A WEEKLY WORD Renee Noseworthy

Readings for the week of Sept. 13, 2026:

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 98:1-6
1 Corinthians 18-24
John 3:13-17

In the Anglican tradition, this Sunday was known as Holy Cross Sunday. This particular service is always meaningful to me. I think it was perhaps a little more meaningful this year than in years past.

My husband, Bruce, and I recently watched a movie called "Nefarious". Bruce likened this movie to C.S. Lewis' book, "The Screwtape Letters."

I don't want to give too many details away about the movie, just in case any of you choose to watch it.

All I will say is that a heavily demonized character made the statement "The Cross was our biggest mistake." The word "our" was used because the character was tormented by many demons.

The kingdom of darkness shutters at the reality of Jesus' death on the Cross at Calvery. Satan and the demons would have thought they'd won, and all of humanity would be spending eternity in Hell with them.

The Cross wasn't the end of the story though. Three days later, Jesus' victory was revealed when He rose from the dead. In so doing, He paid the penalty for our sins in this present age and for all of eternity. Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, we can have eternal life. If we are willing to receive Him into our lives, we can live with Him in heaven for all of eternity.

That awesome truth is confirmed for us in John 3:16-17, in the words, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.*"

I know that life can be busy, and there are many things that compete for our attention. However, I encourage you to take time to settle the issue of your eternal Salvation. All you

need to pray is “Here I am, Lord Jesus. I know I am a sinner, but thank You for dying for me on the Cross. Please forgive my sins. I want to spend all of eternity with You in heaven.”

There is always room in God’s family for everyone who is willing to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!