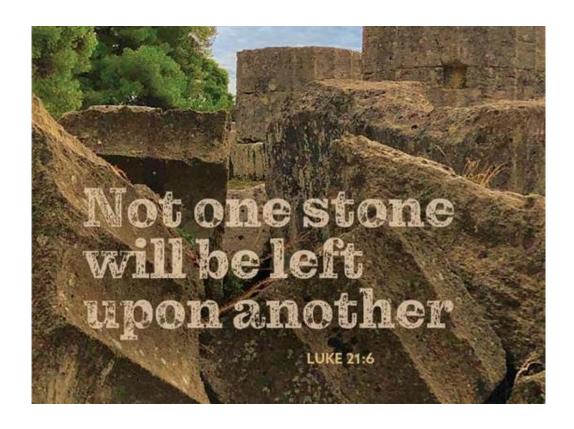
CROSSROADS Atonement Lutheran Church Cross of Glory Lutheran Church Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey



November 16, 2025 23rd 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
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	10:45
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Gretchen Davis	TBD
LECTOR	Shari Waddell	Laurel Nelson
USHER/ACOLYTE	Linda Radtke	Lindsey Fabian
GREETER	Paula Reed	Nancy Jahnke
BREAD BAKER	No Communion	
COMMUNION SETUP/CLEANUP	No Communion	
COMMUNION SERVERS	No Communion	
COUNTERS	Patsy Thorsbakken, TBD	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

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

God's steadfast love is everlasting and God's faithfulness endures. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence for reflection.

Reconciling God,

All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance.

We place our hope in ourselves

and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We fear difference and do not welcome others

as you have welcomed us.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of grace and mercy we have peace with God through \pm Christ Jesus. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" vv. 1-4

ELW 796

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.

KYRIE page 147 ELW

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God" page 148 ELW

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Deacon Brad Mills

READING: MALACHI 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION page 151 ELW

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

The Holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Cassie Nault

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Birds

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: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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: "Shall We Gather at the River" vv. 1-4

Hymn of the Month ELW 423

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you \pm and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"When Peace Like a River" vv. 1-4

ELW 785

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

KING'S KIDS FUNDRAISER - RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

Order the perfect gift and support King's Kids Preschool at the same time! Purchase gift cards and KKP will receive a percentage of each purchase. In order to receive gift cards by December 15th, order forms must be received by December 1st. Give completed forms to Cheryl Lunde or Dawn Saros-Kirk. Forms are in the narthex of both churches. Remember, King's Kids is still enrolling new students!

	<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	
This Week at Atonement & Cross of Glory:		
Today	8:30 – Worship at Cross of Glory	
	9:30 – Sunday School/Youth at Cross of Glory	
	9:45 – Cross of Glory Choir Rehearsal	
	10am – FCC at Atonement LL	
	10:45 – Worship at Atonement	
	11:45 – Atonement Congregation Conversation	
	Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement	
	12:30 – All Choir Rehearsal at Cross of Glory	
Monday	8am – Crossroads Bible Study at Atonement	
	1pm – Kitchen Kutups	
	2pm – Puzzles at Atonement	
Tuesday	6pm – Zumba at Atonement	
	6:00/6:30 – Scouts at Cross of Glory	
Wednesday	6:30 – Atonement Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	1pm – Game Day at Atonement	
	3pm – Marnie Thies Violin Lessons	
Friday	Church Offices Closed	
	5pm – New Birth at Cross of Glory	
	6:30 – Faith and a Pint at Torg Brewery	
Saturday	9am – New Birth at Cross of Glory	

9am - Mount of Blessings at Atonement

Game day – wear your team colors

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 Noon – Cristo Rey at Atonement

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the 5th Anniversary of Deacon Brad's Ordination with doughnuts during fellowship. Blessings to Deacon Brad on this joyous occasion. All monetary donations during fellowship will be donated to Shobi's Table.

ATONEMENT FOLKS: Join us today for an Atonement Congregational Conversation in the Fellowship Hall: Pastor Cassie and Deacon Brad will be leading a brief "State of the Congregation" conversation—an opportunity to align on key areas like attendance, King's Kids, Cristo Rey, renters (kitchen and churches), and security. Join us for this conversation to learn more about what is happening at church.

FAITH AND A PINT – Join us at 6:30pm at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park this Friday, November 21. A week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED this Friday, November 21.

THE ATONEMENT COUNCIL is seeking 2-3 members for election at the next annual meeting. If interested, please see a member of the Nominating Committee: Andrea Weatherly, Carol Hoiby or Tony Houfek.

PUZZLE GROUP – Crossroads has formed a new Puzzle Group! Come connect (get it?) with each other and have fun putting together puzzles. We will meet from 2-4pm at Atonement every Monday. Come whenever you can for however long you want.

VIKINGS – PACKERS game next Sunday, November 23. Wear your favorite team jersey/t-shirt or colors!

CROSSROADS PIE SOCIAL – We are having a pie social on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30pm at Atonement. No worship service, just come and enjoy some pie and good conversation. Please bring a pie to share if you are able.

THANK YOU for your help in making the Holidale Boutique a success. We collected just over \$5,000. Mark your calendars for November 7, 2026. Meeting to discuss the 2025 Boutique, review disbursement requests, and plan for 2026 will be held on **Monday, November 24th at 2pm.** All are welcome to join the discussion. Forms for disbursement requests are available at the information desk and are due by Sunday, November 23.

APPLE CIDER/HOT COCOA PACKETS – The kids love apple cider and hot cocoa and Cross of Glory is looking for donations of packets of apple cider or hot cocoa. Thank you!

ATONEMENT TREE SETUP – <u>Mark your calendars</u> to help set up the Christmas tree on Sunday, November 30 at Atonement. Time TBD. Pizza served after.

GATHER TWIN CITIES is an ELCA ministry for young adults ages 18-35, offering community, fellowship and fun. Here's a heads up on their next two events:

Friendsgiving - Nov. 16, 6-8 p.m. | Spirit Garage, Minneapolis. Join them for an evening of community, fellowship and great food. Bring a dish to share!

Bevies With the Bishops - Dec. 14, 6 p.m. | Norseman Distillery, Minneapolis. This is your chance to ask Bishops Patricia Lull (Saint Paul) and Jen Nagel (Minneapolis) anything...from faith-related to their coffee order. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and food are available for purchase.

Follow Gather Twin Cities on Facebook or Instagram.

BRING IN YOU WINTER COAT DONATIONS – The Mounds View Police are collecting gently used or new <u>WINTER WEIGHT</u> coats for their Annual Winter Warm-up Coat Drive and Crossroads is helping. Bring in your donations to benefit the Salvation Army and Harbor Light Center and leave them in the coat area at either church. Thank you!

SHOBI'S TABLE GRATITUDE FEAST - Shobi's is hosting a free community meal on Thanksgiving Eve from 4 - 7pm at Christ on Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and we are looking for volunteers to help us prep food towards the beginning of the week and volunteers to help run the event. Go to ShobisTable.org for more information.