



W/ELCA Board Meeting

August 2024 W/ELCA Board
The Board met Tuesday, 8/27/2024 at
1:00 pm.

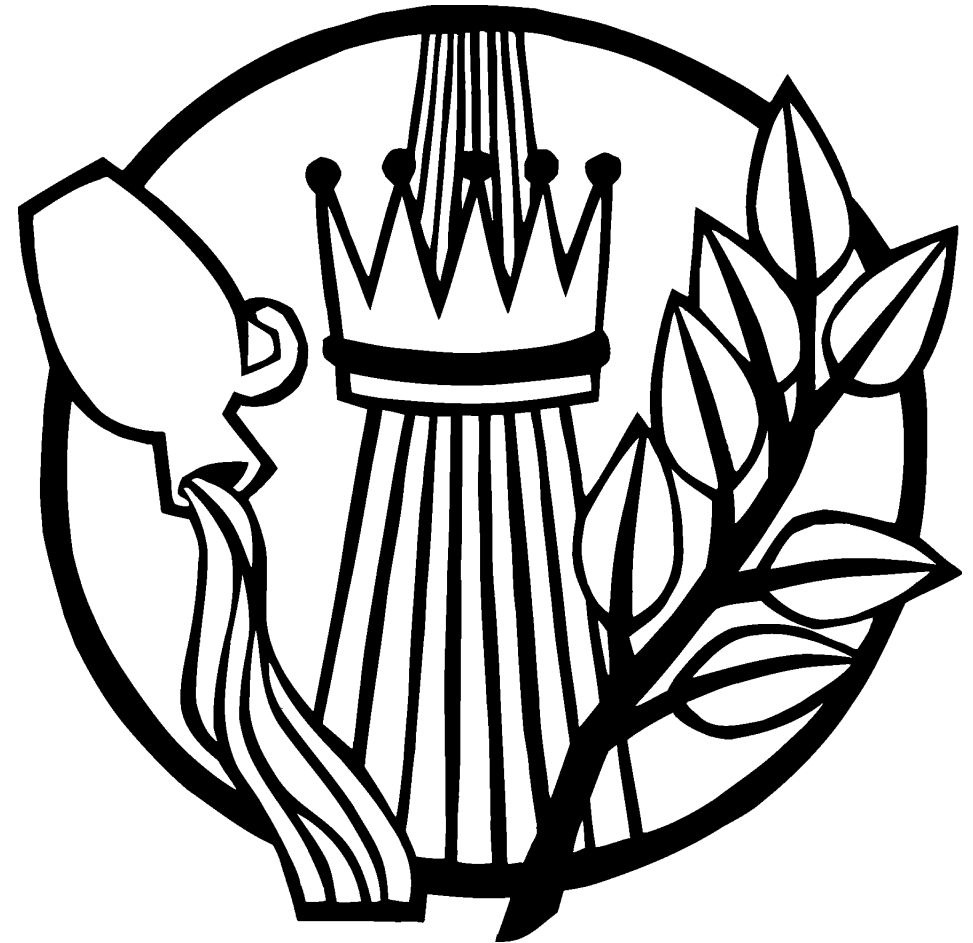
Attendees: Carol Stejskal; Cheryl
Anderson; Linnea Ulrich; Barb
Thomson; Jackie Fryling.

Our meeting opened with Linnea sharing a devotion.
The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's Report were accepted. (No
new activity; balance remains at \$1,901.21 as of 8/11/24.)
We chose C.E.A.P. for our Fall/Winter Service Project. We'll collect
Christmas/Holiday gifts for children ages infant thru 18 yrs. old. A poster
will be set up by the Welcome Center on 10/6. It will have a list of item
suggestions. Barb will check with C.E.A.P. for a list, but we have info from
previous toy drives. This collection will run from 10/13 to 11/17.
WELCA's annual Christmas Gathering is set for Sat; 12/7/2024. Carol
Knutson will cater, and Allen and Katherine Mahnke will entertain us.
Additional info will be determined at our October meeting.
MARS sent a sincere thank you note for the wonderful support of their
cause.
Carol referenced info re: WELCA Mpls Synod conference. This info can
be found on a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, and in future mini-
Happenings, and the Glory Banner.
Our next meeting is Tues: 9/24 at 1 pm. Cheryl will give devotions.
We closed at 2:10 pm, joining in The Lord's Prayer.
Linnea Ulrich
Secretary

Something to ponder:

Thoughtfulness is to friendship as sunshine is to a garden.

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 15, 2024

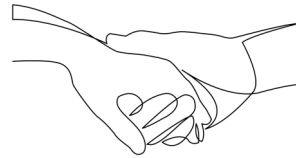
***Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN***



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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Handbells

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!

Women of the ELCA Happenings

Save the date:
**December 7, 2024 is the
WELCA Christmas
luncheon.**

**Circle Gather Bible Study
will meet**

Wednesday

September 18th at 1pm

Bring your own drink, snack and a friend. All women are welcome. Copies of the Bible

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The WELCA Mpls. Synod conference is happening on 11/2/24 at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, 5760 Portland Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417. The September Glory Banner and a Welcome Center Poster will provide complete details. (Website: mplswomenofelca.org)

**Fall 2024 "Receiving grace:
A study of Ephesians" by the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp**

Session one: Is grace real?

We often focus on how we fall short and deserve God's judgment. What if, instead, we remember God's continual gift of grace? God invites us to lead lives of love and wholeness. What is grace, exactly? Grace does not take away the sin and suffering of this life. Yet grace offers us a way to live from love despite hardship.

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Session two: Grace-filled living—ancient and new

What did the writer of Ephesians imagine grace would look like in Christian life and relationships? How can we live from grace in our own time, reading this letter through our cultural lenses and experiences?

•**Garden Harvest Table** - Food grown in CoG's community gardens, and your gardens, is being shared at our Garden Harvest Table, located by the Welcome Desk

•**Our annual Fall Work Day** will be on Saturday, Oct 12 from 9:00 AM - Noon. There will be lots to do – leaf removal, garden shutdown, brush/ tree trimming, etc. Donuts will be served

• **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. BC Farmers Market is 3pm-7pm every Thursday now through October 24th.

•**Art Gallery** - Celebrating Life Together! The art and photos are hung and beautiful! Make sure to stop by and take a look. A special thanks to Keith Williams and Renee Dahl for the beautiful mixed media confirmation project titled "The Last Supper."

•**Bishop's Installation** - All are welcome to the installation of Rev. Jen Nagel as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod on Sat, Sept 21 at 10:30 am at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. Visit <https://mpls-synod.org/> for more info.

•**Pastoral Care & Visitation** - If you're in need of care, prayer, or

MUSIC

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

Leader: In peace, in peace,
Let us pray to the Lord

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

Leader: For the reign of God
and for the peace through out
the world, for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord,

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

MUSIC

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life
and love and freedom
Praise and glory forevermore!

Verse 1

Now is the feast of the
Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed
and untied us.
To be one great people of God
(refrain)

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... **O God, through suffering and rejection you**

Kyrie

Leader: For the people here,
who have come to give you praise
for the strength to live your word,
let us pray to the Lord,

**All: Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have Mercy**

Leader: Help, save, comfort and
Defend us gracious Lord

Haugen

Now the Feast and Celebration

Haugen

Verse 2

Power and riches
wisdom and might
All honor and glory to Christ
Forever *(refrain)*

Verse 3

For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new. *(refrain)*

bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!
- Song Requests Wanted** - The last Sunday of this month is a 5th Sunday. Let us know your favorite hymns and worship songs by Sunday, Sept 22nd, and we'll craft the service around them. Submit requests to the office (763-533-8602 or office@crossofglory.us), or to Mark (MLTrease@comcast.net).
- God's Work our Hands Form** - If you didn't have the chance to fill out a "Our Hands" form on Sept 8, we invite you to fill out the enclosed insert and prayerfully reflect on ways you might share your gifts for the sake of God's work here at Cross of Glory this coming year! Reach out to the Worship, Music, Arts team with any questions.
- Table Talks**— Join us next Sunday (September 22nd) as Rev. Dale Peterson, the chaplain at Mt. Olivet Homes will address/lead our Table Talk. The topic: Faith + end of life care. Dale has been a guest preacher at CoG in the past and is looking forward to being with us again.
- Bethel Room**—During the week of Sept 23, we will be working on the Bethel room floor. This includes moving furniture and other items, mopping, and waxing the floor. We need several hands to help get this work done. If you can help at any time on any day during that week, please contact Gayle at 612-850-4928 or Dan A at 763-645-2261. Treats will be available for helpers!
- 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!
- Game Day** - The next game day is scheduled for Thursday September 19, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Treats will be provided.
- Weekly Bible Study** - Bible study will meet Wednesdays, at 9:30 am, in September and October, both onsite and online via Zoom. We'll explore the texts assigned for the upcoming Sunday.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Interim Pastor: Rev. Peter Samuelson
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Erik Haugland, Kim Jacobson, Laura McClanahan
Guitar: Josh Smith, Steve Sebald
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, Bill Bailey

Greeters: Angie Dahl, Marie King
Reader: Abby Kelley
Communion: Linda Knudsen, Gayle Merritt, Sharon Quick
Prayers of the people: Mike McClanahan
Ushers: Steve Ferley, Jeffline Tolbert, Don Halverson, Josh Day
Fellowship: Gordy and Maggie Johnsrud
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*

*Dolores Narey
John Rowley
Lois Tollefsrud
Friends and family of Dick Mero*

*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.

CHOIR ANTHEM Praise the Lamb, Who Is Lord

*Praise to the Lamb, who is Lord, O praise it you servants of the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise be the Lamb out of Zion who lives in all our hearts, our hearts.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
O give thanks unto the Lamb, for Christ is gracious and His mercy enduring forever. Alleluia, Alleluia.
O give thanks unto our God, the Lamb. The Lord's mercy enduring, enduring forever. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the eighth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798

Verse 1

"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"

Verse 4

"Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch
and sound
in you and you in me?"

Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and
footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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,**

Chorus

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,
And I will bow down before Him,
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy.
And I will love and adore Him,

And I will bow down before Him.
You're my Prince of Peace,
And I will live my life for You.
(Repeat verse and chorus)

Ending

You're my Prince of Peace,
And I will live my life for You.

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. You have been fed for the journey
through Jesus, our provider!**

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Verse 3

There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart.
With the saints around the mercy
seat of God. *(Chorus)*

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come just as you are
to His table.

**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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of power, God of plenty, at this table, we have feasted on your abundance and celebrated the gift of life. Send us forth now to share these gifts at the tables of our own lives, that all may be fed.
All: 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!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

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

P: Comforted and confounded by God's love,
in the company of one another and with good courage,
Let us go forth now to live out the Good News of this love,
With the blessing of God † Father, Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit,
A: Amen.

MUSIC You are Holy (Prince of Peace) Imboden/Rhoton

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
You are holy, (You are holy) I will follow, (I will follow)
You are mighty, (You are mighty) I will listen, (I will listen)
You are worthy, (You are worthy) I will love You, (I will love You)
Worthy of praise. (worthy of praise) All of my days. (all of my days)

MUSIC

Change My Heart O God

#801

Verse

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.
You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you. *(Repeat)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers, kids are invited to come forward to the chalkboards to write and/or draw their prayer.

"Spirit open My Heart" Sung between petitions

Spirit, open my heart,
To the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: The feast is ready. Come, eat, and live.

HOLY COMMUNION

***If you're worshipping 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

Behold the Lamb

Getty/Getty/Townsend

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who
bears our sins away,
Slain for us; and we remember
The promise made
that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 2

The body of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, Torn for you;
eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses
every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 4

And so, with thankfulness
and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow
in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

MUSIC

The Table

(Tomlin/ Cash/ Jolley)

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able. He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

Verse 2

There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.