

**New Creation Joint
Summer Worship Services on First Sundays**

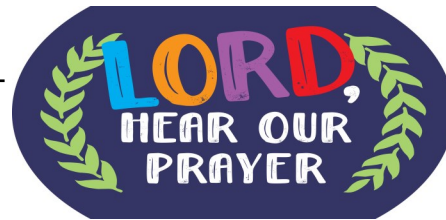
This summer, we are experimenting with a once-a-month shared Sunday service with our neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran with whom we're exploring a new creation. These will be joint services, meaning that members from all three congregations are invited to worship at the one site (there 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.*



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
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 Eleventh Sunday



After Pentecost

August 9, 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

That's Why We Praise Him

Walker

Verse 1

He came to live, live a perfect life.
He came to be
the living word our light.
He came to die
so we'd be reconciled.
He came to rise
to show His pow'r and might.

Chorus

That's why we praise Him,
that's why we sing.
That's why we offer
Him our ev'rything.
That's why we bow down
and worship this King,
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.
'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

Verse 2

He came to live, live again in us.
He came to be
our conquering King and friend.
He came to heal
and show the lost ones His love.
He came to go
prepare a place for us. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah.
(Repeat 3x)
(Chorus)

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** - Starts TOMORROW! Know any kids (ages 3-12) who might be interested in taking part in VBS— get them signed up! 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. Scan the QR to sign up!



• **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.

•**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.

•**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.

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 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: Harriet Halverson, Wilma Frantz
Summer Pastor: Rev. Peter Samuelson	Reader: Bob Wertz
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams	Ushers: Jeffline Tolbert, Cheryl Anderson, Kim Schoffstall, Don Halverson
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease	Fellowship: Laura and Mike McClanahan
Vocalists: Laura McClanahan, Kris Simon	Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory
Guitar: Josh Smith	
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	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	#759
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Verse 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!	Verse 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!	
Verse 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.		

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here,
Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONG

BLESSING

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

A: Amen.

MUSIC

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#632

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

Verse 1

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Verse 2

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

Verse 6

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

MUSIC

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
God works in ways we cannot see.
God will make a way for me.
God will be my guide,
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength
For each new day,
God will make a way.
God will make a way. (Repeat)

God Will Make a Way

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness
God leads me.
And rivers in the desert will I see.
Heaven and earth will fade
But God’s Word will still remain.
God will do something new today.
(Chorus)

Moen

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 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.

hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw

him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC When Peace Like a River #785

Verse 1
When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 3
He lives--oh, the bliss of this
glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,

is nailed to his cross
and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! *(Refrain)*
Verse 4
Lord, hasten the day when our faith
shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
(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!

