

Sunday, Oct 4 after new creation worship at FLW, followed by three consecutive Wednesday evening sessions in Oct. More info on the flyer at the Welcome Desk. With questions, reach out to Chellie Sebald, Isak Tranvik, or Mike McClanahan.

- **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 Worship Services on First Sundays

We continue worshipping on the first Sunday of the month with neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran with whom we're exploring a new creation. These are joint services, meaning that members from all three congregations are invited to worship at the one, rotating site (there will not be worship that morning at the other two sites).

Join us for the next New Creation Worship:

9:30 AM on October 4th at Faith Lilac Way
5530 N 42nd Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Chili Cook-off to follow!

A few folks are bringing pots of chili and cornbread...
you're invited to bring a side to share (fruit, veggie, salad, etc.)

*Folks with mobility concerns are invited to either park in one of the designated parking spots or get dropped off at the door of the church and a member will gladly valet park your car for you!

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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Verle and Ethel Smith

Gayle Merritt
Johnetta Freeman
Bruce Kuiper and Sherry Mattfield



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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 20, 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 where we work to share in the joy of life together! We visitors to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so that we can further extend a welcome.

The congregation is invited to read aloud the parts in **bold throughout the service.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

MUSIC

Gather Us In

#532 vs. 1, 2, 4

Verse 1

Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.

Verse 2

We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light

to the whole human race.
Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away—
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour + New Creation Monthly Update** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. This week, the New Creation Team will also be sharing its brief monthly update...join us!
- **Welcoming Guest Preacher** - We are excited to welcome Coleman Carter, a seminarian at Luther Seminary who is in the ordination process with the ELCA. Because we didn't get to have our annual "summer of seminarians" this summer, we look forward to having Coleman with us as our guest preacher next Sunday, Sept 27th.
- **Office Hours** - We are grateful to Sue Ferkingstad, Office Administrator at Faith-Lilac Way, who is overseeing our bulletins and newsletters, to Mark Trease and Gayle Merritt who are taking on a couple additional administrative duties, and to the office volunteers who "embody God's hospitality" at the front desk throughout the week. Our office hours will remain the same: M, W, Th from 10-2. If you have any questions or needs, please reach out during those hours, or reach out to Pastor Ali.
- **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 garden here at church this summer. A reminder to keep bringing extra veggies, herbs, flowers, etc. for our Harvest Table these next few weeks, where we share these gifts with one another.
- **Bible Study** - Bible study is underway again! Join us onsite or online on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 AM to explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday with our new creation neighbors. Location and leading pastors rotate each month. This month, Pastor Colin is leading at First Lutheran.
- **Wildfire Talks** - There are two "Wildfire Talks" dates this fall--an adult education class shared among Wildfire churches. Mark your calendars for Thurs, Sept 24 at 7 pm at First Lutheran, when Rev. Mark Tranvik will be speaking on Faith in Politics, and Thurs, Oct 22 at 7 pm at First when Rev. Christine Bellefueille will be speaking on The Rise of Christian Nationalism. Events are free and open to the public--friends and neighbors warmly welcome.
- **First Wednesdays** - This year we will continue to gather on the First Wed of the month for a time of fellowship and fun for families and folks of all ages. Dinner is provided at 5:30 pm, activities for kids go from 6-7 pm, and confirmation begins at 7. We begin Oct 7. All are welcome!
- **Public Discipleship** - New creation churches are invited to join together for a fall course on Public Discipleship. Building off the neighboring work we engaged in during Operation Metro Surge last winter, and drawing on the public ministry of Jesus as well as figures throughout the Bible and history, we'll explore what it means to live our faith in public today. We'll kick off on

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.

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

Go in peace and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

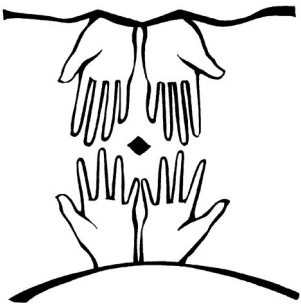
Trusting God’s boundless compassion, let us confess our sins before God and one another...

*** Silence for reflection and repentance. ***

Holy God,
**we are quick to set our minds on human things:
our own self-preservation,
our fear of losing control,
our comfort and convenience.
We squander the gifts of the earth
and neglect the needs of our neighbors.
We cling so tightly to our lives
that we close ourselves off to life itself.
Forgive us, O God,
and open us by your tender mercy,
that we find our life in you. Amen.**

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ,
and God’s love knows no end.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace,
that we might go into the world to share it. **Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***



KYRIE: “Christe”

Thomsen


Cantor: Let us pray to God, have mer - cy.
Refrain: Chris - te E - lei - son.
Cantor: For your peace to come to a trou - bled world, have mer - cy.
Refrain: Christe...
Cantor: For u - ni - ty a - mong all who seek the truth, have mer - cy.
Refrain: Christe...
Cantor: For strength - en - ing the threads of our lives, have mer - cy.
Refrain: Christe...
Cantor: A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men,
All: A - men, A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to You

Olson

Chorus:

Praise to you O Great Creator
Maker of the land and sky
Praise to you O Living Water
Hope and breath of every life

Verse 1

We are lost and we are longing
wandering in the wilderness
searching for your holy presence
and the reason we exist **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Hear the cries of all creation
how the tears like rivers flow
for your touch of grace and healing
and the love that leads us home
(Chorus)

Verse 3

May we live your way of justice

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of grace, at this table you have filled us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for your work in the world, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

- Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

**Congregation, please rise as you are able*

**Kids are invited to come forward to help lead the blessing, drawn from the prayer of St. Patrick:*

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left. Christ with us, today and everyday. **Amen!**

MUSIC

It's Yours

Fowler, Sooter, Maher

Verse

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us, forgive us.
 As we forgive the ones who
 sinned
 Against us, forgive them.
 And lead us not into temptation
 But deliver us from the evil one
 Let your kingdom come.
 (Verse)
 (Chorus)

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours,
All yours, all yours,
The kingdom, the power,
The glory are yours.
It's yours, it's yours,
All yours, all yours,
Forever and ever,
The kingdom is yours. (*Repeat*)
(*Verse*)

Tag

On Earth as in Heaven,
Right here in my heart.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

MUSIC Come to the Table #961

Part I
Come to the table, come to the table.
All is now ready, come one and all.
Come, oh, come.

Part II
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

MUSIC Remembrance Maher/ Redman

Verse 1 Oh, how could it be That my God would welcome me Into this mystery, Say, "Take this bread, take this wine?" Now the simple made divine For any to receive.	Verse 2 See his body, his blood; Know that he has overcome Ev'ry trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved, None too broken or ashamed. All are welcome in this place. (Choruses)
Pre-Chorus By Your mercy we come to Your table. By Your grace You are making us faithful.	Bridge Dying, You destroyed our death. Rising You restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Chorus Lord, we remember You, And remembrance leads us to worship. And as we worship You, Our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.	(Chorus)

GREETING

The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together...
O God, your kingdom is one of generosity and abundance, and you shower grace upon us all. Help us to embody the ways of your Son, that your kingdom would come. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Psalm 145:1-8 (read responsively)
I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** The following is sung at the beginning and end of the prayers ***

MUSIC **Spirit, Open My Heart** **#1043**
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

*** Spoken between petitions: ***
Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Table*

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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,

Come to the table, where God’s gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. 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.

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

OFFERING

We are called to share the gifts God has first given us for the sake of God’s work at Cross of Glory and beyond. This season during the offering, children will also be collecting “noisy offering” --any coins/loose change that goes to an organization of their choice each month. This month’s recipient is Agate Housing and Services. Raise a hand if you have loose change to share today. We invite you to continue to bring loose change for “noisy offering” each week.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Generous King

Sczebel

Verse 1

You spoke and our hearts
began to beat
You gave us breath
and air to breathe
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
You give the morning sun its light
All that we need
Your hand provides
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
With humble hearts we thank You
With grateful hearts we sing out

Chorus

Generous King You give
Out of Your fullness
showering kindness
You give
Generous King
Mercies unending love never failing
You give

Verse 2

The grace that you give
is measureless
The cup that we drink is full of love
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
Your Spirit You've freely given us
Now we see Jesus glorious
It's all from You Lord
it's all from You
With humble hearts we thank You
With grateful hearts we sing out

Bridge

Thank You for Your goodness
Poured on us through Jesus
(Repeat)

CHOIR ANTHEM Now Thank We All Our God Cruger

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us.
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and will be evermore.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*** Please rise as you are able ***
*** See bulletin insert ***

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel according to Matthew the twentieth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening

came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REPRISE

*** See bulletin insert ***

*** Please be seated. Children are invited to meet our Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play. You’ll return after the sermon.*

SERMON

MUSIC There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy #588 vs 1, 3, 4

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place
where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place
where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

Verse 3

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

Verse 4

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.

Make our love, O God, more
faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** Please rise 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

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**
Let’s share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

You may be seated