

Creation Sunday



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

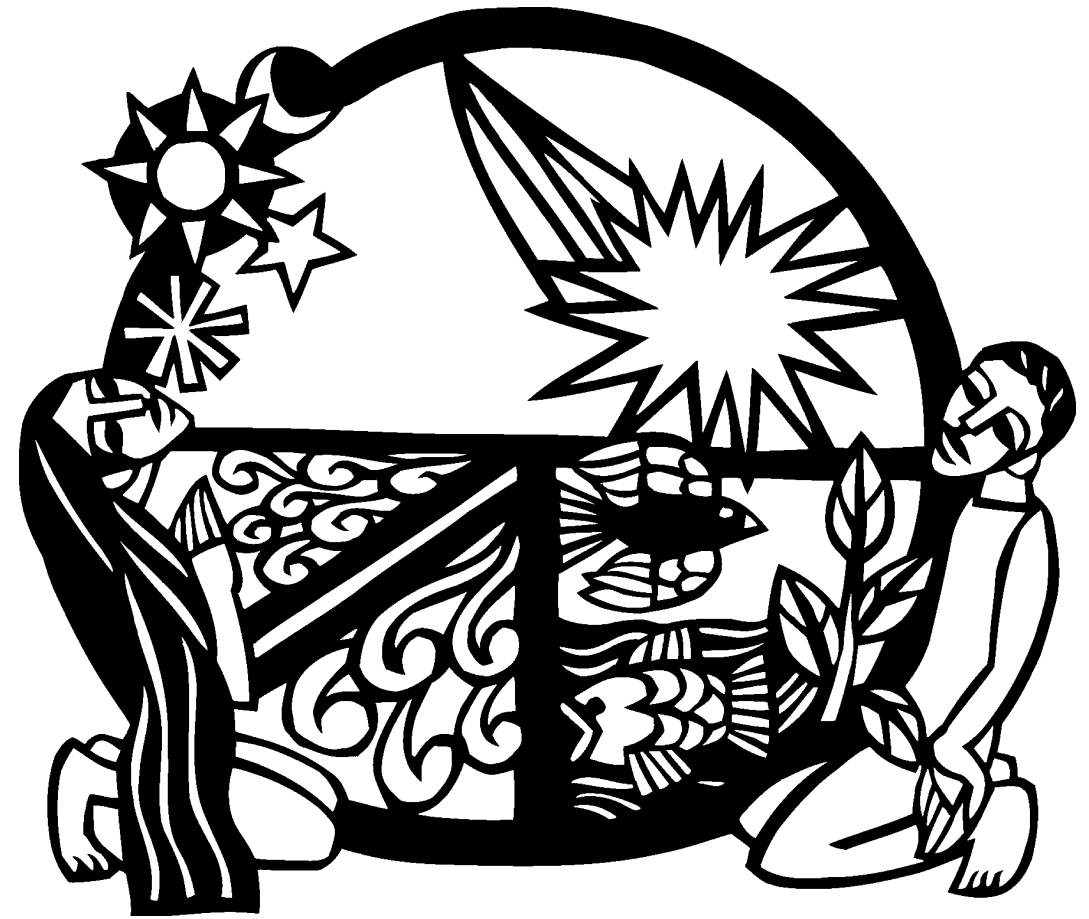
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*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office
(office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.*

*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.*



July 14, 2024
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!** If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so we can further extend a welcome.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

P: Although life 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 repentance and reflection ***

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.

•**Summer of Seminarians** - We're grateful to continue hearing the Good News proclaimed from seminarians/pastors-to-be through Luther Seminary. We look forward to welcoming Rachel Wyffels on July 21st and Katie Weiland on August 11th.

•**Office Updates** - Please note that starting this month, Rachel is onsite as Office Administrator for the following updated office hours: MWTh from 10-3. Please continue to direct any church-related questions to Rachel at office@crossofglory.us or 763-533-8602. We're also excited to share that Gayle Merritt is now assisting with some facilities coordination and administration through the fall. Facilities-related questions and space-sharing inquiries can be directed to Gayle at facilities@crossofglory.us.

• **Saints Game with Wildfire Churches** - Wildfire congregations are joining together for a night of fellowship with the St. Paul Saints on Aug 11. Email office@faithlilacway.org to reserve your ticket today!

• **Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - CAPI's food shelf is open Tuesdays between 1-4 pm, and Wednesdays-Thursdays between 9-12 or 1-4. CEAP hosts Farm Fest Every Wednesday from 3pm-5pm in July and August. BC Farmers Market is 3pm-7pm every Thursday now through October 24th.

•**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.

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson
Fellowship: Dave Hengel and Dan Jacobson
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following today's Blessing of the Gardens!
- Wildfire VBS is this week!** - CoG kids, friends, and neighbors are welcome to join us July 15-18 for VBS at Faith Lilac Way in Robbinsdale. A free meal for families begins at 5:15 pm with kids programming to follow. If you haven't registered, do so today by scanning the link at the Kids Table outside the sanctuary.
- WELCA Summer Service Project** - WELCA is collecting items through today to support MARS Animal Rescue, a local nonprofit that provides support services for animals in need. See the poster by the Welcome Desk for further info.
- Thursday Fellowship and Games THIS WEEK!** - Join us Thursday, July 18th from 1pm-4pm in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fun, food and fellowship.

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear this Good News:
The one who was buried into the heart of the earth and then raised to new life forgives you all your sins. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world.

A: Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

While we sing the next song, you're invited as the Spirit leads you to go to the baptismal font, dip your hand in the living waters, and mark the sign of the cross on your forehead. We give thanks for the gift of baptism, and for the gift of new life that through these waters, God freely and abundantly gives.

MUSIC

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

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 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.

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.

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 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)

Ending

There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.

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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: 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 whom we are related, and for whom we are responsible; 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.

KIDS' MESSAGE

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-11

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just

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)

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

You're invited to face the back doors, through which we're now sent forth, and join hands with neighbors 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

L: Go in peace. Delight in God's creation!
A: We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

BLESSING OF THE GARDEN

Immediately following the service, all are invited to go directly to the Community Gardens (located outdoors at the corner of Admiral & Ewing) for a brief "Blessing of the Gardens" before Fellowship Hour.

**You are giving us our daily bread
 in the song of the bird and the miracle of the corn.
 Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice,
 for burying our dreams; for not sharing bread and wine,
 love and the land, among us, now.
 Don't let us fall into the temptation
 of shutting the door through fear,
 of resigning ourselves to hunger and injustice,
 of taking up the same arms as the enemy.
 But deliver us from evil.
 Give us the perseverance and the solidarity to look for love,
 even if the path has not yet been trodden, even if we fail;
 so we shall have known your Kingdom
 which is being created forever and ever.
 Amen.**

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY SONG

Kids—grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and come to the front to help us sing to all those celebrating a birthday this month!

SENDING BLESSING

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

P: God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer † of all that is living now sends us forth into the world God so loves, to be bound together in its relationships, and to be responsible for its care, that we all may be joined to the living.

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.

as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

“Relationship”

MUSIC

Bind Us Together

Gillman

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord,
 bind us together
 With cords that cannot be broken.
 Bind us together, Lord,
 bind us together,
 Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God,
 There is only one king;
 There is only one body,
 That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

Verse 2

You are God's creation,
 Made by the work of God's hands,
 Joined to all of God's creatures,
 In skies and seas and lands.
(refrain)

Verse 3

Made for the glory of God,
 Loved by God's precious Son;
 Called to life together,
 Which has now begun
(refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-9, 15

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 herb 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 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. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

“Responsibility”

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.

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 for the ways your generous giving empowers us to share God's gift of life together. You may share an offering in the plates as they're passed or scan the QR code above to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!

During the Offering, if you have food to put out on the Garden Harvest Table, you're invited to come forward and place it on the table as part of our offering to God--an offering to share with one another and neighbors in our community.

MUSIC

God Bless Every Step

Cunningham

Part I

God bless ev'ry step,
God bless the earth.
God bless ev'ry step,
God bless the earth (*repeat*)

Part II

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers, kids are invited to come forward to the chalkboards to write and/or draw their prayer.

Leader: God of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Latin American Translation

**A: Our Father and Mother who is in us here on earth,
holy is your name in the hungry who share their bread and their song.
Your Kingdom come, which is a generous land
flowing with milk and honey.
Let us do your will, standing up when all are sitting down,
and raising our voice when all are silent.**