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Stewardship Sunday

The Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 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.

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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!
- •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--next Sunday, Nov 24. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration!
- •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 will be provided.
- •Thanksgiving Worship Join us Next 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.
- •Table Talks Our table talks session with Rev. John Anderson from Luther Seminary, on the topic of Faith + the Rural Church, needed to be rescheduled to Feb. Join us instead on Nov 24th after worship for an art talk from Keith Williams and Renee Dahl that shares more about their collaborative piece in our current "Life Together" exhibit!
- •Cookie Plates Mark your calendars for December 15th when our annual cookie plates will be assembled after worship. The fifty year tradition continues for our homebound members, and those who have had a lifealtering event this past year. Get your baking skills brushed up, and join in this amazing ministry of love. If you would like to help with delivery, contact Kris Simon at simonsings@aol.com or 763-442-4680
- •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.



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

Mavis Wold Norma Gilbertson Audrey Swanberg Jeannie Kuzmich Eric Thompson & family Dolores Narey Luella Hinnenkamp The Hengel Family

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.

MUSIC Kyrie Haugen

** 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 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,

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)

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*)

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... Holy Spirit, blow among us today. Open our

hearts to your presence, our hands to your work, and our doors to the stranger. Use our gifts for the sake of your gift of life together. In the name of the living God we pray, Amen.

** Please be seated **	_ (), /	
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SCRIPTURE READING		Acts 16:13-15

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM Come, Ye Thankful People Elvy/Townsend

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home. All the world is God's own field, fruit of His great praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be. Even so, Lord, quickly come, hold Thy final harvest home, Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin. There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide; Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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. Be opened by the Spirit!

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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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**.

MUSIC God's Work, Our Hands

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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!

Verse 1

God's work, our hands:
Working together,
building a future,
repairing the world,
raising up homes,
planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and
shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands
as we work in your name,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

Verse 2

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 3

God's work, our voice:
Singing together,
praising, proclaiming
to all who will hear,
praying for peace,
shouting for justice,
claiming God's love
for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we
speak in your name,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

Verse 4

God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

** Please stand as you are able **

P: The Gospel according to Mark the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Leader: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC

Restless Weaver

Verse 1

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom, Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home. Gathering up life's varied fibers—every texture, every hue. Grant us your creative vision, with us weave your world anew.

Verse 2

Where earth's fragile web is raveling, help us mend each broken strand.
Bless our urgent bold endeavors, cleaning water, air, and land.
Through the Spirit's inspiration, offering health where once was pain,
Strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.

^{**} Please be seated **

Verse 3

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn, From compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn. Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage God to dare Live our dreams of transformation, make our lives incarnate prayer.

Verse 4

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life now and yet to be, Binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry. You have called us to be weavers; let your let love guide all we do. With your reign of peace our pattern, we will weave your world anew.

Apostles Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH

** 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.

Verse 4

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

MUSIC

Talents and Tongues Employ

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Verse 1

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Verse 2

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of power, God of plenty, at this table, we have feasted on your abundance and celebrated the gift of life. Send us forth now to share these gifts at the tables of our own lives, that all may be fed. **All: Amen.**

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

^{**} Please be seated **

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 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 THE TABLE

L: The feast is ready. Come, eat, and live.

HOLY COMMUNION

**If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread (gluten-free option available), and then wine (grape juice option available). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and they will be glad to bring it to you. **

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

All: Amen.

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken MUSIC

Verse 1

Loaves were broken. words were spoken by the Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured. Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Verse 2

Loaves were broken, words were spoken

in a quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. Refrain

Verse 3

Loaves are broken. words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" Refrain

OFFERING

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MUSIC Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Verse 1

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh. whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory. for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

Verse 2

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Verse 3

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain. quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Spirit open My Heart" Sung between petitions - accompanied by guitar Spirit, open my heart, In receiving and in giving. To the joy and pain of living. Spirit, open my heart. As you love may I love,

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.

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