

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



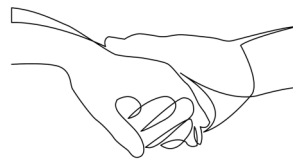
September 27, 2026
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN



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

MUSIC

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche

Please stand as you are able.

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You.
I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

Verse

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy. *(Chorus)*

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. ***

New Creation Joint Worship Services on First Sundays

We continue worshiping 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

**If you need transportation, please reach out to the office!*

Chili Cook-off Luncheon 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 and Sherry Kuiper

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.



join together for a fall course on Public Discipleship. Building off the neighboring work we engaged in during Operation Metro Surge, and drawing on the public ministry of Jesus as well as figures throughout history, we'll explore what it means to live our faith in public today. We'll kick off on Sunday, Oct 4 after new creation worship at FLW, followed by three Wed evening sessions in Oct. More info on the flyer at the Welcome Desk.

- **WELCA Gathering** - The Minneapolis Area Synod Women of the ELCA will host its 2026 convention on Sat, Oct 10 from 8-1 at St. Philip the Deacon (17205 County Rd 6, Plymouth). Come for breakfast, breakout sessions, worship, a silent auction, and more. Registration is \$35+tax and all women are welcome. For more info and to register, email minneapoliswomenofelca@gmail.com or Carolyn Davis at quecerra@gmail.com.

- **New Creation Book Club** - All are welcome to take part in this joint book club at FLW. We'll gather Oct 18 at 7 pm to discuss "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson, and Nov 15 at 7 pm to discuss "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

- **Fall Work Day** - Hands are needed on Sat, Oct 17 between 9-12. We will be tending to the gardens, blowing leaves, weeding, picking up litter. Join us as your able. Snacks provided!

- **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.

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 God's healing gift of forgiveness,
that we might go into the world to share it. **Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

KYRIE	"Christe"	Thomsen
Let us pray to God. Have Mercy.		
Christe eleison.		
For your peace to come to a troubled world.		
Have mercy.		
Christe eleison.		
For unity among all Who seek the truth. Have mercy.		
Christe eleison.		
For strengthening The threads of our lives.		
Have mercy.		
Christe eleison.		
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.		
Amen. Amen.		

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise To You

Dakota Road

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 (solo)
We are lost and we are longing
wandering in the wilderness
searching for your holy presence
and the reason we exist **(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:
**God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace, shape our lives to mirror your humility, and
guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **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** - 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. Note that this coming Tuesday there will be no Bible Study as pastors will be at Bishops Theological Conference. Next month, we’ll gather at FLW with Pastor Pam leading.
- **Wildfire Talks** - Thanks to all who took part in the Wildfire Talks with Rev. Mark Tranvik this past week on “Faith in Politics.” Mark your calendar for the date next month: 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 Wednesday 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!
- **Upcoming Funerals** - The COG community is welcome to attend the funeral service for former member Steve Sward on Friday, Oct 2 at 3 pm, with visitation beginning at 2 pm. The COG community is also invited to stick around after worship on Sunday, Oct 11 for a short memorial service for Richard Peterson, who passed away last month.
- **Public Discipleship** - New creation churches are invited to

MUSIC CREDITS

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Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: Amazing Grace J. Newton, arr. J. Schrader

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there, ten thousand years;
shining bright, bright as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.
Amazing grace! Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, the sound.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a message for God's kids! ***

MUSIC

Rise Up, O Saints of God

#669 vs 1-5

Verse 1

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant
that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Verse 2

Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.

Verse 3

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;

redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Verse 4

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand
of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Verse 5

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by
the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

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

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MUSIC

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS #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.**

Table

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,
forever and ever.**

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!

*** Please rise as you are able ***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen to the Word of God (see insert)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen to the Word of God (see insert)

*** Please be seated. ***

SERMON

Coleman Carter

MUSIC Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin

Verse 1
It all comes down to this,
What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things.

Chorus
Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God.

Verse 2
It all comes down to this,
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free. *(Chorus)*

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**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,**

Bridge
It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven. *(Repeat)*

Verse 3
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith, just like a seed,
The only way it grows *(Chorus)*

**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

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. Children will also be collecting "noisy offering" --any coins/loose change this month goes to Agate Housing and Services. Raise a hand if you have loose change to share today. We invite you to bring loose change for "noisy offering" each week.



MUSIC Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading #401 vss 1,2,3,5

Verse 1
Gracious Spirit,
heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.

Refrain
Come, come,
come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come,
come, Holy Spirit, come.

Verse 2
Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced.
(Refrain)

Verse 3
Guide our thinking
and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all
in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame.
(Refrain)

Verse 5
Keep us fervent in our witness;
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.
(Refrain)