

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



July 12, 2026
7th 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
763-784-2528
CrossofGloryMV.org
Worship at 8:30am

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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Servicio en Español al mediodía



**ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
New Brighton, MN



**CROSS OF GLORY
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Mounds View, MN



**IGLESIA LUTERANA
CRISTO REY**
Crossroads Parish

A Warm Welcome to Any Guests and Visitors

Pastor Cassie Nault

Pastora Ana Becerra

Ivan Konev – Cross of Glory Accompanist

Matt Verkuilen/ Jon Thomalla – Audio/Visual

Marilyn Goldsworthy - 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

	9:30am at Atonement	
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Andrea Weatherly	
LECTOR	Laurel Nelson	
USHER/ACOLYTE	Bonnie Anderson	
GREETER	Carol Hoiby	
BREAD BAKER	Lynn Miller	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Carol Hoiby	
COMMUNION SERVERS	Laurel Nelson, Andrea Weatherly	
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)

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

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" vv. 1-5

ELW 533

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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING: PROVERBS 1:8-19 *The Message*

Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; never forget what you learned at your mother's knee. Wear their counsel like a winning crown, like rings on your fingers. Dear friend, if bad companions tempt you, don't go along with them. If they say—"Let's go out and raise some hell. Let's beat up some old man, mug some old woman. Let's pick them clean and get them ready for their funerals. We'll load up on top-quality loot. We'll haul it home by the truckload. Join us for the time of your life! With us, it's share and share alike!"—Oh, friend, don't give them a second look; don't listen to them for a minute. They're racing to a very bad end, hurrying to ruin everything they lay hands on. Nobody robs a bank with everyone

watching, Yet that's what these people are doing—they're doing themselves in. When you grab all you can get, that's what happens: the more you get, the less you are.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:6-18 *The Message*

GOD makes everything come out right;
he puts victims back on their feet.

**He showed Moses how he went about his work,
opened up his plans to all Israel.**

GOD is sheer mercy and grace;
not easily angered, he's rich in love.

**He doesn't endlessly nag and scold,
nor hold grudges forever.**

He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

**As high as heaven is over the earth,
so strong is his love to those who fear him.**

And as far as sunrise is from sunset,
he has separated us from our sins.

**As parents feel for their children,
GOD feels for those who fear him.**

He knows us inside and out,
keeps in mind that we're made of mud.

**Men and women don't live very long;
like wildflowers they spring up and blossom,**

But a storm snuffs them out just as quickly,
leaving nothing to show they were here.

**GOD's love, though, is ever and always,
eternally present to all who fear him,**

Making everything right for them and their children
as they follow his Covenant ways
and remember to do whatever he said.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 12:39-50 *The Message*

The Holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹⁻⁴⁰ Jesus said, “You’re looking for proof, but you’re looking for the wrong kind. All you want is something to titillate your curiosity, satisfy your lust for miracles. The only proof you’re going to get is what looks like the absence of proof: Jonah-evidence. Like Jonah, three days and nights in the fish’s belly, the Son of Man will be gone three days and nights in a deep grave.

⁴¹⁻⁴² “On Judgment Day, the Ninevites will stand up and give evidence that will condemn this generation, because when Jonah preached to them they changed their lives. A far greater preacher than Jonah is here, and you squabble about ‘proofs.’ On Judgment Day, the Queen of Sheba will come forward and bring evidence that will condemn this generation, because she traveled from a far corner of the earth to listen to wise Solomon. Wisdom far greater than Solomon’s is right in front of you, and you quibble over ‘evidence.’

⁴³⁻⁴⁵ “When a defiling evil spirit is expelled from someone, it drifts along through the desert looking for an oasis, some unsuspecting soul it can bedevil. When it doesn’t find anyone, it says, ‘I’ll go back to my old haunt.’ On return it finds the person spotlessly clean, but vacant. It then runs out and rounds up seven other spirits more evil than itself and they all move in, whooping it up. That person ends up far worse off than if he’d never gotten cleaned up in the first place.

“That’s what this generation is like: You may think you have cleaned out the junk from your lives and gotten ready for God, but you weren’t hospitable to my kingdom message, and now all the devils are moving back in.”

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷ While he was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers showed up. They were outside trying to get a message to him. Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and brothers are out here, wanting to speak with you.”

⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ Jesus didn’t respond directly, but said, “Who do you think my mother and brothers are?” He then stretched out his hand toward his disciples. “Look closely. These are my mother and brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys my heavenly Father’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deacon Brad Mills

HYMN OF THE DAY

“This Is My Father’s World” vv. 1-3

ELW 824

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 in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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: “Amazing Grace/All Creatures of Our God and King”

Trombone Duet by Iva Mills & Allan Alt

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

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW 512

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People” vv. 1-3

ELW 469

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” vv. 1-2

ELW 547

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 – <i>Prayer Ministers</i> 10am – FCC at Atonement LL Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement 2pm – Puzzles at Cross of Glory 6pm – Atonement Property Committee 7pm – Fridley City Band at Como Lakeside Pavilion
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement 6:30 – Councils at Atonement
Wednesday	5:30 – Dinner Church at Forgotten Star 7:30 – Movie at AMC Mounds View 15
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	9:30 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement <u>3pm – FCC at Atonement LL</u>

Our Faith at the Movies Sermon Series!

This special series will explore spiritual themes found in some of this year's movie theater films. Together, we'll discover how stories that entertain us can also help us reflect on God's presence and work in our everyday lives.

- July 12 – The Mandalorian and Grogu
- July 19 – Disclosure Day
- July 26 – Toy Story 5

While you do not need to have seen any of these movies to understand or appreciate the sermons, a few of us will be meeting up in the coming weeks at the movie theater to see some of these films. Watch your email and these weekly announcements for more info!

Fridley City Band

Join us at **Como Lakeside Pavilion** in St. Paul tomorrow night, **Monday, July 13 at 7:00pm** to see Allan Alt as he performs with the Fridley City Band! There are benches to sit on or bring your own chair. The pavilion is sheltered and is located at 1360 Lexington Pkwy North. Tucked inside the pavilion is Dock & Paddle, a place to purchase food and beverages. There is also a nice walking path around the lake. Hope to see you there!

Dinner Church on the Road – This Thursday!

July Dinner Church is at the **Forgotten Star Brewery**, 38 Northern Stacks Drive in Fridley, this **Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30pm**. Buy dinner at Red Rocket Pizza food truck or bring your own. This is a good opportunity to invite a friend or loved one to get to know our faith community. Hope to see you there!

This Week's Movie Meet-up

Next week's Faith at the Movies focuses on Steven Spielberg's *Disclosure Day*, which is a science fiction thriller exploring humanity's reaction to the revelation of extraterrestrial life. A group of Crossroads folks are meeting up to see *Disclosure Day* at **AMC Mounds View 15 on Wednesday, July 15th at 7:30pm**. If you'd like to join us, just show up at the theater, purchase a ticket, and enjoy the air conditioning. See you at the movies! *Yes! This outing immediately follows our Dinner Church. So, you can join Crossroads friends for dinner and a movie on Wednesday.*

New Brighton & Mounds View Parades

We need to know if anyone is interested in participating in either or both parades before we register by July 25. Please sign up in the narthex if you wish to ride/walk in either parade with us. New Brighton Stockyard Days Parade is **Saturday, August 8 at 10:00am** and Mounds View Festival in the Park Parade is **Friday, August 21 at 6:00pm**. Please see Marilyn Goldsworthy with any questions.

Let's All Go to the DQ!

Date: July 20th; Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Bring money for a treat

Place: Bike riders leave Cross of Glory at 6:30pm and bike to the **Dairy Queen, 4131 Woodland Rd in Lexington**. If you are driving, plan to meet us at the DQ at 7:00pm.

Questions: helenalea523gmail.com

Upcoming Presentation for Cross of Glory Members

Please plan to join us on **Sunday, July 26**, immediately following the **9:30am worship service** in the Atonement sanctuary. The Cross of Glory Council and the renovation planning team will share an important update on the potential renovation of Cross of Glory's building. Significant progress has been made, and this presentation is an opportunity to learn about the latest developments, ask questions, and hear what is being considered for the future of our church. We encourage all members to attend so you can stay informed and be among the first to hear about the plans being explored.

Mark Your Calendars!

Worship in the Park, **Sunday, August 30** at Silver View Park in Mounds View.

"God's work. Our Hands." ELCA Service Project Day is **September 13**. It's time to start thinking of a service project for Crossroads to do. Let us know your ideas!

Crossroads Sunday School Teachers Needed for the 2026-2027 School Year

Do you have a heart for Jesus and a gift for welcoming others? We are looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers for the 2026–2027 school year!

Our Sunday School ministry is about so much more than teaching lessons. It is an opportunity to share Christ's love through hospitality, to welcome children into a caring Christian community, and to build meaningful relationships that help nurture faith. You don't need previous teaching experience—we will provide the curriculum and support. What matters most is a willing heart and a desire to help children grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Teachers serve on a rotating schedule and are asked to teach **7 or more Sundays throughout the year**, making this a manageable and rewarding way to serve.

If God is calling you to use your gifts of hospitality, encouragement, and faith to make a difference in the lives of our children, we would love to have you join the team!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Cassie.

Living Waters Lutheran Church Annual Garage Sale

865 Birch St, Lino Lakes (651-481-0220)

Let's support our friends at Living Waters! Please see the Facebook post for all the details.

Accepting Donations:

Saturday, July 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 12, 11:00 am –2:00 pm

July 13–15, 5:00–7:00 pm

Garage Sale Hours:

July 16–17, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

July 18, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Are You Missing a Black Jacket?

Found a black Nike jacket. If it's yours, please let Dawn in office know. It might have been missing for a while and just recently found.