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



July 6, 2025 Fourth 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	Shari Waddell
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Radtke
GREETER	Jeanne Boyle
BREAD BAKER	No Communion
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion
COUNTERS	COG: Patsy Thorsbakken, Bob Reed ALC: TBD

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 \oplus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"You Are Holy" (2X)

ELW 525

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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14

- ¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.
- ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
- ¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-9 (Please read responsively)

- ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;
- be joyful, all the earth.
- ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
- Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- $^{\rm 7}\,{\rm Ruling}$ for ever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;

let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:[1-6] 7-16

[¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are

something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Thy Word" - Grant, Smith

Chorus, Verse 1

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20 The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sara Lynn Wilhelm Garbers

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Testify to Love"

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2

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.

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...

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: "Give Me Jesus" vv. 1-5

ELW 770

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

ELW 884

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today 9:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory

10am - FCC at Atonement LL

Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement

Monday Church Offices Closed

Thursday

8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement

Tuesday 5:30 – 7pm - Jumbo Sale Collection

6pm – Zumba at Atonement

9:30 – Mary Circle at Atonement

10am – Naomi Circle at Cross of Glory

1pm – Game Day at Atonement

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

Friday 5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory

Saturday 9am – Mount of Blessings at Atonement

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Sunday 9:30 – Worship at Atonement – *Prayer Ministers Available*

10am – FCC at Atonement LL

Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement

WELCOME & THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. Sara Wilhelm Garbers for joining us today! A little about Sara:

Rev. Dr. Sara Wilhelm Garbers is a congregational minister, ethicist, and theologian. Her work focuses on feminist theology and sexual ethics and the formation of the self and communities of love and justice that resist the death-dealing theologies of Christian Nationalism. She currently is a Louisville Institute Fellow, researching clergy sexual abuse and also works at St. David's Center. She lives in Hopkins with her wonderful spouse, Andy, 3 year old human, Josie, and 6 year old puppy, Blue.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED Monday, July 7.

SUMMER WORSHIP AT ATONEMENT begins next **Sunday, July 13** at 9:30am.

OUR NEXT S'MORE WORSHIP is at Atonement, 6:30pm, Wednesday, July 16.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Sunday School program needs your help. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Marilyn Goldsworthy, Deacon Brad, or Dawn Saros-Kirk.

LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE TWINS - If you have a passion for baseball and would like to coordinate a group to attend Lutheran Night with the Twins, Thursday, August 14 at 6:40pm, let Deacon Brad or Dawn Saros-Kirk know and we'll get you the contact info. Bishop Lull from the SPAS and the Bishop from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be throwing out the first pitch. There is also an opportunity for anyone who wants to help sing the National Anthem.

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. Walking is FREE!