

Sundays of the month come up. We love to shape the service according to the congregation's own hymn and song requests. Send the office a favorite song or two of yours by June 20 and we'll do our best to include them!

•**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 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!

•**Wildfire VBS** - CoG kids and families, mark your calendars for the evenings of July 15-18 when we'll be joining together with other Wildfire churches for VBS at Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale. There will be a free meal for families that begins at 5 pm, and then kids programming to follow.

•**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.

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



June 16, 2024

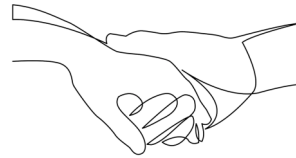
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

•**Campaign Update** –Thank you once again to all of you who donated to the Embodying God's Hospitality campaign. We raised \$20,890, which is \$5,890 over our \$15,000 goal! This overage allowed us to also install automatic door openers on the restroom doors near the Fellowship Hall. Door openers have been installed; however we're waiting to finalize some electrical updates needed to make them fully functional. Final updates will be made in the coming days. Please join us immediately after worship today for a project blessing and cake.

•**New church directory & giving app is now live** - CoG has recently transitioned into a new data-keeping system called ICON that allows members to access contact info, view the church's directory, and access giving records directly from your phone, tablet, or any device! This app is a great way for us to be good stewards of both the earth and our budget. For info on how to get ICON set up, see the email Rachel sent on May 30th or reach out to the office for assistance.

•**Art Gallery Talk**– We invite you to come and meet the gallery artist, Kathy Swan. She and Keith Williams will be presenting a brief gallery talk after worship on June 30th.

•**55+ FELLOWSHIP this Thursday**- Game day will meet Thursday, June 20th at 1pm. Come and enjoy some fellowship snacks and games.

•**Bible Study this Week** - While weekly Bible Study is taking our annual summer break until the fall, we are gathering once in June and once in July to check in with each other and explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Mark your calendars for this Tuesday, June 18 and July 9 at 9:30.

• **Wildfire Shindig** - All Wildfire churches are gathering for food, fellowship, and fun on Wed, June 19 from 5:30-8 pm at House of Hope Lutheran in New Hope. This outdoor event will include live music, a pig roast, games and raffles, and more. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased at CoG anytime between now and June 19. All proceeds support kids in the Robbinsdale School District through Every Meal. Reach out to the office for more info.

•**5th Sunday Song Requests** - On Sunday, June 30th, we'll have a service of music, poetry, and scripture readings, as is our tradition when 5th

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Guest Preacher: Rosalie Brunner

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Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Johnetta

Freeman, Erik Haugland

Guitar: Josh Smith

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn

Bailey, Bill Bailey

Greeters: Steve Ferley and Angela Dahl

Reader: Steve Ferley

Communion: Gayle Merritt, Jeffline

Tolbert, Linda Knudsen

Ushers: Steve Ferley, Don Halverson,

Josh Day, Cheryl Anderson

Fellowship: Gordy and Maggie Johnsrud

and Judy Olson

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



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
Dolores Narey*

*Julie Aulwes
Luella Hinnenkamp
John Rowley*

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.

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

All Are Welcome

#641

Verse 1

Let us build a house
where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints
and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams
and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love
of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 4

Let us build a house
where hands will reach

beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen,
serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and
danger: *Refrain*

Verse 5

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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... **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MUSIC**For the Fruit of All Creation****#679****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.

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.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

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.

*Word***FIRST READING****Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

Verse 2

It all comes down to this,
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven. *(Repeat)*

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith, just like a seed,
The only way it grows. *(Chorus)*

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

L: Go in peace. Live as mustard seeds!
A: **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Verse 1

As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation
shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

MUSIC

Verse

I want to be unmovable
and unshakeable.
So, let my roots go down deep;
Unmovable and unshakeable
in You. *(Repeat)*

Tree

Chorus

And I, I want to be like a tree
Planted by the streams
of living water.
(Repeat)

Rizzo

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: At your table, O Jesus, we have feasted on the gifts of your grace
and love. As you've nourished us in this meal, now empower us to go
forth from it to love the world as you do.

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin

*** 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

It all comes down to this,
What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things.

Chorus

Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God.

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM I Will Sing of My Redeemer Hustad

*I will sing of My Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.
I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy He the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.*

*I will sing of my redeemer and His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.
Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.
Free! Free! Free! Free! Paid the debt and made me free.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

Rosalie Brunner

Table

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

***If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and wine from the second server (grape juice option available). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd 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.

MUSIC

As the Grains of Wheat

#465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;

so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

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

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"May this Church be Like a Tree"

Pablo de Sosa

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.

MUSIC

God of the Fertile Fields

#1063

Verse 1

God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.

Verse 3

As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.

Verse 4

God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who
died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

Apostles Creed

**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.**