Twentieth Sunday

After Pentecost



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Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

# **CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity †, the Mother who loves the world, the Son who dwells in the world, and the Spirit who empowers us for life in the world.

Although we are given the gift of life, we cling to the ways of death. Let us take a moment of silence now to confess and repent of our sins.

Silence is kept for prayerful reflection.

P: God of grace,

All: We confess that we have sinned, both in words spoken and words left unspoken, in actions done and left undone.

We turn our faces away from cruelty.

We exploit the earth with our indifference and greed.

We gaze upon your abundance and see scarcity.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

And lead us by your love,

that we might experience the fullness of the life you offer,

loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God, there is good news. And it's for *you*. Through the power of Jesus' love †, your sins are forgiven, and you are loved back to life. You are free now to live it. **All: Amen!** 

# MUSIC His Mercy is More Papa / Boswell

#### Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Please stand as you are able \*\*

- **Reformation Sunday** If you have a child who is age 2, 3rd grade, or 5th grade (or has been any of those ages within the past 2 years during the pandemic), join us next Sunday, when we'll be giving children Bibles during worship. And an invitation for everyone...stick around after worship for a Reformation-themed fellowship hour--complete with a keg of root beer!
- Care & Visitation If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know (office@crossofglory.us).
- Want to Know More About COG? We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at CoG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

# Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness,

new every morn.

Our sins they are many,

His mercy is more.

## Verse 2

What patience would wait as we

constantly roam?

What Father so tender is calling us Our sins they are many,

home?

He welcomes the weakest.

the vilest, the poor.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

#### Verse 3

What riches of kindness He

lavished on us.

His blood was the payment. His

life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could

never afford.

His mercy is more. (Chorus)

#### **GREETING**

P: 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.

#### MUSIC Getty/Cash **Living Waters**

## Verse 1

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?

Tired and broken. Peace unspoken,

Rest beside these living waters

# Verse 2

Christ is calling, Find refreshing

At the cross of living waters.

Lay your life down, All the old gone,

Rise up in these living waters.

## Chorus

There's a river that flows With mercy and love,

Come and drink these living waters. Bringing joy to the city of our God.

There our hope is secure. Do not fear anymore.

Praise the Lord of living waters.

## Verse 3

Spirit moving. Mercy washing.

Healing in these living waters.

Lead your children To the shoreline,

Life is in these living water (Chorus)

<sup>\*\*</sup> You may be seated \*\*

#### Verse 4

Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness,
Vast and boundless.

Christ He is our living waters. *(Chorus)* 

# **Ending**

There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore. Praise the Lord of living waters.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

All: Holy God, morning by morning, you shower us with new mercies. Give us humble hearts of repentance, grateful hearts for your grace, and hearts ready to share the wideness of your mercy and love with others. In your name we pray, Amen.

#### **BAPTISM OF ELIZA HARRISON**

\*\*The baptismal family is invited to gather around the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to rise and face the font.\*\*

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Eliza Harrison, Daughter of Sarah and Caleb Harrison, and sister to Myles.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eliza baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Eliza to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Coffee Fellowship** You're invited to share in food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship! We're still looking for hands to help with hosting through November and December. To sign-up, add your name to the list at the usher's table or call the church office (note: treats will already be provided. Hosting simply entails set up and clean up!).
- **Table Talks** At 10:45 today, join us for "Table Talks," an education hour where we'll gather in the Library and explore a different theme each month. This month, we're looking at "Faith + Sabbath." On the 4th Sunday of November, we'll explore "Faith + Blessedness (is there such thing as being #blessed?)." Reading materials can be found at the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.
- **Church Directory** If you have not taken/submitted a photo yet for the new directory--or you know a COG friend who hasn't--please send Rachel a photo of your own to include (as well as any updated contact info!).
- Our Hands Forms If you haven't yet completed an "Our Hands" form, which invites you to explore the ways you can use your hands (and head and heart) for the sake of God's work in our congregation & community, please do so! Forms are located in a folder on the bulletin board, or visit <a href="https://www.crossofglory.us">www.crossofglory.us</a> to complete it online.
- **3rd Quarter Giving Statements** Statements are ready for you to pick up at the welcome table. If you'd like your copy mailed to your home, please let Rachel know.
- **Bible Studies** The COG Bible Study gathers onsite and online at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings. Join us as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday. The WELCA Bible Study gathers on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm.

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#### **MUSIC CREDITS**

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#### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

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#### **WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

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

Mavis Wold Shar Lauster Norma Gilbertson Sue Birch and Sharon Quick Dale Anderson
Don and Karen Earnest
Rachel Marquardt
Audrey Pederson

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.

# with responsibilities:

To live with Eliza among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Eliza grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Eliza in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Sponsors: We do.

Leader: People of Cross of Glory, do you promise to support Eliza and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

Leader: Parents and sponsors, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, please respond by saying "we renounce them."

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.** 

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.** 

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led you your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

Enfolded in the love of God, Encouraged by the love of this community, And empowered for love in the world, Go with God, who goes with us, this day and always.

#### MUSIC I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Each Sunday, kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service. Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!

### Verse 1

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

# Verse 2

I was lost in sin. Jesus rescued me. I was lost in sin. Jesus rescued me. I was lost in sin. Jesus rescued me. Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

# **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, live in God's mercy!

A: Thanks be to God!

# **POSTLUDE**

#### Verse 3

Now I'm heaven bound, Jesus set me free. Now I'm heaven bound, Jesus set me free. Now I'm heaven bound, Jesus set me free. Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>At this time, any kids worshipping with us today are invited to come gather around the front of the baptismal font for a close-up view!\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please stand as you're able.\*\*

\*\* Please be seated \*\*

#### **BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

During this season, plates will be passed throughout the sanctuary during the offertory. You may also give an electronic gift toward God's work at Cross of Glory by visiting www.crossofglory.us and clicking on the "Give" tab.

# MUSIC Beautiful Savior #838 vs 1,2,4

## Verse 1

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

#### Verse 2

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

#### Verse 4

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.

Leader: Eliza, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Eliza, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Eliza with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: At this time, we present Eliza with the baptismal candle. Sponsors: Eliza, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: And now we'd like to present to Eliza a prayer shawl, knit by one of our members here at Cross of Glory, to signify that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ, and to remind her that she is wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Eliza Harrison:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

**Children of the Heavenly Father** 

#### SRIPTURE READING Psalm 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sponsors are invited to light the baptismal candle.\*\*

for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself. where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

# GOSPEL READING Luke 18:9-14

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the eighteenth chapter.

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

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all

who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.** 

\*\* Please be seated \*\*

#### **SERMON**

# MUSIC There's a Wideness In God's Mercy #588 vs 1,2,4

#### Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings

have such kindly judgment giv'n.

#### Verse 2

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

### Verse 4

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all: greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

#### 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.

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