

**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!

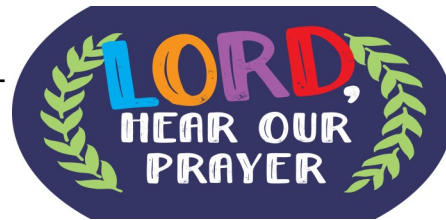
August 2: First Lutheran of Crystal 9:30 AM

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (Treats provided.)

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
Gayle Merritt
Renee Stanislawski

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 Nineth Sunday After Pentecost



July 26, 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

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

#1049

Verse 1

Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.

Verse 4

The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing.

Verse 2

This Love remained
as time revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.

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 ***

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!



• **The Women of the ELCA**—Save the date for a “new creation” W/ELCA gathering at Pub 42 in New Hope on August 22nd at 1pm. All women are welcome, come and see what W/ELCA is all about. Meet some new friends, and have some food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you.

• **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.

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

God Welcomes All

#978

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends. (*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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.
Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach | me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

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

MUSIC CREDITS

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Reader: Kris Simon

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Gayle Merritt, Don Halverson

Fellowship: Cheryl Anderson, Lori

Kosek

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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.

MUSIC

We are All One in Christ

#643

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

Verse 1

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.
We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.	There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God the comforter. (repeat)

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You’re 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

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God

WOV #784

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be
added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be

opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia

Verse 3

We do not live by bread alone,
But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth
Of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

CONFESSION 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

Guide My Feet

#987

Verse 1

(Guide my feet) while I run this race.
(Guide my feet) while I run this race.
(Guide my feet) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run
this race in vain.

Verse 2

(Hold my hand) while I run this race.
(Hold my hand) while I run this race.
(Hold my hand) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run
this race in vain.

Verse 3

(Stand by me) while I run this race.
(Stand by me) while I run this race.
(Stand by me) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run
this race in vain.

Verse 4

(I'm your child) while I run this race.
(I'm your child) while I run this race.
(I'm your child) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run
this race in vain.

Verse 5

(Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run
this race in vain.

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,
Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

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

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