

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



August 23, 2026
13th 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

5472 Adams Street
Mounds View, MN 55112
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CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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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

	9:30am at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Carreen Houfek	
LECTOR	Cheryl Lunde	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Lindsey Fabian	
GREETER	Gwen & Kevin Blomseth	
BREAD BAKER	Lynn Miller	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Andrea Weatherly	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Carreen Houfek, Cheryl Lunde	
COUNTERS	COG: Patsy Thorsbakken, TBD	ALC: 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

(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 a regular member, our prayer is that you feel God's love and find peace during our time of worship.

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 & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God in a brief moment of silence.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Give Me Jesus" vv. 1-5

ELW 770

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: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: EXODUS 1:8-22

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply

cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission” vv. 1-3

ELW 576

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, we lift our prayers to you...

All: Sung response: “Hear Our Prayer”

ELW 178

SHARING OF GOD’S 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.

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: “In the Blood”

Karen & Brad Mills

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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

“One Bread, One Body” vv. 1-3

ELW 496

“Healer of Our Every Ill” vv. 1-4

ELW 612

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” vv. 1-3

WOV 783

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	9:30 – Worship at Atonement 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:30 – Cross of Glory Congregational Vote at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 1pm – Kitchen Kut Ups at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	6:30 – Internship Committee at Cross of Glory
Thursday	<i>Offices Closed</i> 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	9:30 – Worship at Silver View Park in Mounds View 10am – FCC at Atonement LL <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>

Thank you to Ivan Konev for filling in for Debora today!

Cross of Glory Congregational Vote is today, immediately following worship at Atonement. Please remain in the sanctuary.

The church offices will be closed this Thursday, August 27.

We are planning for Fall Faith Formation for the children of the congregation. If your child plans to participate in Sunday School, Youth Group, or Confirmation, please contact Pastor Cassie.

Bilingual BINGO Night! – Join us at Atonement, Thursday, August 27 at 6:30pm for a fun night of bilingual BINGO with Cristo Rey. This is a kid-friendly outreach event.

Worship in the Park and Potluck is next Sunday, **August 30** at Silver View Park in Mounds View at 9:30am. Bring a dish to share if you are able and your own beverage and chair. There is a shelter with some picnic table seating. Invite friends!

Blessing of the Backpacks – Bring your school backpacks, work bags or purses to worship on Sunday, September 13 for a blessing.

My Church App from Ministry Brands/Amplify – Recently an email was sent to everyone with information on how to download our new church app. You can access our church directory and make changes and upload your own photo, submit questions or prayer requests, view our online calendar, see past worship services and more! Let the office know if you have any questions or need help with it.

2026 Holidale Boutique and Vendor Fair - Carol Hoiby and Cheryl Lunde are looking for additional volunteers to help coordinate various parts of the boutique to make it a successful event. Ideas, workshops, etc. Please connect with either of them ASAP. Cheryl will need to reach out to vendors very soon in order to make Saturday, November 7th happen.

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, **September 27** is the annual Community Support Center's *Walk a Mile for Our Neighbors*. Watch for more information.

Basketball Hoop Available – If anyone would like to take the moveable basketball hoop at Cross of Glory, please let the office know and you are free to take it. It just needs a net and would be great for anyone needing a hoop!