



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 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!

Next Sunday!

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 1, 2024

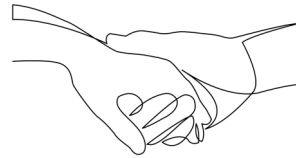
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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

MUSIC **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** #807

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

Verse 1

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Verse 3

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

REFLECTION



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
Dolores Narey
John Rowley
Lois Tollefsrud*

*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.*

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 Next Sunday!** - We invite you to sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring a dish to share to the potluck following the Sept 8th service.
- Bible Study Changes** - The CoG Bible Study will meet with Pastor Peter in September and October. Bible study will meet Wednesdays, at 9:30 am, both onsite and online via Zoom, beginning this coming Wednesday September 4th. We'll explore the texts assigned for the upcoming Sunday.
- 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 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.

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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#886

Verse 1

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Verse 3

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

Verse 6

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

REFLECTION

Word

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all

these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Gift of Love

Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed.
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

**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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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

He Leadeth Me

LBW #501

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

He leadeth me:

oh, blessed thought!

Oh, words with heav'nly

comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,

by God's own hand he leadeth me.

God's faithful foll'wer I would be,

for by God's hand he leadeth me.

Verse 2

Sometimes mid scenes

of deepest gloom,

sometimes where Eden's

bowers bloom,

by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain)

Verse 4

And when my task

on earth is done,

when by thy grace

the vict'ry's won,

e'en death's cold wave

I will not flee,

since God through Jordan

leadeth me. *(Refrain)*

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in

can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

When Peace Like a River

#785

Verse 1

When peace like a river

attendeth my way,

when sorrows like sea billows roll,

whatever my lot,

thou hast taught me to say,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

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.**

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 3

He lives--oh, the bliss of this
glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it
no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O
my soul! *Refrain*

Verse 4

Lord, hasten the day when our faith
shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Verse 2

Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come

when all creation
shares this feast with you.
(Refrain)

MUSIC

The Heart of Worship

Redman

Verse 1

When the music fades,
all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring
something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.

Chorus

I'm coming back to the
heart of worship,
And it's all about You,
all about You Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord,
for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You,
all about You, Jesus.

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

Verse 2

King of endless worth,
no one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor ,
all I have is Yours,
Ev'ry single breath. *(Choruses)*

REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Need Thee Every Hour

REFLECTION

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,**

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

BIRTHDAY SONG

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 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 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.

Verse 1
As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love. *(Refrain)*

**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

God Will Make a Way

Moen

Chorus

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
God works in ways we cannot see.
God will make a way for me.
God will be my guide,
Hold me closely to His side.
With love and strength
For each new day,
God will make a way.
God will make a way.

Verse

By a roadway in the wilderness
God leads me,
And rivers in the desert will I see.
Heaven and earth will fade,
But God’s Word will still remain.
God will do something new today.
(Chorus)

REFLECTION

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.