

# The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



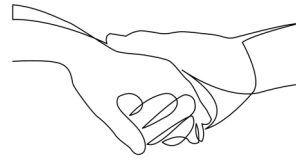
**August 25, 2024**  
*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church*  
*Brooklyn Center, MN*



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 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 are 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!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!
- Pastor Peter Samuelson** - Pastor Peter will have office hours on Wednesdays 9-1, and will be available to meet by appointment. Reach out to the office to connect!
- God's Work, Our Hands** - Feel free to sign up at the Welcome Desk to participate in the GWOH service Sunday, Sept 8th. Also, please sign up to bring a dish to share to the potluck following the Sept 8th service.
- Bible Study** - The CoG Bible Study will meet with Pastor Peter in September and October. We'll explore the texts assigned for the upcoming Sunday, and will gather on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am, both onsite and online via Zoom.
- 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 own gardens to share!
- **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 from this past Spring! We'll be displaying the photos you shared of "life together" in the world around you, as well as the images our kids drew of "life together." NOTE: If you submitted any photos or artwork that you wish to \*not include\* as part of the exhibit, please 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.

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.**

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

### MUSIC

#### **Verse 1**

Come let us go  
to the house of the Lord,  
The Kingdom of God  
And humanity.

A place for all races,  
A place where Your graces  
dwell in our hearts,  
In the works of our hands.

#### **Chorus**

Come again.  
Feed Your lambs.  
We are Your hands.

#### **Verse 2**

And now we see as in a mirror  
Reflections of You,

### 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...

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

### Maranatha

of what is to come.  
A glorious cloud,  
A beauty profound in the widow,  
The orphan, the lame  
and the poor (*Chorus 2x*)

#### **Bridge**

We are a broken world, oh Lord,  
Not worthy for the call to love.  
We're healed by grace  
through faith in You,  
A people truly set apart.  
We are a broken world, oh Lord,  
Not worthy to be set apart.  
We die unto our selfish ways  
And go unto Your sacred heart .  
(*Chorus 2x*)

### Maher

## MUSIC

## Called Me Higher

Jordan

### Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit  
 And wait for all Your goodness,  
 Hope to feel Your presence.  
 And I could just stay,  
 I could just stay  
 Right where I am and  
 hope to feel You,  
 Hope to feel something again.

### Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on  
 To who I am and never let You  
 Change me from the inside,  
 I could be safe, I could be safe  
 Here in Your arms and  
 never leave home,  
 Never let these walls down.

### Chorus 1

You have called me higher,  
 You have called me deeper,  
 And I'll go where  
 You will lead me, Lord.  
 You have called me higher,  
 You have called me deeper  
 And I'll go where  
 You will lead me, Lord,  
 Where You lead me,  
 Where You lead me, Lord.

### Bridge

I will be Yours,  
 I will be Yours for all my life. *(repeat x3)*

### Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me higher,  
 You have called me deeper  
 And I'll go where  
 You will lead me, Lord.  
 You have called me higher,  
 You have called me deeper  
 And I'll go where  
 You will lead me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

### Ending

Where You lead me,  
 Where You lead me, Lord,  
 Where You lead me,  
 Where You lead me, Lord.

## Word

## FIRST READING

## Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
 and his ears are open to their cry.  
 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,  
 to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.  
 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,

## POSTLUDE

### MUSIC CREDITS

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

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 Audrey Swanberg  
 Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Eric Thompson & family  
 Dick Mero  
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*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.*

**Verse 2**

Come all you sinners,  
 Come find God's mercy.  
 Come to the table, God will satisfy.  
 Taste of God's goodness,  
 Find what you're looking for.

**Chorus 1**

For God so loved  
 the world that He gave us  
 His one and only Son to save us.  
 Whoever believes in Him  
 will live forever.

**Verse 3**

Bring all your failures,  
 Bring your addictions.  
 Come lay them down  
 at the foot of the cross.  
 Jesus is waiting there  
 With open arms.

**Chorus 2**

For God so loved  
 the world that He gave us  
 His one and only Son to save us.  
 Whoever believes in Him  
 will live forever.  
 The power of hell forever defeated.  
 Now it is well.  
 I'm walking in freedom.  
 For God so loved,  
 God so loved the world.

**Verse 4**

Bring all your failures.  
 Bring your addictions.  
 Come lay them down  
 at the foot of the cross.  
 Jesus is waiting.  
 God so loved the world.

**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,  
 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, eat of the bread of life!  
 A: We will! Thanks be to God.

and rescues them from all their troubles.  
 The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,  
 and saves the crushed in spirit.  
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
 but the Lord rescues them from them all.  
 He keeps all their bones;  
 not one of them will be broken.  
 Evil brings death to the wicked,  
 and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
 none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****Ephesians 6:10-20**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Kim Jacobson and Kris Simon**

## GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

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

P: The Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

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

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.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

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

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

## SERMON

Rev. David Folkerts

### MUSIC

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Robinson, Farren,  
Thompson

#### Verse 1

What gift of grace  
is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more  
for heaven now to give.

He is my joy,  
my righteousness  
and freedom,  
My steadfast love,  
my deep and boundless peace.

## 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

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

### 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

God So Loved

Cash/Bergthold

*\*\*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

Come all you weary,  
Come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well

that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water.  
Come and thirst no more.

**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

#### We Are An Offering

#### **Chorus 1**

We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You,  
We are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices,  
Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours,  
We are an offering. *(Repeat)*

#### **Bridge**

All that we have,  
All that we are,  
All that we hope to be,

We give to You,  
We give to You.

#### **Chorus 2**

We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You,  
We are an offering.  
We are an offering.

### Liles

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh, how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

#### **Verse 3**

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure  
the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled  
and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised  
to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold:  
my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released.  
I can sing I am free.  
Yet not I but through  
Christ in me

#### **Verse 4**

With every breath  
I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said  
that he will bring me home.  
And day by day  
I know he will renew me  
Until I stand  
With joy before the throne.  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

#### **Ending**

When the race is complete  
still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### CONFESSIO 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.**

### Apostles Creed