

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



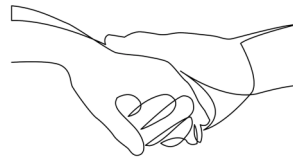
October 18, 2026
*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Welcome to Cross of Glory

*Welcome to Cross of Glory where we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so that we can further extend a welcome. For worship, we invite the congregation to read the **bolded** parts of the liturgy.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

MUSIC

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

#722

Verse 1

O Christ, your heart,
compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God,
the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love
in human deeds,
eternity in time.

Verse 2

As once you welcomed
those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised
and broken lives

through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts
with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.

Verse 3

O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith
with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

New Creation Bible Study

Our three church Bible Study on Tuesdays will be at Faith Lilac Way in October on Tuesdays at 9:30am.

We'll be looking at one of the upcoming Sunday readings each week. Last spring it was a lively group and a great way to get to know folks from the other three congregations more deeply.

Instead of gathering for coffee and conversation before Bible Study, we'll have time for that after the study at the end. There will be a Zoom option available, but please reach out so that we know how to email it to you each week.



A Wildfire Churches Event!



We'll come together to make a positive impact in our community, strengthen relationships, and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands.



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

Saturday, November 14th

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
3900 Winneka Avenue N.
New Hope, MN 55427

holynativity.net

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sandwich making for Agate!
- Letter writing for Bread for the World!

 Coffee and  donuts provided!

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Trusting God's boundless compassion, let us confess our sins before God and one another...

*** Silence for reflection and repentance. ***

Holy God,
**we are quick to set our minds on human things:
our own self-preservation, our fear of losing control,
our comfort and convenience.
We squander the gifts of the earth
and neglect the needs of our neighbors.
We cling so tightly to our lives
that we close ourselves off to life itself.
Forgive us, O God, and open us by your tender mercy,
that we find our life in you. Amen.**

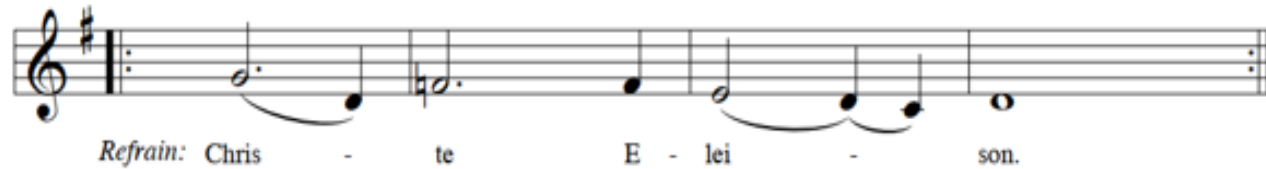
Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,
and God's love knows no end.
Receive freely God's healing gift of forgiveness,
that we might go into the world to share it.
Amen.

*** Please be seated. ***

KYRIE:

“Christe”

Thomsen



Let us pray to God. Have Mercy.
Christe eleison.
For your peace to come
to a troubled world.
Have mercy.
Christe eleison.
For unity among all
Who seek the truth. Have mercy.
Christe eleison.

For strengthening
The threads of our lives.
Have mercy.
Christe eleison.
Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen.
Amen. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to You

Dakota Road

Chorus: (All)

Praise to you O Great Creator
Maker of the land and sky
Praise to you O Living Water
Hope and breath of every life

Verse 1 (solo)

We are lost and we are longing
wandering in the wilderness
searching for your holy presence
and the reason we exist **(Chorus)**

Verse 2 (solo)

Hear the cries of all creation
how the tears like rivers flow
for your touch of grace and healing
and the love that leads us home
(Chorus)

Verse 3 (solo)

May we live your way of justice
May we walk your way of peace
May we see your sacred vision
May we know your sweet release
(Chorus)

New Creation Joint Worship Services on First Sundays

As we continue to explore becoming a new creation with our neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First, we are joining together for worship on the first Sunday of each month. Members from all three congregations are invited to worship at the one site (there will not be worship that morning at the other two sites). Join us for our next service, with a potluck to follow—bring a dish to share!

November 8 at First Lutheran Church at 9:30 AM

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

**Note that in November, we're gathering on the 2nd Sunday, not the 1st, due to All Saints Sunday on Nov 1st*



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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Loved ones of Ethel Smith

Gayle Merritt
Lois Tollefsrud
Don Halvorsen

*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.*

pm, activities for kids go from 6-7 pm, and confirmation begins at 7. Mark your calendars for Nov 4. All are welcome!

- **Jazz Worship** - Mark your calendars for Nov 15 when we will have a fun and festive jazz-style service led by Keith Williams' band.
- **Christmas Gifts for Youth** - WELCA is collecting gifts for kids ages 10-17 for CEAP's annual "Toys for Joy" drive. Gift list and drop-off box are at the Welcome Desk. There are also envelopes for cash/check donations (checks made out to "CEAP" with "Toys for Joy" in memo line - submit to COG office). Drive runs Oct 11-Nov 22. Thank you!
- **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.

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

P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, out of your great love, you have come to dwell among us. Continue to be with us, to guide us, and to make us one in you, through the power of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:13-18

Read responsively

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

arr. Hopson

*Though I may speak
with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love;
my words are vain,
as sounding brass
and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love with in,*

*the profit soon
turns strangely thin.
Come Spirit come,
our hearts control,
Our spirits long
to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*** see insert ***

GOSPEL READING

John: 17:20-26

P: The Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour + New Creation Monthly Update** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for coffee, treats, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. This week, we'll also host our monthly New Creation Update. Come to ask questions and learn more as we prepare for our congregational meeting on Oct 25!
- **Voting on the New Creation Vision:** All active members at COG are invited to take part in a congregational meeting after worship next Sunday, Oct 25th. The meeting will include a congregational vote on the vision of a new creation church. This past week, the New Creation Team sent out further information for all to prayerfully prepare for this vote. Please reach out to the office if you need a copy.
- **Public Discipleship** - New creation churches are joining together for a fall course on Public Discipleship. Building off the neighboring work we engaged in during Operation Metro Surge last winter, and drawing on the public ministry of Jesus as well as figures throughout the Bible and history, we're exploring what it means to live our faith in public today. The next gathering is Wed Oct 21 from 5:30-6:30 at COG. More info on the flyer at the Welcome Desk.
- **Wildfire Talks** - Thanks to all who took part in the conversation with Rev. Mark Tranvik on Faith and Politics last month. Our second talk in this series will be on Thurs, Oct 22 at 7 pm at First when Rev. Christine Bellefueille, who will be speaking on Christian Nationalism. Events are free and open to the public--friends and neighbors warmly welcome.
- **Stewardship Forum** - As we prepare to make our 2027 financial commitments next month, we will be hosting a forum on stewardship after worship on Sunday, Nov 1. This session invites you to reflect on faith and money, and is particularly geared for young families, or those who may not have taken part in discussions about stewardship previously. Snacks and childcare are provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- **First Wednesdays** - The whole COG community is welcome to gather on the first Wednesday of the month for a time of fellowship and fun for families and folks of all ages. Dinner is provided at 5:30

MUSIC CREDITS

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Guest preacher: Rev. Cheryl Mathison
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
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Reader: Carol Stejskal
Communion Servers: Carol Stejskal, Judy Lewis, Linda Knudsen
Ushers: Steve Ferley, Kim Schoffstahl, Jeffline Tolbert
Fellowship: Kris and Tom Simon
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REPRISE

*** see insert ***

*** Please be seated. ***

SERMON

Rev. Cheryl Mathison

***Today is the third Sunday of the month, meaning at this time, children are invited to meet our Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play and return after the sermon ***

MUSIC

We Are All One In Mission #576

Verse 1
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

Verse 2
We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
our purpose is the same:

to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Verse 3
Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you!
A: And also with you.
P: Let’s share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

*** You may be seated ***

OFFERING

We are called to share the gifts God has first given us for the sake of God’s work at Cross of Glory and beyond. This season, children will also be collecting “noisy offering” -- any coins/ loose change this month goes to CAPI, the organization across the street that supports immigrants and refugees in our community. Raise a hand if you have loose change to share today and the kids will come collect it.



Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

*** Congregation, please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to come forward to help lead the blessing, drawn from the prayer of St. Patrick:*

**Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left.
Christ with us, today and everyday.
Amen!**

MUSIC We Are All One in Christ #643

We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many. We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.	There is one God, and only one Lord; there is one faith, one holy love. There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God the comforter.
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Verse 3

No fate I dread,
I know I am forgiven,
The future sure,
My sin has been erased.
For Jesus bled
and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised
to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold:
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released.
I can sing I am free.
Yet not I,
but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of grace,
at this table you have filled us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for your work in the world,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne.
To this I hold:
my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I,
but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I,
but through Christ in me.
Yet not I,
but through Christ in me.

MUSIC

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light,
my strength, my song
This Cornerstone,
this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones
He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

In Christ Alone

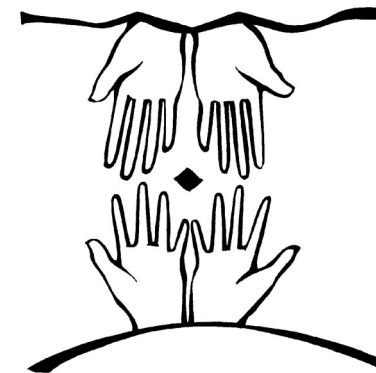
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Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world
by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth
in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell,
no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Sung at the beginning and the end of the prayers:
Spirit, open my heart
To the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

Spoken between petitions:
Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

Table

**We rejoice alongside the Cuadrado family as Yaffa, Yaffir Jr. and Zaaya partake in their First Communion today. We invite them and their family to come forward to the table first.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

The body of Christ is given for you.
The blood of Christ is shed for you.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

*** Come to the table where God’s gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. You may come forward when an usher cues your row. You’ll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free available), and wine or grape juice from the second server. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the wine/juice. To take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher to bring it to you. ***

MUSIC

One Bread, One Body

#496

Refrain

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing
which we bless,
and we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one

MUSIC

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Robinson/Farren/
Thompson

Verse 1

What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer?
There is no more
for heaven now to give.
He is my joy,
my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love,

my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold:
my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine,
Yet not I,
but through Christ in me.