Day at Atonement
Friday	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement
Sunday	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

WELCOME/BIENVENIDA Pastora Jacqueline Belzer! Thank you for joining us again to preach.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK & POTLUCK – Next Sunday, August 17, join us at Silver View Park in Mounds View for our annual Worship in the Park and Potluck – please bring a dish to share if you are able!

CSC WALK RESULTS - It was a hot day, but people still came out to support the CSC! There were 265 walkers and 330.4 miles walked, which was more than last year. Donations are still coming in so no reports on that yet, but so far, they have exceeded what they raised last year. Atonement, Cristo Rey and Cross of Glory had a total of 31 walkers who walked a total of 38 miles. Thanks to everyone who went out and walked for our neighbors!

PARADES – Unfortunately we will not be participating in either New Brighton or Mounds View parade this year due to lack of interest and scheduling conflicts. Hopefully we can participate next year!



BINGO! Mark your calendars for BINGO at Cross of Glory, Monday, August 18 at 6:30pm. This is a kid friendly event. Invite friends, family and neighbors.

thank you

MANY, MANY THANKS to everyone who helped with, donated to and supported the Jumbo Sale! We couldn't do it without all of you.

CAMP WAPO OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th

Who: All ages are welcome! All Confirmation students are expected to attend.

Where: Ox Lake, 5 miles from Camp Wapo's main site in Amery, Wisconsin - 1442 120th Ave, Amery, WI 54001.

When: October 10-11th, 2025. We will depart at 5:30pm on 11th from Cross of Glory (eat dinner before you come) and we will return before dinner at 5pm on the 12th. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. Please bring snacks to share for Friday night.

What: S'mores, bonfires, fall weather, hikes, low ropes course, cabin time, card games, and more! Come enjoy the crisp fall weather and the leaves changing together with your faith community. We will be reading bible stories and discussing their impact in our lives today!

How: Carpooling to get there! Let us know if you can drive and how many seats you have.

Cost: \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).

Bring: Sleeping bag and pillow. Clothes for outdoor wear weather depending. Snacks to share. Good shoes for field games or hiking if you want. Your own mug for coffee or hot cocoa. Flashlight. Rain jacket.

FOUND – A watch – if it's yours, contact the office at dawn@crossroads55112.org.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BOTH CHURCHES! ALL AGES.

The more volunteers we have, the less times each person is scheduled each month. Currently the same people are repeatedly being scheduled.

KIDS! Do you need volunteer or service hours for Scouts, National Honor Society or because it looks good on an application or resume?

If you would like to know what a position does, we would love to have you **SHADOW** one of us so you can decide if you would like to volunteer.

- **Worship Assistant** – You read directly from a script – no need to come up with your own prayers.
- **Lector** – You can remain in your seat if you wish to read but are unable to or are uncomfortable going up front.
- **Counter** – Work with a partner to count contributions for the week.
- **Communion Setup/Cleanup** – Come in anytime and set up the communion for Sunday.
- **Communion Servers** – Assist with serving bread or wine or juice.
- **Ushers** – Assist with welcoming, offering, and count the number of people in worship.
- **AV Tech** – Help with Sunday morning slides – the process is simplified and easy for anyone to do.

