

- **Community Art Project** - If you haven't yet had the chance to take part in the cross project that reflects "God's Work, Our Hands," this is your last chance! Please 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!) \*A special thanks to Ceramic Tileworks and MN Clay Company for their generosity in supporting our work with their tiles and glazes.

- **Birthdays** - We are updating our records to ensure we celebrate everyone with milestone celebration. Please connect with Marcy or Rachel to make sure our records are correct!

- **W/ELCA Christmas Gifts** - W/ELCA is collecting gifts for residents of Good Samaritan Home in Robbinsdale who do not have family to celebrate with. Shopping lists and envelopes for cash/check donations are located under the poster by the Welcome Desk. Make checks payable to: Good Samaritan Society; insert "senior gifts" in memo line. Last day to donate is Nov 18.

- **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.



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

Mavis Wold  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg  
Jeannie Kuzmich  
Eric Thompson & family

Dick Mero  
Sharon Quick & Sue Birch  
Martha Krueger  
Penny Lindblom  
Sherry Mattfield

Debbie Sjoquist  
Claudia Reitan  
Richard Peterson  
Janet Parrish

*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 also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instructions can be found at the prayer wall.

# Reformation Sunday

## Celebrating God's Call to Life Together



# A Fifth Sunday Service of Lessons & Music

**October 29, 2023**

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



## Welcome to Cross of Glory!

### 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

*We're glad you're here. If you're worshipping with us for the first time today, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew rack and place it in the plate during the offering so we can extend a deeper welcome. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a brief time of food and fellowship. We hope that at Cross of Glory you experience God's gift of life together, made richer*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### EVERYDAY LITURGY

Leader: In the liturgy of our everyday lives...

**All: We are called to embody God's hospitality by generously sharing space, time, gifts, and resources, and by meeting neighbors on their terms and for their sake—open to what we can both give and receive.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir

### MUSIC

### A Mighty Fortress

#505

*During this song, children are invited to meet the CoG Kids' Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for a Reformation Parade around the sanctuary...or simply jump in as you're able!*

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper frees us from the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe,  
forsworn to work us woe,

with guile and dreadful might  
is armed to wage the fight:  
on earth there is no equal.

### Verse 2

If we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving turns to losing;  
The righteous one

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams  
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Laura McClanahan, Kris Simon  
Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith  
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and Bill Bailey

Reflections: Judy Lewis, Kim Jacobson  
Greeters: Tom Simon, Steve Ferley  
Reader: Steve Ferley, Tom Marquardt  
Ushers: Gayle Merritt, Cheryl Anderson, Tom Simon  
Communion: Carol Stejskal, Kathy Stejskal – Swendiman, Judy Lewis  
Fellowship: Vision and Vocation  
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Reformation Potluck TODAY** - Stick around after worship for food and fellowship and a chance to hear from the Vision + Vocation team shares more about next steps as we live into our call to life together!
- **All Saints Sunday** - Next Sunday, Nov 5, join us as we remember the saints of CoG who have gone before us. Consider inviting others who are in the midst of grief as we remember those who have died and celebrate the promise of new life.
- **First Sundays** - Kids of all ages are invited to join us next Sunday for Godly Play, a time of imaginative storytelling during a portion of the service led by the CoG Kids Ministry Leaders.
- **First Wednesdays** - All are welcome to join us for a meal at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm, older children are invited to Study Buddies (homework help) and younger children for Storytime, and games in the gym begin at 6:30. Confirmation starts at 7 pm for children ages 6th-8th grade. Reach out to Kris Simon or Chellie Sebald with questions.
- **Next Steps in Discerning our Call** - As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we'll be beginning a few months of learning and listening. Join us for Neighborhood Listening Sessions (and a meal!) on third Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm as we get to know our neighbor(hood), and take part in site visits where we'll travel to neighboring churches to learn how they live into God's call in creative and courageous ways (a brief Site Visit orientation will take place on either Thurs, Nov 16 at 7 pm on Zoom or onsite after worship on Sunday, Nov 19 at 10:45 am). Learn more about these next steps today at our potluck!
- **Prayers of the People** - If you're interested in helping lead the Prayers of the People on occasion, please let Pastor Ali know. We'll be gathering after worship on Sunday, Nov 12 to share some resources as we work to make our liturgy more fully reflect "the work of the people!"

Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble,  
Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble,

Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus lifted me.

## 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

L: We are called to life together, and God is with us.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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## MUSIC CREDITS

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Song: "O Christ, We Trust Your Promise"

Tune:AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation") (MIDI)

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fight by our side,  
The one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who this may be:  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
The Lord of hosts by name.  
No other God we claim!  
None else can win the battle.

## Verse 4

God's Word shall stand above the  
pow'rs, shall end all their

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Thomas Merton

*This is the confessional prayer that the Vision + Vocation team has prayed at each gathering over the past two years, a reminder of our need for God's presence and guidance on our journey.*

Leader: Lord God,

**All: We have no idea where we are going. We do not see the road ahead of us. We cannot know for certain where it will end, nor do we really know ourselves. And the fact that we think we are following your will does not mean we are actually doing so. Forgive us when we think your vision is our own. We believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And we hope that we have that desire in all that we are doing. We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire. And we know that if we do this, you will lead us by your vision, though we may know nothing about it. Therefore we will trust you always. Though we may seem lost and in the shadow of death. We will not fear, for you are ever with us, and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**All: O God, you call us to life together. Through gathering, word, table, and sending, help us to live out this liturgy, both in today's worship and in our everyday lives; through the power of your Spirit that's alive and moving among us still. Amen.**

## MUSIC MEDLEY

### This is Amazing Grace

Riddle/Farrow/Wickham

#### Verse 1

Who breaks the power  
of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty  
and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory,  
The King above all kings.

#### Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth  
with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless  
in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory,  
the King above all kings.

#### Chorus

This is amazing grace,  
This is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place,

That You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
all that You've done for me.

#### Verse 3

Who brings our chaos  
back into order,  
Who makes the orphan  
a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

#### Verse 4

Who rules the nations  
with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in  
all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory,  
the King above all kings (*Chorus*)

### 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.

#### 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.

## PRESENTATIONS OF CHILDRENS' BIBLES

### BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING FOR VISION+VOCATION TEAM

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

## MUSIC MEDLEY

### Lead On, King Eternal!

#805

#### Verse 1

Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

#### Verse 3

Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!

### I'll Fly Away

Brumley

#### Verse 1

Some glad morning  
when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away.

#### Chorus

I'll fly away, O glory; I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,

I'll fly away.

#### Verse 3

Just a few more weary days  
and then I'll fly away.  
To a land  
where joys shall never end,  
I'll fly away.  
(*Chorus*)

## MUSIC

### I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

#860

#### 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 3

When I was in trouble,

**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

**#764**

**Verse 1**

Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

**Verse 4**

Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

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

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**#612**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. *(Repeat)*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Sending*

Leader: In the liturgy of our everyday lives...

**All: We are called to work for a just community, caring for neighbors in body, mind, and spirit, and tending to the earth's gifts with humility and love.**

**MUSIC**

**O Christ, We Trust Your Promise**

**Gillette**

**Verse 1**

O Christ, we trust your promise  
that we are not alone,  
for God still dwells among us to  
make in us a home.  
God gives the Holy Spirit to teach  
us how to be a loving, faithful  
people, a new community.

**Verse 4**

So when we seek direction,  
remind us what is true:  
the Advocate is with us  
to help us follow you.  
Christ, guided by the Spirit,  
may we your people be  
A loving, faithful witness in this  
community.

**Living Hope**

**Verse 1**

How great the chasm  
that lay between us.  
How high the mountain  
I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows  
of my soul.  
The work is finished,  
the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Chorus**

Hallelujah,  
praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah,  
death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Wickham/Johnson**

**Verse 2**

Who could imagine  
so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace?  
The God of ages  
stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken;  
I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
*(Chorus)*

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EVERYDAY LITURGY**

Leader: In the liturgy of our everyday lives...

**All: We are called to listen and look for the ways that God’s love is alive, both within the church and throughout the wider neighborhood, especially where the Gospel tells us it is most often found: in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**LESSON Exodus 3:1-5**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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

**A SPECIAL TABLE WELCOME TO COG KIDS**

*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 worshipping 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 MEDLEY DURING COMMUNION**

**Grace Like Rain**

Collins, Excell, Newton, Agnew, Walker

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace,  
how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I’m found;  
Was blind but now I see so clearly.

**Chorus**

Hallelujah, grace like rain  
falls down on me.

Hallelujah, all my stains are  
washed away.  
They’re washed away.

**Verse 2**

’Twas grace that taught  
my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed. (Chorus)

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**#759**

**Verse 1**

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

**Verse 2**

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

**Verse 4**  
The peace of Christ  
makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing?  
(Refrain)

**Beautiful Savior**

**#838**

**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 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**

**Kris Simon**

L: Reforming God...

**All: Re-form our hearts...**

**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.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.'  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON**

**John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

Judy Lewis, Kim Jacobson

## MUSIC MEDLEY

### Be Thou My Vision

#793

#### Verse 1

Be thou my vision,  
 O Lord of my heart;  
 naught be all else to me,  
 save that thou art:  
 thou my best thought  
 both by day and by night,  
 waking or sleeping,  
 thy presence my light.

#### Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom,  
 and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and  
 thou with me, Lord.  
 Thou my soul's shelter,  
 and thou my high tow'r,  
 raise thou me heav'nward,  
 O Pow'r of my pow'r.

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#834

#### Verse 1

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise,  
 In light inaccessible  
 Hid from our eyes,  
 Most blessed, most glorious,  
 The ancient of days,  
 Almighty, victorious,  
 Thy great name we praise!

#### Verse 4

Thou reignest in glory;  
 Thou dwellest in light;  
 Thine angels adore thee,  
 All veiling their sight;  
 All laud we would render;  
 Oh, help us to see  
 'tis only the splendor  
 Of light hideth thee.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH + 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!*



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

## MUSIC

### This I Believe (The Creed)

(Fielding/Crocker)

#### Verse 1

Our Father, everlasting,  
 The all creating One,  
 God Almighty,  
 Through Your Holy Spirit,  
 Conceiving Christ the Son,  
 Jesus, our Savior,

#### Chorus 1

I believe in God, our Father.  
 I believe in Christ, the Son.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
 Our God is three in One.  
 I believe in the resurrection,  
 That we will rise again.  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

#### Verse 2

Our judge and our defender,  
 Suffered and crucified,  
 Forgiveness is in You.  
 Descended into darkness,  
 You rose in glorious life,  
 Forever seated high. (*Chorus 1*)

#### Bridge

I believe in You.  
 I believe You rose again.  
 I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
 (*Repeat*)

#### Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.  
 I believe in the virgin birth.  
 I believe in the saints' communion  
 And in Your holy Church.  
 I believe in the resurrection,  
 When Jesus comes again.  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus.  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus.  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

## 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\*\**

*Table*

Leader: In the liturgy of our everyday lives...

**All: As embodied by Jesus on the cross, we are called to grieve the sin and suffering of ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. And as embodied by the resurrected Jesus, we're called to celebrate God's gift of life (together). We believe that grieving and celebrating often happen most powerfully at tables, where bread is broken and shared.**

## MUSIC MEDLEY

### My Life Flows on in Endless Song

#763

#### Verse 1

My life flows on in endless song;  
 above earth's lamentation,  
 I catch the sweet,  
 though far-off hymn  
 that hails a new creation.

#### Refrain

No storm can shake  
 my inmost calm  
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
 Since Christ is Lord  
 of heaven and earth,  
 how can I keep from singing