

New Creation Joint Worship Services

We continue worshiping on the first Sunday of the month with neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran with whom we're exploring a new creation. These are joint services, meaning that members from all three congregations are invited to worship at the one, rotating site (there will not be worship that morning at the other two sites).

Join us for the next New Creation Worship:

9:30 AM on **November 8th** at First Lutheran
7708 62nd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55422

Potluck will follow! Ham and scalloped potatoes will be provided.
You're invited to bring a side to share.

*If you need transportation, please reach out to the office!



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
Johnetta Freeman
Lois Tollefsrud
Don Halvorson
Deb and Brian Stivers*

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 25, 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.*

Congregation is invited to speak the **bolded parts throughout the service.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy

COG Handbells

Please stand as you are able.

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.

finances? This session is particularly geared for young families or those who may not have taken part in discussions about stewardship previously. Snacks and childcare are provided.

- **Stewardship Materials** - Keep an eye out this next week for stewardship materials. We invite you to begin prayerfully considering your 2027 pledge, which helps us plan the budget for the year ahead. Pledge cards will be blessed in worship on Stewardship Sunday Nov 22.
- **Voting Assistance** - If you need transportation to the polls, please talk with Mike M after worship today by the Welcome Desk, or reach out to our church office this week, as we've got drivers who can assist with transportation.
- **Bible Study** - Join new creation churches for weekly Bible study onsite or online on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 AM. We explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Location and leading pastors rotate each month. In November, Pastor Ali will be leading, and the location is Faith Lilac Way.
- **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 pm, activities for kids go from 6-7 pm, and confirmation begins at 7. Mark your calendars for Nov 4.
- **Jazz Worship** - Mark your calendars for Nov 15 when our own Keith Williams' band will be leading us in a jazz-style worship service.
- **Art Gallery Talk** - Have you seen the new exhibit in our art gallery? Come learn more about it from the artists--photographers Michelle and Brad Daniels--on Nov 22nd after worship!
- **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.

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Fellowship: Cheryl Anderson and Lori Kosek
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congregational Meeting TODAY** - All active members at COG are invited to stick around after worship for a congregational meeting in the sanctuary. The meeting will include a congregational vote on the vision of a new creation church. Additional copies of the preparation materials, and next steps in the event of an affirmative vote, are located at the Welcome Desk, or by request from the church office.
- **All Saints Sunday Next Week** - Join us next Sunday, Nov 1st at Cross of Glory for our All Saints Service when we'll remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. *Please note that our monthly joint New Creation worship service will take place this month on the *second* Sunday, Nov 8, at First Lutheran of Crystal (due to All Saints Sunday). See the green box on the back for more info.
- **Stewardship Forum Next Week** - Next Sunday, Nov 1st, following worship, we'll gather for a conversation on stewardship. We'll be exploring questions like: what does scripture say about money? What does it mean to live generously? How do we think theologically about our

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 ***

MUSIC AND PROCESSION OF THE CROSSES

Lift High the Cross

#660

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

Refrain:

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

Verse 3

O Lord, once lifted on the holy tree,
was raised to life, and life eternally.

Refrain

Verse 1

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

Verse 4

So shall our song of glory ever be:
praise to our God, the holy Trinity.

Refrain

Verse 2

All newborn children of the Crucified
bear on their brows
the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

Verse 5

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

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, on the cross you show us your love. Reform and renew your church in this love, that we might love our neighbors as you love us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM OF ZUNAIRAH CUADRADO

The baptismal family is invited to gather around the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to rise and face the font.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Zunairah Cuadrado. God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Zunairah baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Zunairah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with Zunairah among God’s faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord’s prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Zunairah grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Zunairah in the Christian

MUSIC

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

#836 vs 1-3

- 1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like
flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of
sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2

All thy works with
joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n
reflect thy rays,
stars and angels
sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest,
vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird,
and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father,
Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Cross of Glory members are invited to remain in the sanctuary following the service for a congregational meeting. Fellowship time with cookies and coffees will follow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** The following is sung at the beginning and end of the prayers ***

MUSIC Spirit, Open My Heart ACS #1043

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.**

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.**

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!**

faith, as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Sponsors: We do.

Leader: People of Cross of Glory, do you promise to support Zunairah and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

Leader: Parents and sponsors, 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? If so, please respond by saying "we renounce them."

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

L: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

L: 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, any kids worshipping with us today are invited to come gather around the front of the baptismal font for a close-up view!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led you your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: Amen.

L: Zunairah Cuadrado I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

L: Zunairah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

A: Amen.

L: We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Zunairah with 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, now and forever.

A: Amen.

Sponsors are invited to light the baptismal candle.

L: At this time, we present Zunairah with the baptismal candle.

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. Children will also be collecting “noisy offering” --any coins/loose change this month goes to CAPI. Raise a hand if you have loose change to share today and the kids will come collect it. We invite you to bring loose change for “noisy offering” each week.



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 promise 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

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

Tag

Amen; amen
Amen Father lead us
to the promise land
Spirit lead us to the promise land
Jesus lead us to the promise land

SERMON

MUSIC Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631 vs 1, 2, 4

- 1

Love divine,
all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n,
to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2

Breathe, oh, breathe
thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our
crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

You may be seated

Sponsors: Zunairah, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

L: And now we'd like to present to Zunairah a prayer shawl, knit by one of our members here at Cross of Glory, to signify that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ, and to remind her that she is wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

L: Together, let us welcome Zunairah Cuadrado:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MUSIC Reformation Song Chester/Kauflin

Verse 1

Your Word alone is solid ground
The mighty rock on which we build
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled

Verse 2

Through faith alone
we come to You
We have no merit we can claim
Sure that Your promises are true
We place our hope in Jesus' name

Chorus

Gloria gloria glory to God alone
Gloria gloria glory to God alone

Verse 3

In Christ alone we're justified
His righteousness is all our plea
Your law's demands are satisfied
His perfect work has set us free
(Chorus)

Verse 4

By grace alone we have been saved
All that we are has come from You
Hearts that were once
by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have
been made new (Chorus)

Verse 5

And on this Reformation day
We join with saints of old to sing
We lift our hearts as one in praise
Glory to Christ our gracious King
(Chorus)

FIRST READING

Psalm 46

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.
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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress

David van Kampen

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need,
that hath us now o’retaken.
The old evil foe,
now means deadly woe,
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the Right Man on our side,
the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who That may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.*

*And though this world,
with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.*

*That Word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON + PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*** Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a message for God’s kids!*

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen to the Word of God (see insert)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-40

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen to the Word of God (see insert)