

**Reflection**

*In light of today’s story, how might God be calling you/us to “be of good courage?”*

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# Stewardship 2022



**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

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

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| <i>Mavis Wold</i>                    | <i>Dale Anderson</i>         |
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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.

**November 13, 2022**  
**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!**

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

## MUSIC

### God With Us

### Ingram/Jordan

In our past, in our present,  
In our future, our source of strength.  
Our deliverer, Precious Savior,  
God with us. *(Repeat 2x)*

- **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.
- **Church Directory** - If you have not taken/submitted a photo yet for the new directory or shared your updated contact info--or you know a COG friend who hasn't--please be in touch with Rachel ASAP, as we hope to distribute new directories by the end of the year.
- **WELCA Christmas Gathering** - Join the women of the ELCA on Sat, Dec 3 at 1 pm for the annual Christmas gathering. Sign up at the poster near the Welcome Table, and reach out to Carol Stejskal with questions.
- **Christmas Cookie Distribution** - This year's cookie assembly event is scheduled for 12/11. The Visitation Ministry continues to call on our members who are home bound, at care centers, or have had a life-changing event. The cookie plates are a reminder that COG friends are thinking of them this Christmas season. We know that the Christmas cookies bring joy and comfort. For more info, contact Marcy Hartlage.
- **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](mailto: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](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship and Birthday Celebration** - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall! Today we are excited to be invited by Lois Tollefsrud to share in the celebration of her 90th birthday, cake included! Please join us to celebrate as you're able.
- **Stewardship 2022** - This stewardship season, we're exploring the theme: "Be of Good Courage." As you prayerfully reflect on what it means to courageously give of your time, talents, and treasures in 2023, Pastor Ali is available and glad to meet with you over coffee to reflect, pray, or discuss any questions. Please bring your pledge cards to worship next Sunday, Nov 20 or fill one out online by the 20th at [www.crossofglory.us](http://www.crossofglory.us).
- **3rd Quarter Giving Statements** - If you haven't yet picked yours up, statements are ready at the welcome table. If you'd like your copy mailed to your home, please let Rachel know.
- **Thanksgiving Eve** - Join us on Wed, Nov 23 at 5 pm for a short prayer service and at 5:30 pm for a community meal (share the word about the meal with friends & neighbors...all are welcome!). Please sign up to take part (and to help serve!?) on the poster near the Welcome Table to assist with food prep.
- **Thanksgiving Pie Delivery** - The Faith & Neighboring Practices group invites you to extend the table of our Thanksgiving Eve community meal by sharing pie with those who weren't able to make it to the meal. If you'd like to help with pie delivery on Thurs morning 11/24 or Fri morning 11/25 (or if you'd like to receive some pie!) let Isak know ([itranvik@gmail.com](mailto:itranvik@gmail.com)) or call the church office at 763-533-8602.
- **Table Talks** - Join us on 4th Sundays for Table Talks, an education hour where we explore different topics each month. In Nov, we'll gather on the 27th after worship to explore Faith + Blessedness (is there such thing as being #blessed?). An article to read in advance is located at the bulletin boards. Reach out to Gordy with questions.

You've been with us, You are with us.  
 You'll be with us for all of our days.  
 Our deliverer, Precious Savior,  
 God with us.

Over everything, our Redeemer,  
 In your presence we find our strength.  
 Our deliverer, Precious Savior,  
 God with us.  
 Oh, God with us. You are God with us.

*\*\* You may be seated \*\**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together...

**All: God-With-Us, you are our light and our salvation. Whom shall we fear? Give us good courage, trusting that your presence is leading us *wherever* we go. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

### MUSIC

#### Carry Me Through

#### David Barnes

There's a mountain  
 Here before me,  
 And I'm going to climb it  
 With strength not my own.  
 And He's gonna meet me  
 Where the mountain beats me  
 And carry me through,  
 Carry me through.

There's a river  
 Here before me,  
 And I'm gonna cross it  
 With strength not my own.  
 He's gonna save me  
 When the river takes me.  
 And carry me through  
 Carry me through

Oh, Lord be gentle.  
I'm just human.  
Please don't crush me.  
With your heavenly hand.

Oh, Lord remember  
That I tried so hard,  
But I'm walking tall  
in Your kingdom love.

There's a city  
Here before me  
And I'm gonna get there  
With strength not my own.  
He's gonna carry me  
When I get weary,  
Carry me through,  
Carry me through.

Oh, Lord be gentle  
I'm just human.  
Please don't crush me  
With your heavenly hand.

Oh, Lord remember  
That I tried so hard,  
but I'm walking tall  
in Your kingdom love.

Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!  
Carry me through.  
  
Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!  
Lord, Sweet Lord,  
Carry me through.

## BAPTISM OF THEO SMITH

*\*\*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 Theo Smith, son of Josh and Amanda Smith and brother of Milo. 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 Theo baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

**Parents: We do.**

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

## Verse 2

Summer and winter and  
springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in  
their courses above  
join with all nature in  
manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love.  
(Refrain)

## Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a  
peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and  
bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be of good courage!

## POSTLUDE

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## MUSIC CREDITS

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Glory

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TEMPLE TALK

#### PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**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!**

*\*Note: Extra take-home copies of this prayer are available on the welcome desk if you didn't get one last week. We invite you to place it somewhere where you'll see it daily, and to pray it throughout the week!*

*\*\*Please stand as you're able.\*\**

#### MUSIC                      **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**                      **#733 vs 1-3**

*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**

Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow  
of turning with thee;  
thou changest not,  
thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been,  
thou forever wilt be.

##### **Refrain**

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;  
all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

with responsibilities:

To live with Theo among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture his faith and prayer, so that he 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 Theo grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

**Parents: We do.**

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

**Sponsor: I do.**

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

**All: We do.**

Leader: Parents and sponsor. 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 Sponsor: We renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Parents and Sponsor: We renounce them.**

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents and Sponsor: We renounce them.**

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

*\*\*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!\*\**

### **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.**

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

**All: Amen.**

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

### **GIVING COURAGEOUSLY**

*During today's time of offering--and this stewardship season, as you prepare to make a financial pledge for the year ahead--we invite you to give courageously in response to the gifts that God has first given us. If you're worshipping in person, plates will be passed around the sanctuary. If you are worshipping online, you're invited to share your offering via the "Give" page at [www.crossofglory.us](http://www.crossofglory.us). Or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. Thank you!*



### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

#### **Take My Life**

**#685 vs 1,2,5,6**

Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my hands  
and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my love; my lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

### **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.**

see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So they came out from the fire. And all the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their garments were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## REFLECTION

*While the music is playing, you’re invited prayerfully reflect on the following question: In light of today’s story, how might God be calling you/us as a community of faith to “be of good courage?” What does good courage look like for you/us? You’re welcome to use the space on the back of the bulletin to reflect, or to do so in your head and heart.*

## MUSIC

### Prayer of Good Courage

### Gustavson

O God, you have called us  
to ventures where  
we cannot see the end,  
By paths never yet taken,  
Through perils unknown.

Give us good courage.  
Not knowing where we go,  
To know that your hand  
is leading us  
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*  
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.

Theo, 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 Theo 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.**

*\*\*Sponsor is invited to light the baptismal candle.\*\**

Leader: At this time, we present Theo with the baptismal candle.

**Sponsor: Theo, 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 Theo 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 him that he is wrapped in this community’s continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Theo Smith:

**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

### Borning Cry

### Smith/Simon Family

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Psalm 27: 1-5, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Daniel 3:4-28**

The herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to bow down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not bow down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.” Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sounds, all the peoples bowed down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! You, O king, have made your decree [...] but there are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, [and] these men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, bow down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” He replied, “But I