

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



September 28, 2025
16th 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
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Servicio en Español al mediodía

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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

	8:30 Cross of Glory	10:45 Atonement
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Dawn Saros-Kirk	Steve Klaers
LECTOR	Monika Cook	Scott Carlson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Jeff Olson	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Leslie Bjork	Carol Tilden
BREAD BAKER	Roberta Olson	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	Kolleen Olsen	Carol Hoiby
COMMUNION SERVERS	Gwen Lentsch, Leslie Bjork, Dawn Saros-Kirk	Steve Klaers, Scott Carlson, Carol Hoiby
COUNTERS	TBD	Gwen Blomseth, 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

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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory" vv. 1-4

ELW 705

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace,
and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING: AMOS 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin

of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: JEREMIAH 32:1-15 (From The Message)

¹⁻⁵ The Message Jeremiah received from GOD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah. It was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was holding Jerusalem under siege. Jeremiah was shut up in jail in the royal palace. Zedekiah, king of Judah, had locked him up, complaining, “How dare you preach, saying, ‘GOD says, I’m warning you: I will hand this city over to the king of Babylon and he will take it over. Zedekiah king of Judah will be handed over to the Chaldeans right along with the city. He will be handed over to the king of Babylon and forced to face the music. He’ll be hauled off to Babylon where he’ll stay until I deal with him. GOD’s Decree. Fight against the Babylonians all you want—it won’t get you anywhere.’”

⁶⁻⁷ Jeremiah said, “GOD’s Message came to me like this: Prepare yourself! Hanamel, your uncle Shallum’s son, is on his way to see you. He is going to say, ‘Buy my field in Anathoth. You have the legal right to buy it.’

⁸ “And sure enough, just as GOD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me while I was in jail and said, ‘Buy my field in Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin, for you have the legal right to keep it in the family. Buy it. Take it over.’ “That did it. I knew it was GOD’s Message.

⁹⁻¹² “So I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel. I paid him seventeen silver shekels. I followed all the proper procedures: In the presence of witnesses I wrote out the bill of sale, sealed it, and weighed out the money on the scales. Then I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy that contained the contract and its conditions and also the open copy—and gave them to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah. All this took place in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and the witnesses who had signed the deed, as the Jews who were at the jail that day looked on.¹³⁻¹⁵ “Then, in front of all of them, I told Baruch, ‘These are orders from GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel: Take these documents—both the sealed and the open deeds—and put them for safekeeping in a pottery jar. For GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel, says, “Life is going to return to normal. Homes and fields and vineyards are again going to be bought in this country.”’

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:]¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cassie Nault

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Gather Us In” vv. 1-4

ELW 532

Please stand as you are able.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

L: And now 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 INTERCESSION (Response after each petition.)

L: God of grace,

All: receive 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: "Take My Life, That I May Be/Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad" vv. 1-4 ELW 583

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

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

8:30 "Humble Heart" – Sarah Kroger

10:45 Special Music by Alice Sponholz

"Beautiful Savior" vv. 1-4

ELW 838

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" vv. 1-4

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROSSROADS OX LAKE RETREAT – OCT 10-11th – DEADLINE APPROACHING! Crossroads, come enjoy the crisp fall weather and the leaves changing together with your faith community. **All Confirmation students are expected to attend.** Carpooling to get there! \$35/Person. Make checks out to "Cross of Glory Lutheran" no matter which church you attend (simplify our accounting!).

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." COLLECTION ENDS TODAY - Thank you to everyone who has brought in towels and/or kitchen utensils for Bridging.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Bring your pets (leashed or in a crate) to Cross of Glory Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30pm for a special blessing.

FAITH AND BLUE, October 12, is an event to connect law enforcement and communities. Mounds View Police Chief Ben Zender will speak at Cross of Glory and Matt Farmer, New Brighton Public Safety, will speak at Atonement. The Mounds View Police Foundation will also host a bake sale after worship at Cross of Glory and Chief Ben will visit with the Sunday School kids.

FUNDRAISER ITEMS FOR SALE! – If you're interested in winter/holiday décor, Ethan Lunde is selling Christmas wreaths for the Boy Scouts and Tennyson Holmes (Debora's son) is selling items from Gertens for the MN Boys Choir.

BINGO – Another fun night of Bingo will be held at Atonement on Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm. If you'd like to help, contact Tony Houfek or Carol Hoiby.

THANK YOU CARD FOR SNACK DONATIONS – “Dear friends, I want to thank you for all your snack donations to the “Help Your Neighbor” snack drive. You raised enough snacks for 34 students to have one snack per day for the 2025-2026 school year! So impressive! Thanks again, Leslie Pierce”

VENDOR APPLICATIONS for the November 1st Holiday Boutique are available in the narthex. Please share with all the crafty people in your life! Applications and vendor fee are due no later than October 25 and space is very limited.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS is a series providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. The next session is October 2, “*Self Care*” with Bob Bartlett, Marriage and Family Therapist. Pamphlets with more information are in the narthex.

PASTOR TIM THOMPSON’S RETIREMENT – For those who knew Pastor Tim Thompson; he is retiring and his last worship service is at St. Stephen’s today. Please feel free to send any well wishes to Pastor Tim to this address: St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton St, West St Paul, MN 55118.

This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:

Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School at Cross of Glory 9:45 – Cross of Glory Choir Rehearsal 10:45 – Worship at Atonement Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement 3pm – FCC at Atonement
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement
Tuesday	4:30 – Bible Junk Book Journaling 6pm – Zumba at Atonement
Wednesday	10am – Prayer Shawls at Cross of Glory 6pm – Sabbatical Recap Committee at Atonement 6:30 – Blessing of the Animals at Cross of Glory
Thursday	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	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory 9:30 – Sunday School/Youth Group at Cross of Glory 10am – FCC at Atonement LL 10:45 – Worship at Atonement <u>Noon – Cristo Rey Worship at Atonement</u>