

*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.*

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.)

October 4 Faith Lilac Way 9:30 AM

5530 42nd Ave. N, Robbinsdale MN 55422

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



A Fifth Sunday Service of Lessons, Music & Poetry

August 30, 2026

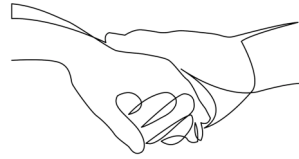
*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*



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 rise 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. ***

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Giving thanks for Rachel Marquardt** - We invite all to join us immediately after worship in the fellowship hall where we will celebrate Rachel Marquardt, who is departing as our Office Administrator this next week to pursue other opportunities. Join us for cake, and as we share words of gratitude for Rachel's nearly 5 years of faithful service in our church office.
- **Office Transition** - Personnel has been working on a transition plan for our office needs. Sue Ferkingstad, Office Administrator at Faith Lilac Way, will be assisting with Cross of Glory's communications (bulletins, newsletter), Mark Trease and Gayle Merritt are taking on a few administrative duties in the areas of worship administration and financial administration, respectively, and a few office volunteers will be providing hospitality at the front desk a few days a week. Thanks for your patience as we make this transition in the coming days, and stay tuned for any office hour updates.
- **New Creation Worship next Sunday** - Join us on Sunday, Sept 6 at 9:30 AM at Cross of Glory for our next joint worship with neighbors from First and Faith-Lilac Way. This will be a special creation-themed service. It includes a blessing of the harvest, so all are invited to bring something to worship that has grown in our church garden or in your gardens at home. A potluck will follow the service. Hot dogs will be provided, we invite you to bring a side (pasta salad, mac and cheese, potato salad, fruit salad, etc.) to share.
- **Bible Study Resumes Soon** - Weekly Tuesday Bible Study, in which we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday, will resume Sept 8. We will continue to share in this with fellow new creation churches this fall for this season. Locations will rotate between churches each month. We will gather at First Lutheran in Sept. You can take part in person or via Zoom. Bible study will run from 9:30-10:30 am.
- **God's Work our Hands Sunday** - On Sept 13, we'll join ELCA churches celebrating "God's Work our Hands" Sunday. We'll have a service that lifts up many hands and voices, and will offer a chance to reflect on ways you might use your hands for the sake of God's work in the year ahead. Stick around for a special treat after the service!
- **Wildfire Talks**- We have two Wildfire Talks coming up in September and October: Thursday, Sept 24 at 7 pm at First Lutheran: Faith in Politics with speaker Rev. Mark Tranvik, and Thursday, Oct 22 at 7 pm at First Lutheran: The Rise of Christian Nationalism. The speaker is Rev. Christine Bellefeuille. Members of all 8 Wildfire churches--as well as friends and neighbors--are warmly welcome.

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

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

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.

Give us good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*
Amen!

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace, praise the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

#618

Verse 1
Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Verse 2
Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

Verse 3
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and
hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises,
songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

P: Let us pray together...

A: O God, we thank you for your Son, who guides us into the way of life. Empower us to walk with Jesus, even when the way gets costly, that we might know and share this gift of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by your name,
 O Lord, God of hosts.
 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
 Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.
 Therefore thus says the Lord:
 If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
 And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 says the Lord.
 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POETRY

Love as Warm As Tears

C.S. Lewis

4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
- 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful ✠ God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer 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, Jesus the Christ, and the ever-moving Spirit bless you now and forever.

A: Amen.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought
heaven down.
My sin was great,
Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain (sung by all after each verse): **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples

You silence the boast
of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival.
You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.
For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POTERY

MUSIC

The Unpronounceable Psalm

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

N. Samaras

#631

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy
loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;

let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"

Verse 3

"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?"

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
A: And also with you.
P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please 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

What a Beautiful Name

Fielding/Ligertwood

Verse 1

You were the Word
at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

*** Please stand as you are able ***
P: The Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

*** Please be seated ***

POETRY Blessing in the Shape of a Cross J. Richardson

MUSIC Will You Come and Follow Me #798

Verse 1
"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

POETRY

Summons

A. Levins Morales

MUSIC Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me Robinson, Farren, Thompson

Verse 1
What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer?
There is no more
for heaven now to give.
He is my joy,
my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold:
my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3
No fate I dread, I know I am
forgiven,
The future sure,
My sin has been erased.
For Jesus bled
and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised
to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold:
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released.
I can sing I am free.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4
With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home.
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only
Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.