- **Thank you for Giving with Gratitude and Good Courage -** Thank you for your generosity as we look to what God will do among us next year and beyond. If you haven't yet submitted your 2027 pledge card and your New Creation Statement of Intent, please do so ASAP, as this info helps us plan our budget. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Ali.
- **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. *We will not be meeting this next week given the Thanksgiving holiday. Join us again in December, when we'll meet at First Lutheran and be led by Pastor Colin.
- **Christmas Gifts for Youth -** Today is the last day to submit a gift for the WELCA gift donation drive. More info at the Welcome Desk.
- **Midweek Advent Suppers and Services** - Join us on Wed nights in Advent as we gather for rotating Advent service of candlelight, prayer, music, and reflection with new creation churches. A simple supper will be provided at 5:15 pm ($5/person suggested donation). Worship will be from 6-6:30. Dec 2 at FLW, Dec 9 at First, Dec 16 at COG.
- **WELCA Christmas Luncheon** - COG women, friends, and neighbors are warmly welcome for a morning of food and fellowship on Sat, Dec 5. More details and the sign-up sheet are now posted at the Welcome Desk. You can also call the office to RSVP.
- **Call for Christmas cookies -** We're collecting homemade and store-bought cookies to plate and deliver to those in our community who are sick, hospitalized, or grieving. Bring cookies on Dec 13, and stick around after worship that day to help package them as you're able! If you're able to make a couple deliveries, please let Kris Simon know by Dec 6.
- **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.

New Creation Joint Worship Services

We continue worshiping with neighbors from Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran, with whom we're exploring a new creation, on the first Sunday of the month.

Join us for the next New Creation Worship:
9:30 AM on **December 6th** at Cross of Glory
*Coffee and treats (provided) to follow

Stewardship Sunday

A Service of Prayers, Psalms, and Songs of Thanksgiving



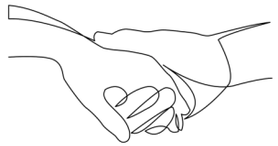
November 22, 2026
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN



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.

The congregation is invited to read aloud the parts in **bold throughout the service.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Johnetta Freeman
Lois Tollefsrud
Don Halverson

. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for coffee, treats, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Art Gallery Talk TODAY -** Stick around after worship today to meet the artists of our new art exhibit and learn more from them about their work, which explores themes of light and darkness--fitting for both the changing of the seasons and as we prepare to move into Advent.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** #858 vs 1-4

Verse 1
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his templedraw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2
Praise to the Lord, who o'er
All things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is
needful has been sent by his
gracious ordaining?

Verse 3
Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper your work
and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty
can do if with his love
he befriend you.

Verse 4
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is
in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his
people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

BLESSING
May the God of all creation, fill our mouths with praise and our hearts with thanksgiving That with joyful hearts we would generously share God's abundance, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Source of our gratitude. **Amen**.

CHORAL BENEDICTION **Go Now In Peace** **Besig**

DISMISSAL
L: Go forth in praise and thanksgiving, for God goes with you.
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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

** *Please be seated.* **

MUSIC **Generous King** **(Sczebel/Sczebel)**

Verse 1
You spoke and our hearts
began to beat.
You gave us breath
and air to breathe.
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
You give the morning sun its light
All that we need
Your hand provides
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
With humble hearts we thank You
With grateful hearts we sing out

Chorus
Generous King You give
Out of Your fullness
showering kindness
You give generous King
Mercies unending love never failing
You give

Verse 2
The grace that you give
Is measureless
The cup that we drink is full of love
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
Your Spirit You've freely given us
Now we see Jesus glorious
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
With humble hearts we thank You
With grateful hearts we sing out

Bridge
Thank You for Your goodness
Poured on us through Jesus
(Repeat)

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: Generous God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Word

PSALM 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Choir Anthem **Thanks Be to God** **Arr. Sheldon Curry**
There is a hand whose touch creates all beauty:
the snow-capped height, the river's quiet flow;
And that same hand, which fashioned all the universe,
calms troubled hearts and soothes the wounded soul.
Thanks be to God whose mercy knows no measure,
whose righteous way His wondrous works applaud,
Whose loving kindness bears our ev'ry weakness;
For such a sure and steadfast love, thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
At the end of the prayers, you will be invited into a time of silence and reflection to write and pray your own prayer of gratitude, either in the space provided in the bulletin or in your 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.**

My prayer of gratitude:

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LORD'S PRAYER **-***Anglican Book of Common Prayer, New Zealand*
Joined together in gratitude, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope,
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

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.

OFFERING
We give thanks through the offering we joyfully share.
Children will be collecting "noisy offering"--loose change this month goes to create Cancer Care Bags.

OFFERTORY MUSIC Now Thank We All Our God #840 vs 1-3

Verse 1
Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Verse 2
Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

Verse 3
All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES & STATEMENTS OF INTENT

There is a Shepherd for each valley's shadow;
unfathomed grace joins ev'ry trial we meet.
Ultimate One, whose presence we most long for, to you,
in gratitude, we humbly sing:
Thanks be to God whose mercy knows no measure,
whose righteous way His wondrous works applaud,
Whose loving kindness bears our ev'ry weakness;
For such a sure and steadfast love, thanks be to God.
For such a sure and steadfast love, thanks be to God.

PRAYER
O God,
May our table be wide,
And may our welcome be wide.
May your the arms open wide to gather us in
And may our hearts open wide to receive.
May we come as children who trust there is enough.
May we come unhindered and free.
May our aching be met with bread.
And our sorrow met with wine.
So that we would open our hands to the feast without shame.
And turn toward each other without fear.
And give up our appetite for despair.
And taste and know of delight.
And become bread for a hungering world.
And become drink for those who thirst.
So that the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere there will be a feast.
Amen.
– Jan Richardson, adapted

PSALM 8
O LORD, our God,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our God,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

MUSIC **For the Fruit of All Creation** #679 vs 1-3

Verse 1
For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Verse 2
In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Verse 3
For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,

Let us give thanks for melody and mirth, for rhythm and beat, for the repeated and common, for the ever-unfolding, and for the sense with which to respond.
And let us give thanks for a God to thank. Amen.
-Gerhard Frost, adapted

MUSIC **Gracias (Thank You)** (Witt)

Verse 1
Lord you took me into your arms.
You have shown me truest love.
You have given me such mercy
I'm not worthy of.
Lord your mercy everlasting
I could never understand
For all the love and
grace you've shown
I just want to say that I

Chorus
Thank you,
Thank you, dear Lord.
Thank you
from the bottom of my heart.

Verse 2
At the cross you gave
your life for me
As a gift of your great love.
It was the gift of
everlasting life from above.
I can boldly come
before your throne
Through your love and suffering.
I'm going to shout it
to the heavens,
I've been redeemed (*Chorus 2x)*

Ending
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.

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 sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

MUSIC **Praise and Thanksgiving** #689 vs 1, 3, 4

Verse 1
Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
you have made good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Verse 3
Father, providing
food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding
teach us to share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing with us,
all others may know your care.

Verse 4
Then will your blessing
reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing
your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning,
no one will hunger;
your love sustaining
showers the land.

PRAYER
Let us give thanks for this moment, for the sturdy fact of God's continuing love, for mercies which go before us and follow after us.
Let us give thanks for memory and expectation, for the good that we have known and know today in Jesus Christ, for the Spirit's brooding presence in our nights and in our days.
Let us give thanks for pleasures which comfort and for pains that invite us to grow and keep us at our Shepherd's side, for deep meanings revealed, and for mysteries mercifully concealed, for the image of God within us, for the capacity to inquire and adore.
Let us give thanks for one another, for being together, for differences that enrich us and disagreements that challenge us, for our oneness in Christ.

PRAYER
The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season; You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *-Martin Luther, ref. Psalm 145*

REFLECTION: "Giving with Gratitude"

SPECIAL MUSIC **Pax** **McMichael**

REFLECTION: "Giving with Good Courage"

PSALM 146
Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

MUSIC **Give Thanks to God** **(Crockett/McKinlay)**

Verse 1
God sent His Son to die
and rise again to save us.
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
God's broken our chains
and given us freedom.
Give thanks to God
for God is good.

Verse 2
In God we are alive
and have joy everlasting.
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
God casts out all fear
and fills us with courage.
Give thanks to God
for God is good.

Verse 3
When storms come and rage
God's peace overwhelms us,
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
The Lord is our refuge
when trouble surrounds us.
Give thanks to God
for God is good.
Give thanks to God
for God is good.
Give thanks to God
for God is good.

Ending
Always good,
Always good to us. *(Repeat)*

PRAYER
In Your presence, O God, we make our sacrament of thanksgiving.
We begin with the simple things of our days: fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, the taste of food, the protection of houses and clothes, the comforts of home.
For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.
We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known: Our mothers' and fathers' arms, the playmates of our childhood, the wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and diverse kinds of magic held sway; the tears we have shed, the laughter we have shared.
For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.
We passed before us the mainsprings of our heritage: the fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before us, without whom

our own lives would have no meaning. The seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams; the prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp, and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see. The workers whose sweat has watered the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.
For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.
We linger over the meaning of our own life and commitment to which we give the loyalty of our heart and mind: The little purposes in which we have shared with our love, our desire, our gifts. The big hope that never quite deserts us, that we will study war no more, that love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the children of God as the waters cover the sea.
For all these and more than mind can think and heart can feel, we make as our sacrament of thanksgiving this day to thee, O God. Amen. *-Howard Thurman, adapted*

PSALM 111
Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.