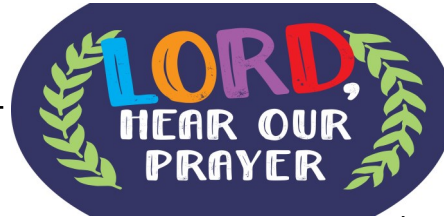


New Creation Joint Worship Services on First Sundays

We are continuing to experiment with a once-a-month shared Sunday service with our fellow new creation churches as we continue to discern a possible shared future. 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!**

October 4 at Faith-Lilac Way
5530 N 42nd Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422



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

COG

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Verle and Ethel Smith
Gayle Merritt
Barb Thomsen

FLCOC

Eunice Vincent
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Norman Hogenson

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Dave Enfield

FLW

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Jacqueline Butkowski
Nancy Ipsen
Grace Lawson
Joyce Merkel
Linda St. John
Victoria Swanson
Dan Walmsley
Jackie and Vic Woolgar

*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.*

Creation in Christ Sunday



September 6, 2026

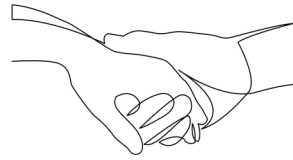
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life

*Welcome to Cross of Glory where we work to share in God's gift of life together!
A special welcome to all those joining us from new creation churches today. If
you're a first time visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card from the pew
rack and put it in the offering plates so that we can further extend a welcome.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS *Lutherans Restoring Creation, adapted*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all that is living.

A: Amen.

P: Although we are part of the life that splashes, swims, swarms, shines, and sings all around us, we continually separate ourselves from it. Let us take a moment of silence now to confess our sins before God and one another...

Silence for reflection and repentance

P: Reconciling God,

A: You have crafted a creation full of abundance, beauty, and delight.

**And yet, by expecting your creation to serve our needs,
we've damaged it--**

we've trampled the grounds of wild places,

we've poisoned the air,

we've polluted the waters.

Forgive us, loving God.

Help us to tread lightly on the land,

To delight in the abundant gifts of your creation,

And to till and keep the earth as you have called and commanded.

Amen.

CROSS OF GLORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **God's Work our Hands Sunday** - Next Sunday, Sept 13, churches across the ELCA are celebrating "God's Work our Hands" Sunday. We look forward to a festive service giving thanks for all the ways our hands, hearts, heads, and voices are used for the sake of God's work. COG kids: bring your backpacks as our service will include a blessing of the backpacks!

• **Office Transition** - We give thanks for the ways Rachel Marquardt has served our office these past five years. Going forward, Sue Ferkingstad, Office Administrator at Faith Lilac Way, is assisting with our 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 are providing hospitality at the front desk a few days a week. Thanks for your patience as we continue to make this transition in the coming days, and stay tuned for any office hour updates.

• **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 this summer. A reminder for COG folks to continue to bring any extra veggies, herbs, flowers, etc. for our Harvest Table in the coming weeks, where we share these gifts with one another.

• **Godly Play** - COG families, please note that monthly children's activities during the sermon will now take place on third Sundays. Younger children are invited into "Godly Play," a time of imaginative, biblical storytelling. Older children are invited to help create the Prayers of the People for that day. Mark your calendars for Sept 20, this month's third Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ALL NEW CREATION CHURCHES

- **Summer Vision Team Updates** - Stick around immediately after worship today to hear updates from the Lifelong Learning Team, and the Neighboring + Justice Team, about the existing gifts and new possibilities they discovered together this summer in these ministry areas. Updates from all five of the summer visioning teams will continue to be shared and made available in the coming weeks. These materials invite us to reflect on God’s vision for a new creation church as we continue to prayerfully discern this possibility in the coming months. Thanks to all who have taken part in a vision team this summer!
- **New Creation Potluck** - All are welcome to join us after worship today for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall!
- **Bible Study Resumes this Week** - 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. 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.
- **Wildfire Talk Dates** - We have two Wildfire Talks coming up in September and October: “Faith in Politics” on Thurs, Sept 24 at 7 pm at First Lutheran with speaker Professor Mark Tranvik, and “The Rise of Christian Nationalism” on Thurs, October 22 at 7 pm at First Lutheran with speaker Pastor Christine Bellefeuille. All Wildfire members, friends, and neighbors are welcome.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear this Good News:
God’s mercy is showered upon you,
refreshing you like the rains that water the earth.
In the waters of baptism,
you have been made new
and your sins have been washed away.
Thanks be to God!

A: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

MUSIC	Living Waters	Getty/Cash
Verse 1 Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Tired and broken, Peace unspoken, Rest beside these living waters	Verse 3 Spirit moving, Mercy washing, Healing in these living waters. Lead your children To the shoreline, Life is in these living waters. (Chorus)	
Verse 2 Christ is calling, Find refreshing At the cross of living waters. Lay your life down, All the old gone, Rise up in these living waters.	Verse 4 Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters. Love, forgiveness, Vast and boundless, Christ He is our living waters. (Chorus)	
Chorus There's a river that flows With mercy and love, Bringing joy to the city of our God. There our hope is secure. Do not fear anymore. Praise the Lord of living waters.	Ending There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore. Praise the Lord of living waters.	

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: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the wonders of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons. As we delight in these gracious gifts, may we care for this planet and its peoples with the kind of love with which you lovingly made this world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated. ***

MUSIC Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom #1064

Verse 1
Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
sounding God's delighted laugh,
from the tiny roly-poly
to the treetop-tall giraffe.
All creation sings in wonder;
even rocks and trees rejoice
as they join the ringing chorus:
echoes of our Maker's voice.

Verse 2
Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
woven into harmony.
Ev'ry creature has a purpose,
ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.

Spider, human, redwood, gecko,
monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
live within a single fabric:
cloth that only God could make.

Verse 3
Earth is full of wit and wisdom:
penguin, platypus, and snail,
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae,
from the microbe to the whale.
In this great and strange creation,
with a breath God gives us birth:
born of soil to live as stewards,
called to love and serve the earth.

Word

FIRST READING Genesis 2:4b-25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

***Immediately following the service, two of the summer visioning teams will be sharing updates on what they learned. Please stick around in the sanctuary for this brief update. Then, all are invited to join us for a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. If you brought something edible from your garden forward during the offering today, we invite you to bring it to the potluck table to share! ***

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR BENEDICTION Go Now In Peace Besig/Price

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

*** Please stand as you are able. As we pray, we invite you to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we are connected as one body—the body of Christ—and 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!

MUSIC All Creatures, Worship God Most High! #835

*** Congregation please remain standing. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1
All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 4
All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens

and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 6
O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus Is the Answer

Andraé Crouch

SECOND READING

Psalms 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and maidens,
old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
The Lord has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth

#879

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
(Refrain)

MUSIC

Holy is The Lord

Tomlin

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord
is our strength.
We bow down
and worship God now.
How great,
how awesome is He.

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of wheat and grape, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

A: Amen.

Verse 4

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
(Refrain)

Verse 5

For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *(Refrain)*

The earth is filled with God's glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with God's glory.
The earth is filled with God's glory.

Bridge

It is rising up all around.
It's the anthem
of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of
the Lord's renown.
(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, 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 (wine in the larger compartment of the chalice, grape juice in the smaller). Communion is served intinction-style: please 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. ***

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

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

MUSIC

God of Wonders

Byrd/Hindalong

Verse 1

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe
declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night .
(Chorus 1)

Bridge

Hallelujah
to the Lord of heaven and earth.
(Repeat 2 times)

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord,
reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe
declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy, holy, holy.
(Bridge 4x)

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5

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

P: The Gospel according to John the first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

CHILDRENS MESSAGE
SERMON

MUSIC For the Fruit of All Creation #679

Verse 1
For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Verse 2
In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Verse 3
For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

CONFESSON 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

On First Sundays of the month when new creation churches are worshipping together, all offerings labeled in a church envelope will be directed to that church. Any non-allocated offering this month will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Offerings can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or given online at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing generously for the sake of God's gift of life together!

MUSIC God Bless Every Step #19

Refrain
God bless ev'ry step that I am taking
and bless the earth beneath my feet.

Verse
God bless ev'ry step,
God bless the earth.
God bless ev'ry step,
God bless the earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken between petitions:

L: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.