

The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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.*



November 10, 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, who calls us to life together. In the presence of God and of one another, let us repent and confess our sins.

***Silence for repentance and reflection ***

P: God of grace,

A: We confess that we have sinned, both in words spoken and left unspoken, in actions done and left undone. We exploit the gifts of the earth for our own convenience. We hoard resources while our neighbors hunger. We are quick to take the best seat at the table, putting our own wants before the needs of others. Free us from our sin, gracious God, and lead us by your love, that we might love our neighbors as you love us. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News: in Jesus Christ † your sins are forgiven. God has prepared a feast, a celebration, a seat at the table for you. Come now and be fed by the gifts of God's grace, forgiveness, and love.

All: Amen!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship! Today's guest preacher, Dan Ruth of Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry, will be available during this time to share further info about LPGM.

•**Stewardship** - Stewardship materials inviting you to reflect on your 2025 financial pledge were recently sent out via mail/email. Please plan to return your completed pledge card--a giving estimate that helps the church faithfully plan our 2025 budget--before or on Sunday, Nov 24. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration!

•**Toys of Joy for CEAP** - Next Sunday is the last day for toy donations that WELCA is collecting to share with children through CEAP this holiday season. More info at the Welcome Desk.

•**WELCA Christmas Luncheon**— Sign ups are now available at the Welcome Desk for the Dec. 7th gathering. See the poster for more details.

•**55+ Fellowship** - The next game day is scheduled for Thurs., 11/21, from 1:15 to 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Treats are provided.

•**Table Talks** - Mark your calendars for Sunday 11/24 at 11 am for Table Talks, our monthly education hour. This month, we welcome Rev. John Anderson from Luther Seminary who will speak about Faith + the Rural Church. In these times when geography so often serves as yet another dividing line, we look forward to exploring ways we can be the church together!

•**Thanksgiving Worship** - Join us Sunday, Nov 24 for a special service of "Psalms and Songs of Thanksgiving" as we give thanks for the abundance of God's gifts all around us.

•**Thanksgiving Pie Delivery** - As we give thanks for the abundance of God's gifts this Thanksgiving season, we invite you to help share pie with those in our community who may particularly enjoy a slice. If you'd like to help with pie delivery on Thanksgiving morning 11/28, or if you'd like to request a piece, call the church office at 763-533-8602 by Nov 20.

•**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.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

You are invited to face the back doors. You may join hands or put your hand on a neighbor as a reminder that we do not go 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. Remember the poor.

A: **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC

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

Leader: In peace, in peace,
Let us pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

Leader: For the reign of God
and for the peace through out
the world, for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord,

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

Kyrie

Leader: For the people here,
who have come to give you praise
for the strength to live your word,
let us pray to the Lord,

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

Leader: Help, save, and
Defend us, O God.

All: Amen,

Haugen

MUSIC

Now the Feast and Celebration

Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life
and love and freedom
Praise and glory forevermore!

Verse 1

Now is the feast of the
Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed
and united us.
To be one great people of God
(refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: May 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... **God of compassion, you tend to the poor, the**

Verse 2

Power and riches,
wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ
Forever. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new. *(Refrain)*

orphan, the foreigner, the widow. Help us to pay attention to those brothers and sisters in our midst, that through them, we might glimpse the abundance of your mercy and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

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| <p>MUSIC</p> <p>Verse 1 We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be. God opened the prison doors. God parted the raging sea. Our God, He holds the victory.</p> <p>Chorus There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today, And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise. There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God is surely in this place, And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.</p> | <p>House of the Lord</p> | <p>Smith/Wickham</p> <p>Verse 2 We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves. We sing to the God who always makes a way. 'Cause He hung upon that cross, Then He rose up from that grave. Our God's still rolling stones away. <i>(Chorus)</i></p> <p>Bridge We were the beggars, Now we're royalty. We were the prisoners, Now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise. <i>(Repeat Bridge)</i></p> |
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Word

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he

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

**LPGM Chapel Talk
 Birthday Song**

SENDING BLESSING

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

P: Comforted and confounded by God's love, in the company of one another and with good courage, let us go forth now to live out the Good News of this love, with the blessing of God † Father, Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit,
A: Amen.

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| MUSIC | Take My Life | #583 |
| <i>**Kids may grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and return to your seats to make some joyful noise as we sing!**</i> | | |

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *(Refrain)*

Verse 2

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use

ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *(Refrain)*

OFFERING

We give thanks for the ways your generous giving empowers us to share God's gift of life together - in our congregation and wider community. You may share an offering in the plates as they're passed or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service #712

Verse 1
Lord, whose love
in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants,
bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

Verse 3
As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth
And greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the
needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Verse 2
Still your children
Wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Spirit open My Heart" Sung between petitions

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.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom

called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Prayer Cadwell

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hate, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
For it's in giving that we receive; it's in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And in dying that we are born to eternal life;
For it's in giving that we receive; it's in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the twelfth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

Rev. Dan Ruth

MUSIC

Open My Eyes

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Verse 1

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Verse 2

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Verse 3

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

Bridge

And the first shall be last,
And our eyes are opened,
And we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
And we'll see God's face
In places we've never known.

Verse 4

I live within you.
Deep in your heart, O love,
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

CONFESSION 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 always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***