

rides. If you're willing to help, even occasionally, please let Rachel in the office know ASAP, and we'll coordinate a schedule. Thanks for considering!

•**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.

•**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).

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 1, 2023

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CROSS OF GLORY!

This year, we are working to listen for and live into God's call to life together.
Here's what that looks like in our worship life...



LENT
Stories of Call:
A Season of
Prayerful Listening



EASTER
Stories of Life:
A Season of
Proclaiming Life Amidst Death



PENTECOST
Stories of Togetherness:
A Season of
Exploring Life Shared Together

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be God, Mother who creates us, † Jesus who dwells among us, and Spirit who stirs us to life.

All: Amen.

Although God calls us to life together, we continually separate ourselves from God and one another. Let us take a moment of silence to repent and confess our sins...

Silence for reflection

P: Ever-living God,

All: You have offered us the gift of life, taught us the ways of shalom, shown us the ways of justice, yet we fail to listen to your call. We are complacent in the face of violence and suffering, and afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we limit the scope of those we think we're responsible for loving, forgive us. Draw us toward one another--toward you, through the power of your living Spirit among us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship!
- Community Art Project** - We've begun a community art project that intends to make the cross at the intersection of Admiral and Ewing a symbol of the ongoing work of the church--God's work, our hands. If you haven't had the chance to take part, stop by the art station by the welcome desk after church today, or anytime M-W 10-2 (if you're unable to take part onsite, reach out to the office and we'll bring the project to you!) We'd love to have everyone's hand included (literally) to display the many hands that share in God's gift of life together here at CoG! *A special thanks to Ceramic Tileworks in Maple Grove and Minnesota Clay Company in Plymouth for their generosity in supporting our work with their tiles and glazes for our hands to make our cross a living and glorious cross for our community.
- Vision + Vocation Meeting Today** - The Vision + Vocation team will meet after worship today in the upstairs classroom at 11 am.
- FallFest: A Neighborhood Block Party** - CoG is joining together again with neighbors at CAPI and in the broader Brooklyn Center community for a neighborhood block party celebration. On Thurs, Oct 12 between 4-6 pm in the CAPI parking lot (5930 Brooklyn Blvd), join us for dinner, a community resource fair, fresh food distribution, kids' activities, a covid and flu vaccination clinic, and more. If you're interested/able to lend a hand to help, stay tuned for a forthcoming sign-up form on our website and at the Welcome Desk.
- ELCA Youth Gathering Registration** - Interested in taking part in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 16-20? Wildfire churches will be joining together, and registration must be submitted by Oct 15. Reach out to Pastor Ali to learn more.
- Transportation Request** - Would you be willing to offer a ride to someone on Sunday mornings a time or two a month? A few folks who live within a few miles of the church have recently requested

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland,
Laura McClanahan, Kris Simon
Guitars: Josh Smith, Steve Sebald
Greeters: Harriet Halverson, Audrey
Retrum

Reader: Kris Simon
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don
Halverson, Dan Aulwes
Communion: Linda Knudsen, Kris Simon
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and
Bill Bailey
Fellowship: Laura and Mike McClanahan
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Dick Mero
Eric Thompson & family
DeLores Olson*

*Sharon Quick & Sue Birch
Martha Krueger
Debbie Sjoquist
Josh Day
Penny Lindblom
Sherry Mattfield*

*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.*

P: Beloveds in Christ, in Jesus, God is always making a way out of no way,
Calling us out of ourselves and into one body. In † Christ, we are already
and always forgiven, and freed for life together. And to that we say:

A: Thanks be to God!

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

MUSIC

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

Verse 1

For peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all,
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 2

That we may live out
Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

**All: O God, you meet us in the wilderness and quench our deepest
thirst. Help us to witness your presence before us, behind us, below
us, above us, among us, and all around us--through the power of
Christ, the Living Water. Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

Kyrie Eleison

(Olson)

Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

For peace in our hearts,
For peace in our homes,
For friends and family,
For life and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 4

For Your Spirit to guide,
That You center our lives
In the water and the word,
That You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

MUSIC

Living Waters

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Verse 1

Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
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,
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 waters.
(Chorus)

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.

Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth 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.
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!**

SENDING BLESSING

P: Go in peace and love the world God so loves.
A: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord,

MUSIC

All Who Are Thirsty

Brown/ Robertson

Verse

All who are thirsty,
 All who are weak,
 Come to the fountain.
 Dip your heart in the stream of life.
 Let the pain and the sorrow
 Be washed away
 In the waves of His mercy,
 As deep cries out to deep.
 (We sing)

Chorus 1

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
 Come, Lord Jesus, come.
 (repeat)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit, come.
 Holy Spirit, come.
 (repeat)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep.
 As deep cries out to deep.
 As deep cries out to deep, we sing

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: With your word and this meal of grace, you have stirred our souls and nourished our bodies. Empower us now to live as your body, together.

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

God Is Here!

#526

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going

into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

Kids of all ages are invited to meet the CoG Kids' leaders in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play. We'll return again after the sermon.

SERMON

MUSIC

Thirst for You

Ragsdale Jr.

Chorus

We thirst for You.
We search for You
In a dry and barren land.
We're longing for Your hand
To guide us to a place where You
Can cleanse us with Your rain.
Baptize us once again.
We thirst for You oh Lord. *(Repeat)*

Verse

Oh Lord, we are waiting.
Let Your river flow.
Come flood our hearts again.
Quench our thirsty souls.
(Chorus)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** Please rise 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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Jesus invites you to the table. Come, eat, and live.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

The body of Christ is given for you.
The blood of Christ is shed for you.
Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC:

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461 vs 1-3

Verse 1

All who hunger gather gladly;
Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness
And wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good

Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost
And scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 3

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 2

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness
and roaming.

Verse 5
Christ in the eyes of all
who see me,
Christ in the ears that

hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all
who know me: *Refrain*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between petitions:

**All: Spirit, open my heart,
To the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love, may I love.
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

Table

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.

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

The Spirit moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC

O Christ Surround Me

#1084

(Based on the words of the prayer of St. Patrick)

Verse 1

God, be the love to search
and keep me;
God, be the prayer to
move my voice;
God, be the strength to
now uphold me:

Refrain

O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Verse 2

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
Refrain

Verse 4

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all
ways: *Refrain*