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- _____ I will pick up my poinsettia after 4pm service on Christmas Eve.
- _____ I will pick up my poinsettia after service on December 29th.
- _____ Please adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season.



Prayers, Songs and Psalms of Thanksgiving



November 24, 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!
- Stewardship** - Thank you for your 2025 pledges! If you didn't bring your pledge card today/haven't submitted it yet, please plan to do so ASAP, as these giving estimates help our church's leaders faithfully plan our budget for the year ahead. Thank you!
- Table Talks** - Join us TODAY 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!
- Thanksgiving Pie Delivery** - We look forward to sharing in the abundance of good pie and good company again this Thanksgiving. If you'd like to receive or deliver pie this Thanksgiving but haven't yet RSVPd, please let the office know ASAP!
- Kids & Families** - Join us next week 12/1 for First Sundays, when kids are invited into a time of "Godly Play"--a time of imaginative biblical storytelling during a portion of worship. And join us Wed 12/4 for First Wednesday activities. Games begin at 5 pm, a community meal (at which all are welcome!) starts at 5:30, activities for kids start at 6, and confirmation is at 7 pm. Reach out to Chellie Sebald or Kris Simon with questions.
- Holiday Decorating**—join the WMA team as they decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season on 11/30 from 9am-11am. Reach out to Julie Aulwes at alwaysdesign@juno.com to participate.
- Christmas Garden** - The Worship, Music and Arts Committee invites you to honor loved ones and adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas service with poinsettias (\$16/1 plant or \$30/2). Please make checks payable to Cross of Glory and note "Christmas garden" on the memo line. You can also make a payment online via the church website. All order forms and payments are due to the office by Dec 8.
- Cookie Plates** - Mark your calendars for 12/15 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 life-altering event this past year. Brush up on your baking skills and join in this amazing ministry of love.
- Carol Sing-Along** - Stick around after worship on Dec 22nd...as part of our coffee fellowship hour that day, our worship staff will lead us in a Christmas carol sing-along.

MUSIC CREDITS

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

*Mavis Wold
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Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Eric Thompson & family
Dolores Narey
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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.*

MUSIC

Praise and Thanksgiving

#689

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

Verse 1

Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
you have made good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Verse 3

Father, providing
food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding

teach us to share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing with us,
all others may know your care.

Verse 4

Then will your blessing
reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing
your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning,
no one will hunger;
your love sustaining
showers the land.

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... Almighty God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all, we bless you for your immeasurable love. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service, and by living in your gifts of holiness and justice all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC**Give Thanks to God****McKinlay/Crockett****Verse 1**

God sent His Son to die
and rise again to save us.
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
God's broken our chains
and given us freedom.
Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Verse 2

In God we are alive.
and have joy everlasting
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
God casts out all fear
and fills us with courage.
Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Verse 3

When storms come and rage
God's peace overwhelms us.
God's never ending love
is steadfast and sure.
The Lord is our refuge
when trouble surrounds us.
Give thanks to God, for God is good.
Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Tag

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

Ending

Always good,
Always good to us.

*Word***SCRIPTURE READING****Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is God who made us, and we are God's people;
the sheep of his pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper your work
and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty
can do if with his love
he befriend you.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is
in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his
people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

SENDING BLESSING

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

P: May the God of all creation fill our mouths with praise
and our hearts with thanksgiving, that with joyful hearts
we would generously share God's abundance, in the name of Jesus
Christ, the Source of our gratitude.

A: Amen.

MUSIC**Prayer of Good Courage****Gustavson**

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!

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.

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.

Give us good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*

DISMISSAL

L: Go forth in praise and thanksgiving, for God goes with you.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Anglican Book of Common Prayer, New Zealand

P: Joined together in gratitude, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, as translated by the Anglican Book of Prayer:

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope,
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever.
Amen.**

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **#858**

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple
draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er
All things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is
needful has been sent by his
gracious ordaining?

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing Jubilate Deo

Estes

*Sing Jubilate Deo, come and rejoice with gladness.
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and sing with a joyful song!
Oh how can my heart keep silent when there is music in my soul?
We will rejoice and let praises flow.
We have a vision; we have a dream.
We have a common goal.
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and rejoice with gladness.
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and sing with a joyful song!
Sing Jubilate Deo!*

PRAYER

Richardson, adapted

P: O God, may our table be wide,
All: And may our welcome be wide.
May your arms open wide to gather us in
And may our hearts open wide to receive.
May we come as children who trust there is enough.
May we come unhindered and free.
May our aching be met with bread.
And our sorrow met with wine.
So that we would open our hands to the feast without shame.
And turn toward each other without fear.
And give up our appetite for despair.
And taste and know of delight.
And become bread for a hungry world.
And become drink for those who thirst.
So that the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere there will be a feast. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

O Lord, our God,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.
 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
 O Lord, our God,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

MUSIC For the Fruit of All Creation #679

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 Now Thank We All Our God #840

<p>Verse 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.</p> <p>Verse 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,</p>	<p>and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.</p> <p>Verse 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.</p>
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BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spirit open My Heart is sung between petitions

<p>Spirit, open my heart, To the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love,</p>	<p>In receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.</p>
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***During the last petition of the prayers, you will be invited during a time of silence and reflection to write and pray your own prayer of gratitude, either in the space provided in the bulletin or in your heart...*

Prayer of thanksgiving:

Chorus
Thank you,
Thank you, dear Lord.
Thank you
from the bottom of my heart.

Verse 2
At the cross you gave
your life for me
As a gift of your great love.
It was the gift of
everlasting life from above.

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.

*** Please be seated ***

I can boldly come
before your throne
Through your love and suffering.
I'm going to shout it
to the heavens,
I've been redeemed (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending

Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.

Apostles Creed

PRAYER

Martin Luther, ref. Psalm 145

**All: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord,
and You give them their food in due season;
You open Your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Lord God, heavenly Father,
bless us and these Your gifts
which we receive from Your bountiful goodness,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 136, adapted

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
who alone does great wonders,
who by understanding made the heavens,
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who made the great lights,
the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
and brought Israel out from among them,
with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
who divided the Red Sea in two,
and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
who led his people through the wilderness,
who struck down great kings,
and killed famous kings,
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan,
and gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to his servant Israel,

It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
and rescued us from our foes,
who gives food to all flesh,
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Forever

Tomlin

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God,
We will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

Howard Thurman, adapted

All: In Your presence, O God, we make our sacrament of thanksgiving.

Leader: We begin with the simple things of our days:
Fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, the taste of food, the protection
of houses and clothes, the comforts of home.

A: For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day!

L: We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known:
Our mothers' and fathers' arms, the playmates of our childhood,

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Thank You

(Witt)

Verse 1

Lord, you took me into your arms.
You have shown me truest love.
You have given me such mercy
I'm not worthy of.

Lord your mercy everlasting
I could never understand,
For all the love and
grace you've shown
I just want to say that I

