

**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 our homebound members), please 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 worshipping 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)).



### 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*

*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.

# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



***September 18, 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

#### He Is Exalted

#### Paris

##### Verse

He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

##### Chorus

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted  
The King is exalted on high

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Fellowship** - Stick around for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall and outdoor courtyard after worship today! To help host fellowship time on an upcoming Sunday, please sign-up at the usher's table or call the church office (note: treats will already be provided. Hosting simply entails set up and clean up!).

**Darlene Rosholt Funeral** - The funeral of former COG member, Darlene Rosholt, is today at 4 pm at COG. Visitation will begin an hour prior, and a dinner reception will follow.

**Fresh Food Fridays** - On 2nd and 4th Fridays from 1-3 pm, CAPI--our neighbors across the street who work with immigrants and refugees in the BC community--distributes free fresh produce from its parking lot. CAPI is in need of hands this coming Friday 8/26. If you can help out, sign up at [www.capiusa.org](http://www.capiusa.org) or simply show up at 12:30.

**Shoe Bus** - On Seot 22 from 3-5, the Brooklyn Center Farmer's Market will be hosting a shoe bus, selling kids shoes for \$2 and adult shoes for \$5. If you have shoes you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd. Reach out to Rachel in the office for more info.

**Council** - Council meets today after worship onsite and online.

**Welcoming Guest Preacher** - Pastor Ali, along with Abby Kelley, Mike McClanahan, Isak Tranvik, and Nathan Paulson, will be at the Minneapolis Area Synod's "Faith & Neighboring Practices" Fall Conference on Sat, Sept 24th and Sunday, Sept 25th. As such, we look forward to welcoming guest pastor and preacher Rev. Nancy Carlson on the 25th.

**Glory Banner** - If you've got an announcement or article to share in the next issue of the Glory Banner, send it to Rachel by September 21st.

**Bible Study** - The COG Bible Study kicks off the fall season this week. Join us onsite or online at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.

### Verse 3

Mother, providing  
 food for your children,  
 by Wisdom's guiding  
 teach us to share  
 one with another,  
 so that, rejoicing with us,  
 all others may know your care.

### Verse 4

Then will your blessing  
 reach ev'ry people,  
 freely confessing  
 your gracious hand.  
 Where you are reigning,  
 no one will hunger;  
 your love sustaining  
 showers the land.

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, there is a balm in Brooklyn Center  
 A: **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

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### MUSIC CREDITS

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### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
 Choir & Handbell Director: Keith J. Williams  
 Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
 Vocalists: Shadlyn Bourne, Becca Floyd, Johnetta Freeman

Lector: Dawn Bailey  
 Greeters: Linda Knudsen and Judy Lewis  
 Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dick Mero, Don Halverson and Steve Ferley  
 Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, & Bill Bailey  
 Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

### 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.**

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

### MUSIC

#### Verse 1

All I once held dear built my life  
 upon  
 All this world reveres and wars to  
 own  
 All I once thought gain I have  
 counted loss  
 Spent and worthless now  
 compared to this

#### Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You  
 There is no greater thing  
 You're my all You're the best  
 You're my joy my righteousness  
 And I love You Lord love You Lord

### Knowing You

#### Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know  
 You more  
 To be found in You and known as  
 Yours  
 To possess by faith what I could  
 not earn  
 All surpassing gift of righteousness

#### Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen  
 life  
 And to know You in Your sufferings  
 To become like You in Your death  
 my Lord  
 So with You to live and never die

### Kendrick

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together...

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn to love one another. Forgive us when we do not love our neighbor as you love us, and be a balm where our love fails. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## MUSIC

### Verse 1

Guide my feet while I run this race,  
 guide my feet while I run this race,  
 guide my feet while I run this race,  
 for I don't want to  
 run this race in vain!

### Verse 2

Hold my hand while I run this race,  
 Hold my hand while I run this race,  
 Hold my hand while I run this race,  
 for I don't want to run  
 this race in vain!

### Chorus

Lord, guide my feet  
 And keep my way,

## Guide My Feet

Can't make a step without you,  
 I don't want to run this race in vain.

### Verse 3

I'm your child while I run this race,  
 I'm your child while I run this race,  
 I'm your child while I run this race,  
 for I don't want to run  
 this race in vain! *(Chorus)*

### Verse 4

Stand by me while I run this race,  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 for I don't want to run  
 this race in vain! *(Chorus)*

## Graves

## FIRST READING

### Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
 saying, 'When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain;  
 and the sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
 and practise deceit with false balances,  
 buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'  
 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Students of all ages who are headed into a new school year are invited to come forward to receive a gift and a blessing - if you have them with you, bring your backpacks too!*

### SENDING BLESSING

P: 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.

**A: Amen.**

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

## MUSIC

### Praise and Thanksgiving

**#689 vss 1,3,4**

*Kids are invited to grab an instrument and join in a parade around the sanctuary. Meet in the back of the sanctuary to begin, or jump in as you're able. Be sure to bring your instruments!*

### Verse 1

Praise and thanksgiving,  
 God, we would offer  
 for all things living,  
 you have made good:

harvest of sown fields,  
 fruits of the orchard,  
 hay from the mown fields,  
 blossom and wood.

## 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](http://www.crossofglory.us) and clicking on the "Give" tab. Thanks for your generosity as we do God's work with our hands!

### MUSIC                      **Let Streams of Living Justice**                      #710

#### **Verse 1**

Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom's light to captives,  
let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading,  
the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter,  
the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon,  
strike down the iron pow'r;  
abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

#### **Verse 2**

For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;

on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric,  
bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colors with your sun.

#### **Verse 3**

Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor;  
our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God who listens,  
A: **Hear our prayer.**

## SECOND READING                      **Jeremiah 8:18--9:1**

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.  
Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:  
'Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?'  
(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?”)  
'The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.'  
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.  
Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?  
O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## GOSPEL READING                      **Luke 16:1-13**

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the sixteenth chapter.  
**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management,



because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## SERMON

### MUSIC

**There is a Balm in Gilead**

**#614**

#### *Refrain*

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

#### *Verse 1*

Sometimes I feel discouraged  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

### **Verse 2**

If you cannot preach like Peter,  
if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus  
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

### **Verse 3**

Don't ever be discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

## 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,  
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 \*\**