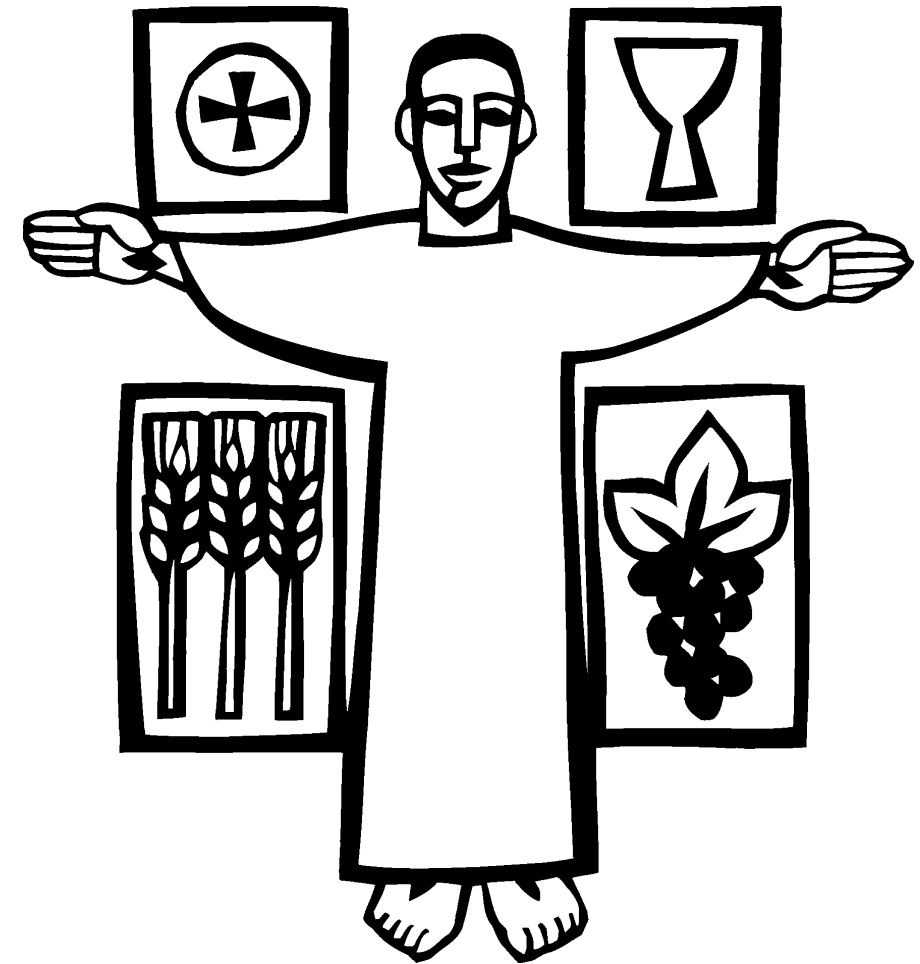


## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!
- Welcoming Pastor Peter Samuelson** - We're grateful for Pastor Peter's presence at CoG during Pastor Ali's maternity leave. This part-time role will help oversee the areas of worship, pastoral leadership, and pastoral care. Pastor Peter will have office hours onsite on Wednesdays 9-1, and will be available to meet by appointment. Reach out to the office to connect!
- Garden Harvest Table** - Food grown in CoG's community gardens is now being shared at our Garden Harvest Table, located by the Welcome Desk. Each Sunday through the rest of the growing season, help yourself to some produce, and/or bring some food from your gardens to share!
- **Kids!! Next Sunday (August 25th)**—bring your backpacks to church! We will have a special blessing for you and your backpack to make sure you are all ready to begin the school year filled with the Holy Spirit!
- **Fresh Food in the Neighborhood**- CAPI's food shelf is open Tuesdays between 1-4 pm, and Wednesdays-Thursdays between 9-12 or 1-4. CEAP hosts Farm Fest Every Wednesday from 3pm-5pm in July and August. BC Farmers Market is 3pm-7pm every Thursday now through October 24th.
- **Art Gallery** - This next month, we're looking forward to featuring art from YOU! This past spring, you were invited to share photos and drawings of "life together." We're excited to display these images in our gallery as we continue to live into God's call. NOTE: If you submitted any photos or artwork that you wish \*not\* to include as part of the exhibit, let Rachel in the office know ASAP.
- 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 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



**August 18, 2024**

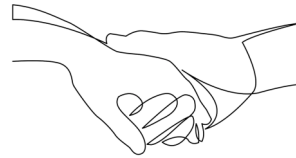
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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, 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.**



**God's work. Our hands.**



September 8, 2024

## God's Work our Hands Sunday - Sunday, Sept 8

God's Work Our Hands is just around the corner! This is a chance to lift up and give thanks for the many hands that come together to do God's work at Cross of Glory, in the Brooklyn Center community, and beyond. Worship will include many hands and voices (if you are open to sharing yours, sign up at the Welcome Desk!). After worship, there will be potluck brunch (sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling the church office, and bring a dish to share!). Sign-ups will be posted. There will also be a God's Work Our Hands table, where you can learn about the various ministries at COG and how you can get involved. Reach out to the Worship, Music, Arts Team with any questions or for more info!



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  
John Rowley  
Lois Tollefsrud*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office  
([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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: Beloved 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.**

## MUSIC

## God Is Here!

#526

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

### Verse 1

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

### Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

### Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## 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... **Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 34:9-14**

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.  
Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?  
Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**#881**

**Verse 1**

Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the  
end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel  
from light into light.

**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. Abide in Christ and serve the Lord!

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**MUSIC CREDITS**

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING BLESSING

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

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

**A: Amen.**

### MUSIC

Forever

Tomlin

*\*\*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

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 OF GOOD COURAGE

*\*\*You are invited to face the back doors. 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,**

### Verse 2

God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean  
proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest,  
hosanna and praise!"

### GOSPEL READING

**John 6:51-58**

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

P: The Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

### SERMON

**MUSIC**      **My Life Flows on in Endless Song**      **#763**

**Verse 1**

My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet,  
though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

**Refrain**

No storm can shake  
my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord  
of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

**Verse 2**

Through all the tumult  
and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?  
*(Refrain)*

**Verse 4**

The peace of Christ  
makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
*(Refrain)*

**CONFESSIO 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.**

**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**

**Remembrance**

**Maher/ Redman**

**Verse 1**

Oh, how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery,  
Say, "Take this bread,  
take this wine?"  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive.

**Pre-Chorus**

By Your mercy  
we come to Your table.  
By Your grace  
You are making us faithful.

**Chorus**

Lord, we remember You,  
And remembrance  
leads us to worship.  
And as we worship You,  
Our worship leads to communion.

We respond to Your invitation.  
We remember You.

**Verse 2**

See his body, his blood;  
Know that he has overcome  
Ev'ry trial we will face.  
And none too lost to be saved,  
None too broken or ashamed.  
All are welcome in this place.  
*(Choruses)*

**Bridge**

Dying, You destroyed our death.  
Rising You restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.  
*(Chorus)*

**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.**



**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**

**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

**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.  
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.

**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.**