

•**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.

**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.)

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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Sharon Quick

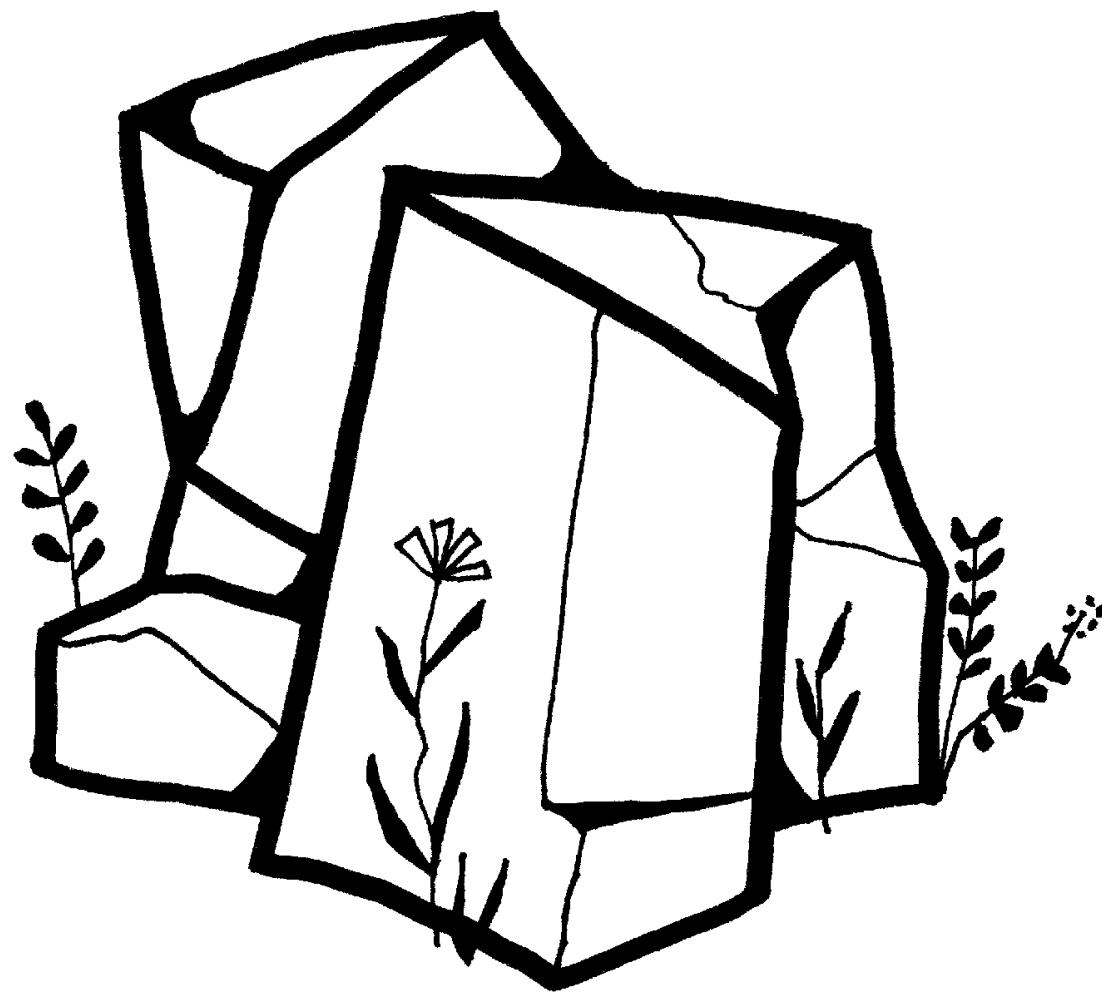
Verle and Ethel Smith
Gayle Merritt
Carol Sjoquist
Loved ones of Richard Peterson

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 Thirteenth Sunday



After Pentecost

August 23, 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

Please stand as you are able.

MUSIC

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•**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.

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

•**Harvest Table** - We give God thanks for all that's growing and blossoming in our gardens this time of year, and for all who have faithfully tended to our community gardens at church this summer. A reminder to bring any extra veggies, herbs, flowers, etc. for our Harvest Table, where we share these gifts with one another.

•**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. We are deeply grateful for Rachel's faithful service to COG over the course of the past nearly five years, and that she and her family will remain members. 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.

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 CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik	Greeters: Linda Knudsen
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams	Reader: Kim Jacobson
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease	Ushers: Kim Schoffstall, Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Erik Haugland, Kim Jacobson	Fellowship: Arlene Kosek, Wilma Frantz
Guitar: Steve Sebald	Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory
Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey	

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	I Will Sing a Song of Mercy	#31
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Verse
I will sing a song of mercy,
sing a song of justice,
sing a song of praise to God.
I will live a life of mercy,
live a life of justice,
live a life of praise to God. *(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: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our sure foundation and form us into the body of your Son, so that our voices might sing out in praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#886

*** Please stand as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Verse 3

The name of Jesus
charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

Verse 4

He speaks, and list'ning
to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Verse 6

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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.

MUSICLord, Jesus, You Shall Be my Song#808

Verse 1

Lord Jesus, you shall be
my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about
you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and
our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be
my song as I journey.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you
as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a
faithful reflection of you.

Verse 4

May the earth and the sea
and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you
as long as I journey.

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.

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

and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

MUSIC

Beautiful Things

Gungor/Gungor

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really
change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this
ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things

Verse 3

out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Bridge

All around
Hope is springing up from this old
ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You
You make me new You are making
me new
You make me new You are making
me new (repeat)

CHILDRENS SERMON

GOSPEL READINGMatthew 16:13-20

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the

living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC My Life Flows on in Endless Song #763

Verse 1 My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.	How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)
Refrain No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?	Verse 3 What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)
Verse 2 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul.	Verse 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

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!

