

New Creation Joint Summer Worship Services on First Sundays

This summer, we are experimenting with a once-a-month shared Sunday service with our neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran with whom we're exploring a new creation. These will be joint services, meaning that 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 these services, with a potluck to follow, as we join together to be God's church!

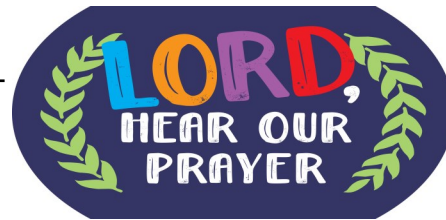
August 2: First Lutheran of Crystal 9:30 AM

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (Bring a dish to share.)

Sept 6: Cross of Glory 9:30 AM

5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 (Bring a dish to share.)

**If you need transportation for the services hosted at First or FLW, please let the office know ASAP, and we'd be glad to help coordinate.*



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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Don Earnest
Denia Bokai

Sharon Quick
Verle and Ethel Smith
Carol Sjoquist
Loved ones of Ruth Lunquist

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.

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



July 12, 2026

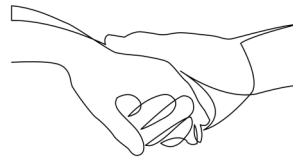
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

stand as you are able.

MUSIC

God of the Fertile Fields

#1063

Verse 1

God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.

Verse 2

We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people ev'rywhere,
that all may live.

Verse 3

As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.

Verse 4

God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who
died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

•**Vacation Bible School** - Summer is here! Know any kids (ages 3-12) who might be interested in taking part in VBS? COG is joining with Wildfire churches in our community to host "ReNew: the Green VBS," drawing from the parable of the sower and our call to care for God's creation. Mark your calendars for the evenings of Aug 10-13. Registration is online scan the link here, or talk with Rachel in the office to get your kids registered! We invite you all to join in the fun!



• **Save the Dates**— We have two Wildfire Talks coming up in September and October. Details will be provided later. For now, please save these dates and invite your friends. Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm at First Lutheran: Faith in Politics. The speaker is Pastor Mark Tranvik. Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at First Lutheran: The Rise of Christian Nationalism. The speaker is Pastor Christine Bellefeuille.

•**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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Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists:

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Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey

Greeters: Gordy and Maggie Johnsrud
Reader: Kim Jacobson
Ushers: Kim Schoffstall, Cheryl Anderson, Jeffline Tolbert, Don Halverson
Fellowship: Tom and Kris Simon
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to God.

*** Silence for reflection***

Pastor: Compassionate God,

A: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

A: Amen.

*** Please be seated. ***

MUSIC	Your Love Feeds My Soul	Birchard
Verse 1		Verse 2
Father in a world filled with heartache and sorrow I have found Your love feeds my soul Father when I'm feelin' I just can't face tomorrow I have found Your love feeds my soul		Father when the stresses of this life weigh upon me I have found Your love feeds my soul Father when my dreams are laid in ruin before me I have found Your love feeds my soul (chorus)
Chorus		Bridge
I have found Your love feeds my soul I have found Your love feeds my soul It's better than life so I'll glorify You Spirit within me cry out Your name I have found Your love feeds my soul		When darkness is wielding the sword of despair I cry out to God hear my prayer And suddenly joy rises up from within In the knowledge You'll always be there (chorus)

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: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MUSIC

Forever

Tomlin

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

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God,
We will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. (Chorus)

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

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

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MUSIC Spirit of the Living God Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Fall fresh on me, Spirit of the Living God,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Fall fresh on me.

Spoken between petitions:
L: Spirit of the Living God...
All: Hear our prayer.

Table

LORD’S PRAYER

P: 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

L: May God the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
A: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!”

“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

As the Grains of Wheat

#465

Refrain
As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1
As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love. *Refrain*

Verse 2
Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation
shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

CONFESSON OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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

**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 give thanks through the offering we joyfully share. Offering can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, 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

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Townend

Verse 1
How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which
mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2
Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath
has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3
I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom