

•**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.

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
Richard Peterson
Milo Smith
Isabelle Kelley
Loved ones of 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 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



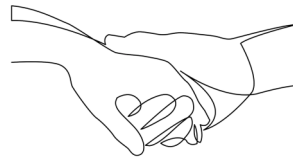
August 16, 2026
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN



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.

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. ***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•**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.

•**5th Sunday Song Requests** - Each time a 5th Sunday of the month rolls around, we have a special service of lessons, music, and poetry. As we prepare for this month's service on Aug 30th, we need your help! Share your hymn/song requests with the church office or at the Welcome Desk by Monday, Aug 24 and we'll include as many as we can as we sing our way through worship.

•**Thanks to VBS helpers** - A special thanks to all those who have lent a hand in this year's Vacation Bible School week. From our youth "shepherds" to our leaders on the planning team, from to those who helped serve the picnic meal to those who led the kids in music, we give thanks. It was a great week of learning about the ways God RENEWS us and the earth!

•**New Creation Fellowship** - Join us in these final days of summer for a couple more fellowship opportunities with neighbors from new creation churches and beyond. First is hosting a community meal on Aug 19 at 5:30 pm, and FLW is hosting the Brooklyn Big Band & a community meal on Aug 26 at 6 pm. All are welcome!

•**Upcoming Office Transition** - Rachel Marquardt has recently announced that she plans to conclude her role as Office Administrator, effective Sept 1. She is stepping away to spend more time with family and to pursue other opportunities. The Personnel Committee is working to prepare for a smooth transition, and will be sharing more info this fall. For now, please mark your calendars for Aug 30, when we will be having a celebration for Rachel after worship to share our thanks for all of her wonderful work among us!

•**Wildfire Talk Dates**— We have two Wildfire Talks coming up in September and October. 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.

MUSIC CREDITS

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Fellowship: Dave Hengel, Dan Jacobson
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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!

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.*

MUSIC Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712

Verse 1

Lord, whose love
in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants,
bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth
And greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the
needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Verse 4

Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health,
good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants,
Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with Your wide mercy and your expansive love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Thus says the Lord:
 Maintain justice, and do what is right,
 for soon my salvation will come
 and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
 and to be his servants,
 all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
 and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
 for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
 besides those already gathered.

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

MUSIC **Here Is Love Vast As the Ocean** **Getty/Boswell**

Verse 1 Here is love vast as the ocean Loving kindness as the flood When the Prince of Life our Savior Shed for us His precious blood Who His love will not remember Who can cease to sing His praise He can never be forgotten Throughout heav'n's eternal days	Verse 2 On the mount of crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide Grace and love like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above Heav'n's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love
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Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

MUSIC **Let the Praises Ring** **Brewster**

Verse 1 O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust; O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope; O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust; O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope. Chorus In You, in You I find my peace; In You, in You I find my strength; In You, I live and move and breathe;	Let everything I say and do Be founded by my faith in You; I lift up holy hands and sing, Let the praises ring. Verse 2 O Lord, my God, to You I give my hands; O Lord, my God, to You I give my feet; O Lord, my God, to You I give my everything; O Lord, my God, to You I give my life. (<i>Chorus</i>)
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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

MUSIC

I Give You My Heart

Morgan

Verse

This is my desire
To honour You
Lord with all my heart
I worship You
All I have within me
I give You praise
All that I adore is in You

Chorus

Lord I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Ev'ry breath that I take
Ev'ry moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

A: Amen.

_____ *Sending* _____

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

A: Amen.

Verse 3

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death
burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

Verse 4

Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him
Everlasting praise to Him

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is

tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

*** Please be seated ***
SERMON

MUSIC	I Speak Jesus	Smith/Reeves, et al
Verse 1 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind. 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence. I speak Jesus.	Break ev'ry stronghold. Shine through the shadows. Burn like a fire.	
Verse 2 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus 'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break, Declaring there is hope and there is freedom. I speak Jesus.	Verse 3 I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety. To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus.	
Chorus ('Cause) Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life.	Verse 4 Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy, Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy Name Jesus. (Repeat) (Chorus 2x) (Verse 1)	

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.

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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. <i>Refrain</i> Verse 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. <i>Refrain</i> Verse 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. <i>Refrain</i>	

MUSIC
Part 1
What does the Lord
require of you?
What does the Lord
require of you?

What does the Lord Require of You

Part 2
Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.
Part 3
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

#1057

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
*** The following song is sung at the beginning and the end of the prayers ***

MUSIC

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

Spirit of the Living God

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

Iverson

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



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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH
*** 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.**

Apostles Creed

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!

