

around the world, kid's activities, a community resource fair, and interactive educational displays, as we give thanks for the gift of our refugee neighbors here in the Twin Cities!

•**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
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger*

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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.

Holy Trinity Sunday



May 26, 2024

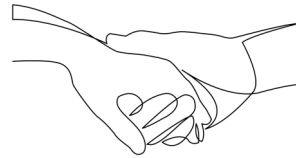
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in the abundance of God's grace, let us take a moment of silence to repent of our sins--individual and collective, known and unknown, of things done and left undone....

***Silence for repentance and reflection ***

P: God of abundance,

A: We struggle to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

**We disentangle ourselves from the lives of others,
and from the life that swarms in the sky, seas, and soil,
and in doing so, from the very life of you.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

Fill us with your grace

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship! Council will have its monthly meeting after fellowship time.

•**Table Talks TODAY** - This month, the topic is Faith + Borders, which will delve deeper into the Pentecost story from Acts to explore what it means as a person of faith to live in a world structured by borders of all kinds. Join us at 11 am in the southernmost classroom of the upstairs education wing. Contact Gordy Johnsrud if you have any questions

•**Campaign Update**—We are thrilled to share that we have met our fundraising goal! Thank you to all of you who have donated to the Embodying God's Hospitality campaign. Your generous gifts will help ensure that our facilities reflect our call to "Embody God's Hospitality" as we share life together. The Bethel lift has been repaired and updated, and the automatic door openers are scheduled to be installed June 10th. Mark your calendars and join us June 16th to celebrate!

•**Art Gallery** - We're excited to feature a new art exhibit in the CoG gallery with paintings from local artist Kathryn Swan, former student of Keith Williams. These abstract interpretations of trees and landscapes explore our connectedness with God's creation and our own spiritual journeys in life together.

•**Gardening at COG** - From the garden beds out back to the courtyard, there are a variety of ways to take part in doing the holy work of tending God's creation at CoG. If you're interested in lending a hand with any gardening projects, let Isak Tranvik know.

•**CAPI Food Shelf** - CAPI is in need of hands to help in their food shelf. If you're able to be on site Tues between 1-4 pm, or Wed and Thurs between 9-12 or 1-4 to bag groceries, help neighbors shop and unload at their cars, or help unload food shipments and restock shelves, contact Alexi Kleinschmidt at 651-472-6610 or email: volunteer@capiusa.org.

•**World Refugee Day** - Mark your calendars for Sat, June 22 from 12-5 at Centennial Park, a day of live entertainment, food and vendors from

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please stand as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You may join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor 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 BLESSING

L: The Triune God is here. Go in peace.
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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P: Beloveds of God:

In God, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By God, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through God, † the bread of life, you are given the gift of mercy--
forgiven and loved again into abundant life.

A: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

This I Believe (The Creed)

Fielding/Crocker

Verse 1

Our Father, everlasting,
The all creating One,
God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus, our Savior,

Chorus 1

I believe in God, our Father.
I believe in Christ, the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high. (*Chorus 1*)

Bridge

I believe in You.
I believe You rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.
(Repeat)
(*Chorus 1*)

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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...

All: God, the Holy Trinity, you are love. Invite us into your dance, that we might love the world as you so love it. In the name of the Holy Trinity: Father + Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Word

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

How Great is Our God

Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

Verse 1

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

God wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at God's voice,
And trembles at God's voice.

SENDING BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and, journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

A: Amen.

MUSIC

Lord of the Dance

Carter

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back, return to your seats, and make some joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all
Wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all
In the dance, said he.

Verse 2

I danced for the scribe
And the Pharisee,
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
For James and John;
They came with me
And the dance went on. (Refrain)

Verse 3

I danced on the sabbath
when I cured the lame,
The holy people
said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me high;
And they left Me there
On a cross to die. (Refrain)

Verse 4

I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance
With the devil on your back;
They buried My body
And they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance
And I still go on. (Refrain)

Verse 5

I spun around
And I leapt up high,
I am the life
That'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
If you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord
Of the Dance, said He. (Refrain)

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and
evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness

thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

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 mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

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 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

Chorus

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

Verse 2

And age to age God stands,
And time is in God's hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing
How great is our God. *(Repeat)*
(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

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

P: The Gospel according to John the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘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.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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Verse 1

Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.

Verse 2

Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the
dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.

Verse 3

Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!

Verse 4

Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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 ***

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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
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