

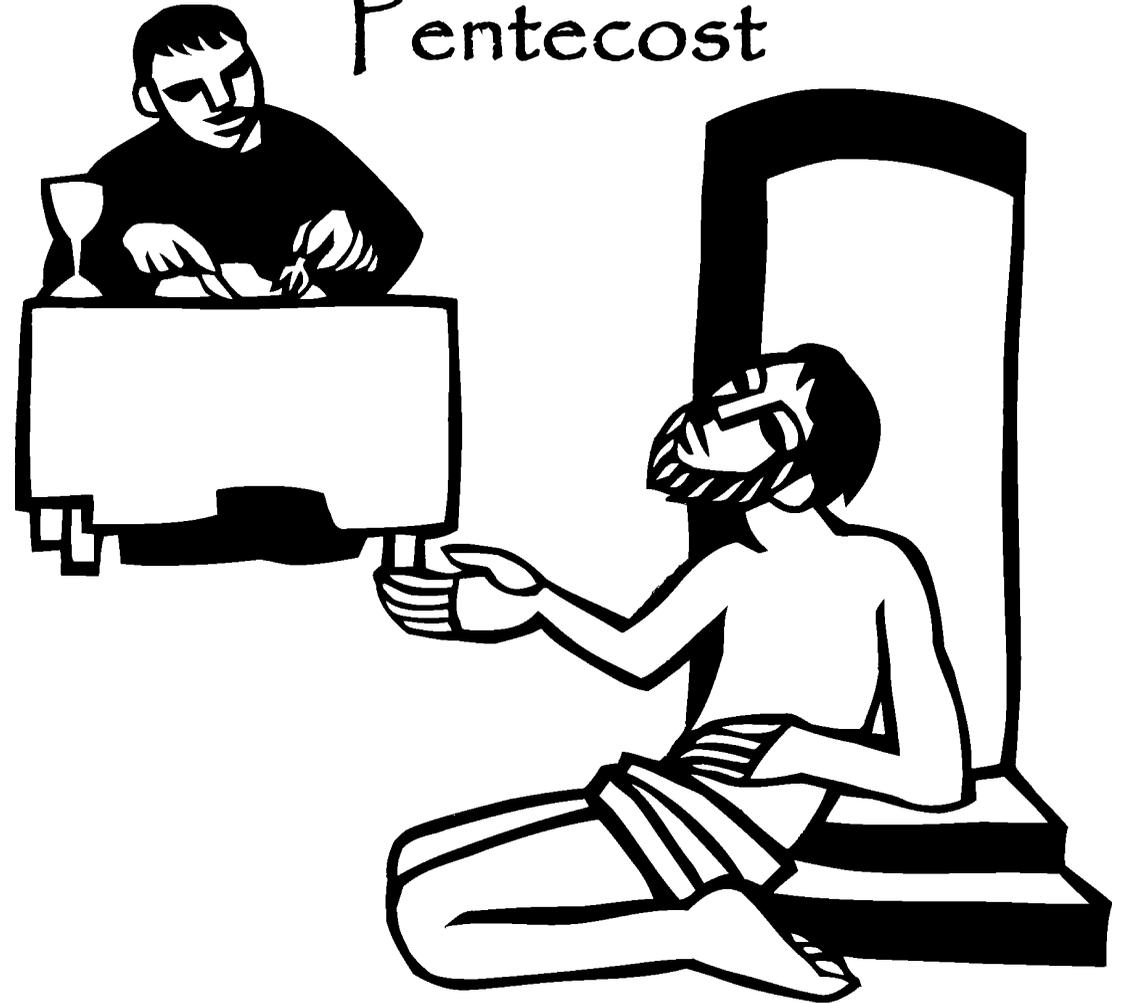
Vision & Vocation Team - Will gather on the First Sunday of the month this fall at 11 am.

First Sundays with COG Kids - Next Sunday is a first Sunday, meaning we've got special activities for kids throughout the morning. During the service, kids ages 2-12 are invited to an activity in the courtyard. After the service, 4th-6th graders (pre-confirmation) are invited for a 30 minute activity in the Fellowship Hall (donuts included!).

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).

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).

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 25, 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 So Loved

Cash/Bergthold

Verse 1

Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well
that never runs dry.
Drink of the water.
Come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come all you sinners,
Come find His mercy.
Come to the table He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

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!).

Church Directory - Thanks to all who have had their directory photo taken. If you have not taken/submitted a photo yet, please call the church office to arrange a time to have your picture taken, free of charge, or send Rachel a photo of your own to include. Also, if you have updated contact information, please share that with Rachel as well.

Our Hands Forms - If you haven't yet had the chance to complete 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 at COG and in the BC community, please do so! Extra forms are located in a folder on the bulletin board, or you can visit www.crossofglory.us to complete it online.

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. If you can help out, sign up at www.capiusa.org or simply show up at 12:30.

Lutheran Disaster Response - LDR is hard at work providing support to neighbors in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Fiona. To donate to the efforts, you can write a check to the church with "Lutheran Disaster Response - where needed most" in the memo line, and we'll ensure those funds get to LDR to support the work being done in Puerto Rico.

Bible Study - 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.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson*

*Sue Birch, daughter of 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) 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.

Chorus 1

For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures.
Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of
the cross.
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever.
The power of hell forever
defeated.

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

Raise a Hallelujah (Helser/Skaggs/Stevens)

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah
in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah
louder than the unbelief.

Now it is well.
I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved,
God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God,
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, praise God,
For the wonders of God's love.

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world
that He gave us
His one and only Son to save.

Verse 4

Bring all your failures.
Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of
the cross.
Jesus is waiting.
God so loved the world.

Chorus

I'm gonna sing
in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you're
gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes, hope will
arise.
Death is defeated.
The King is alive!

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah
with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah.
I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah
In the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah.
Fear, you lost your hold on me.
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray together...

All: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Bridge 1

Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder.

Bridge 2

Sing a little louder
in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder
louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder.
My weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder.
Heaven comes to fight for me.

(Repeat)

(Chorus 2x)

Ending

I raise a hallelujah...

Verse 4

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one
another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Refrain

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, remember the poor.

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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MUSIC

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Redman

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul.

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

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

Keith Williams

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.
Amen.

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

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

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy
people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered
today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r
to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread,
broken for others, shared until all
are fed. *Refrain*

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Verse 1

The sun comes up,
it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the
evening comes. (*Chorus*)

Verse 2

You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great
and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for
my heart to find. (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

And on that day
when my strength is failing,
The end draws near
and my time has come
Still my soul
will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
and then forevermore (*Chorus*)

Tag

Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Ending

Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name

FIRST READING

Psalms 146

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

**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 ***

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. Thanks for your generosity as we do God's work with our hands!

MUSIC

God Welcomes All

#978

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends. (*Repeat*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God who listens,

A: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Carlson

MUSIC **Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life** **#719 vs 1,3,6**

Verse 1
Where cross the crowded
ways of life,
where sound the cries of
race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

Verse 3
From tender childhood's
helplessness,

from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls,
from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

Verse 6
Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your
feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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,**

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING **Luke 16:19-31**

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses