•**Pastoral Care & Visitation -** If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich

Eric Thompson & family
Claudia Reitan
Becca and Donald Floyd

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.
You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

"Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand has provided.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me."

In the midst of this harvest season, we are reminded of the many ways that God's hand provides all that we have needed. New mercies abound! Our stewardship theme this season invites us to celebrate this abundance and share it for the sake of God's gift of life together.

Pick up your materials at the Welcome Desk today!

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being.
A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and repentance.

P: Most merciful God,
All: Against you, and against our neighbor, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

P: As deep as the waters over which God's Spirit first hovered, so deep is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you. As tender as a parent is to their child, so tender is God's compassion for you. So let us rise again this morning, and live, forgiven † and made new by the grace of God.
A: Amen.

*** Please rise as you are able ***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Fellowship Hour with Confirmation Projects & Cake** - Stick around after worship as we continue to celebrate the confirmations of Ravion Marquardt and Renee Dahl. They'll have a table in the fellowship hall where they'll share more about their faith journeys, so be sure to stop by! All are welcome to enjoy celebratory cake. .

•**Share the Stories of COG with Isaiah 43 Team -** The inter-congregational team that's exploring the possibility of a new creation with Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran will be sharing COG's story at our next meeting with leaders from the other two churches. To help tell that story well, we need YOUR help! We want to hear your stories of COG's joys and griefs and hopes. During today's luncheon, take a couple minutes to fill out the small form at your table and bring is to the Isaiah 43 Table in Fellowship Hall.

•**All Saints Sunday -** Join us next Sunday, Nov 2nd for All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for and remember all those in our congregation who have passed away this year.

•**Stewardship -** We invite you to pick up your stewardship materials at the Welcome Desk today (we'll mail the rest). We invite you to prayerfully consider your 2026 financial pledge, and to return completed pledge cards on or before Sunday, Nov 23. Thank you for your prayerful consideration, as together we put our trust in God's great faithfulness!

•**First Wednesdays -** Join us for our next First Wednesday on Wed, November 5. A meal will be served for all at 5:30 pm, followed up activities for kids and families from 6-7. Confirmation will begin at 7 pm for 6th-8th graders and their parents.

•**W/ELCA's Toys for Joy drive–** W/ELCA is collection gifts for CEAP for teen kids. Please see the list and the information poster over by the welcome desk. Donations are being accepted until November 23rd.

•**Women's Retreat -** Join women from across the Minneapolis Area Synod for a time of retreat, rest, and (re)connecting with one another. Hosted at Transfiguration Lutheran Church (11000 France Ave S in Bloomington) from 9-4 on Sat, Nov 15. The day includes fellowship, worship, activities, with Bishop Jen Nagel as the keynote speaker. Register at https://mplswomenofelca.org/gathering.html and talk to Carolyn Davis with any questions.

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MUSIC AND PROCESSION OF THE CROSSES

Children are invited to gather back of the sanctuary and process with crosses during the opening song.

MUSIC **Lift High the Cross**

Refrain
Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
his sacred name.

Verse 1
Come, Christians,
follow where the Savior trod,
Jesus, most glorious,
Christ the Son of God. (*Refrain)*

Verse 2
Each newborn child
of the Crucified
bears on the brow
the seal of him who died. (*Refrain)*

Verse 3
O Lord, once lifted
on the holy tree,
was raised to life,
and life eternally. (*Refrain)*

Verse 4
So shall our song
of glory ever be:
praise to our God,
the holy Trinity. (*Refrain)*

Verse 5
From north and south,
from east and west they raise
in growing unison
their song of praise. (*Refrain)*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together**…**
A: God who was and is and always will be, we give you thanks for your presence made known in our ancestors of faith who have gone before us, whose faith lives on in us. Rekindle in us the gift of faith today, that it would live on in those who come after us, in name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC **The Church of Christ, in Every Age** **#729**

Verse 1
The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Verse 2
Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

Verse 3
Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Verse 4
For He alone,
whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how
to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

Verse 5
We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Word

FIRST READING **Psalm 46**

*** Read responsively ***

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Kids may return to their seats. Congregation, please turn to face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All kids are invited to play an instrument on the last song in worship each week. This fall, we invite kids to do so as part of a "percussion circle" up front. At this time, kids can come forward, grab a shaker from the basket, gather around the drums and get ready to accompany the congregation as we sing the Sending Song!

*** Please stand as you are able ***

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless and keep you; may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord look upon you with favor, † and give you peace.

All: Amen.

MUSIC **A Mighty Fortress** **#505**

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might
is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.

Verse 2

If we in our own strength confide,
our striving turns to losing;
the righteous one fights by our side,
the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be:
Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts by name.
No other God we claim!
None else can win the battle.

Verse 3

Though all the world with devils fill
and threaten to devour us,
we tremble not, we trust God's will:
they cannot overpow'r us.
Though Satan rant and rage,
in fiercest war engage,
this tyrant's doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word shall triumph.

Verse 4

God's Word shall stand
above the pow'rs,
shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone,
they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the

gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM **Jazz Alleluia** **Craig Curry**

GOSPEL READING **John 8:31-36**

*** Please stand as you are able ****

P: The Gospel according to John the eighth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.
Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ****

SERMON

OFFERING PRAYER
Leader: 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 idol of earthly riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. May these gifts that we have gathered bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **#752**

Sung at the beginning and ending of prayers. All kids that are willing to help lead are invited to come forward to do so at this time

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Spoken between petitions:

L: Mothering God,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

We give thanks through the offering we joyfully share. Offering can be placed in the plates as they are passed, or given online via our secure giving page found at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing generously for the sake of God's gift of life together!

MUSIC **This is Amazing Grace Riddle/Farrow/Wickham**

Verse 1
Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger?
The King of Glory.
The King above all kings.

Verse 2
Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory .
The King above all kings.

Chorus
This is amazing grace.
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
all that You've done for me.

Verse 3
Who brings our chaos
back into order?
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter?
The King of Glory.
The King of Glory.

Verse 4
Who rules the nations
with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in
all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory.
The King above all kings. *(chorus)*

Bridge
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy *(Chorus)*

MUSIC **When We Walk Together Vazquez/Cashwell/Ryan**

Verse 1
When we walk together,
No one walks alone.
When we walk together,
No one walks alone.
And we bear each others burdens
So the road doesn't feel so long,
When we walk together.
We won't walk alone.

Verse 2
When we mourn together,
We don't mourn alone.
When we mourn together,
No one mourns alone.
There's a time for weeping.
Oh, but every tear belongs.
When we mourn together,
We don't mourn alone.

Chorus
Amen; Amen. Amen.
We're headed to the
promised land.

Verse 3
When we sing together,
No one sings alone.
When we sing together,
No one sings alone.
We may bring a melody,
Oh, but the Spirit brings the song.
When we sing together,
We don't sing alone. *(chorus x2)*

Verse 4
When you're feeling weary
You are not alone.
When you're feeling weary
You are not alone.
For the night is always darkest
Just before the dawn.
When you're feeling weary
You are not alone. *(chorus x2)*

Tag
Amen; Amen. Amen.
Father, lead us to the
promised land.
Spirit, lead us to the promised land.
Jesus, lead us to the promised land.

LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

*** Confirmands are invited to come forward at this time.***
Families, friends, sponsors , and mentors of confirmands are invited to be seated in the front and to come forward upon invitation.

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

P: I present Ravion Marquardt and Renee Dahl, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
A: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Confirmands: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Confirmands: We renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Confirmands: We renounce them.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?
All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All: 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

At this time, family, friends , sponsors, and mentors are invited to come up and lay hands on your confirmand

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
A: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Ravion and Renee the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
A: Amen.
gifting of Bibles

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.
A: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
A: And also with you.
P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***