

CROSSROADS

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



October 11, 2026
20th 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
651-633-2240
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 (WA)	Gretchen Davis	Steve Klaers
Lector	Sue Pulvermacher-Alt	Cheryl Lunde
Usher	Peg Lindner	Carol Hoiby
Acolyte	Nora Mills	Carol Hoiby
Greeter	Melanie Thomalla/Paula Reed	Carol Tilden
Bread Baker	Roberta Olson	Andrea Weatherly
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Kolleen Olsen	Andrea Weatherly
Communion Servers	Gretchen Davis, Jaime Verkuilen	Steve Klaers, Cheryl Lunde
Counters	Gretchen Davis, Bob Reed	Tony Houfek, Royce King
Coffee Setup/Cleanup	Linda Radtke	
Treats/Kitchen Setup/Cleanup	Linda Radtke	Cheryl Lunde

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

(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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" vv. 1-3

ELW 836

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: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and

**transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**All: ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**All: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**All: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

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

ELW 523

APOSTLES’ CREED

WA: Please stand as you are able as 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 THE PEOPLE *(Response after each petition)*

WA: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

WA: 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.

This is the sign of setting aside divisions among us to prepare to receive the Lord's supper.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offertory Music: 8:30 "Behold the Lamb"

Cross of Glory Choir

10:45 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" vv. 1-3

ELW 694

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"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

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” vv. 1-4

ELW 464

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios” (2X English, 1X Spanish)

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

WA: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Youth Group at Cross of Glory in the multi-purpose room 9:30 – Intergenerational Sunday School at Cross of Glory in the choir room 9:30 – Cross of Glory choir rehearsal in the sanctuary 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement – Prayer Ministers available Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement
Monday	<i>Church Offices Closed</i> 8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen KutUps at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Atonement in the fellowship hall 6pm – Girl Scouts at Atonement 6:00 – Atonement Property Committee
Tuesday	4pm – Worship Committee at Cross of Glory 6pm – Zumba at Atonement LL 6:30 – Councils meet at Cross of Glory
Wednesday	6:00 – Atonement choir rehearsal in the choir room
Thursday	1pm – Game day at Atonement 3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons at Cross of Glory
Friday	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 No classes – MEA weekend 9:30 – Cross of Glory choir rehearsal in the sanctuary 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement</u>

The Mounds View Police Foundation is having a bake sale after worship this morning at Cross of Glory to benefit the Mounds View Police Department. There will also be some of the MVPD K9 plush dogs for sale!

Faith and Blue: Building Bridges to More Inclusive Communities. Thank you to Mounds View Police Chief Ben Zender for taking the time to visit us this morning.

Our Clergy Staff will attend the Bishop's Theological Retreat in Brainerd, beginning this afternoon through Tuesday morning.

The church offices will be closed on Monday, October 12.

There is no Sunday School or Youth Group next Sunday, October 18 due to MEA weekend.

All Saints' Sunday, November 1 – Please submit the name and relationship of loved ones you would like to honor, that have died since November of last year, by Sunday, October 25 to either church office. (No photos needed.)

Share the Joy of Baking this Holiday Season – Join us in spreading warmth and joy this holiday season by creating Holiday Baking Bags for Ralph Reeder to distribute to families.

Suggested items include: flour, white sugar, brown sugar, oil, chocolate chips, vanilla, baking powder and baking soda. Add a personal touch by including your favorite cookie recipe or add sprinkles, cookie cutters, measuring cups, etc. You can donate a complete Holiday Baking Bag or individual items. We will collect items through November 1 so Ralph Reeder can distribute bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Trunk or Treat – Please sign up to host a trunk or help with the community meal for Trunk or Treat, October 22 from 5:30 – 7:00pm at Cross of Glory. Signup sheets and flyers are in the narthex at both churches. Share with everyone!

We are currently accepting candy donations or monetary donations to purchase groceries for the community meal. Look for the cauldron outside of each office to donate candy. You can drop monetary donations in the offering marked “Trunk or Treat”. Thank you for your support!

The Holidale Boutique at Atonement is Saturday, November 7 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Please share our vendor application with any of your crafty friends and family. There are signup sheets in the narthex at Atonement with many opportunities to help! Take a flyer or two and share them. Vendor applications and flyers are in the narthex at both churches.

The following boutique preparation workshops are at Atonement. All are welcome to help:

Jam Workshop - Thursday, October 22, 11am

Lefse Workshop - Saturday, October 31, 8:30am

Wild Rice Workshop - Thursday, November 5, 12:00pm

Caramel Roll Workshop - Friday, November 6, 6:30pm

Growing Through Loss – This series provides an opportunity to obtain information and support on a variety of loss and grief issues. This week's session is October 12, “A Beacon of hope and renewal for all seeking solace and the courage to begin again”, with Jacqueline Werket, Retired Nurse Practitioner and Certified Grief Recovery Method Specialist. Each session is held at The Church of St. William in Fridley at 7pm. Brochures can be found in the narthex at both churches.

Gather Twin Cities is a Lutheran (ELCA) ministry for those who are hungry for community and connection with other young adults in the metro area. Regardless of who you are or what you bring into this space,

we are setting the table for you to create authentic relationships and to experience community with other young adults. We hope to get young adults connected with one another and with ministries in the Twin Cities, as well as offer a place of rest and rejuvenation in the whirlwind of life. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family. Gather is a ministry made for young adults, which we loosely define as ages 19-35, but those boundaries are simply meant to clarify, never exclude. **All are fully welcome.**

Join us at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth on Sunday, October 18 at 7pm, for a conversation on what, why, and who saints are, spoOOoOoky smores, and shared storytelling of remembrance.

Each attendee is invited (but not required!) to bring an item and/or story about a saint in their cloud of witnesses to add to a collective remembrance altar. This could be a personal patron saint, someone in your life who has passed on, etc. Whatever feels meaningful to share about! Church address: 12235 Old Rockford Rd., Plymouth, MN 55441

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