

ushers table to sign up to take part.

•**Bible Studies** - The CoG Bible Study will continue to meet onsite and online on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, except for the following dates (due to holidays): Dec 26 and Jan 2. The WELCA Bible Study is Dec. 20 @ home.

•**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 worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

Advent 2023 Holden (Morning) Prayer

Dec 3 - Advent I: Love that Fills the Night with Wonder

Dec 10 - Advent II: Love that Warms the Weary Soul: A Service of Lessons & Music

Dec 17 - Advent III: Love that Bursts All Chains Asunder

Dec 24 (9:30 am) - Advent IV: Set us Free and Make us Whole

*Christmas Eve Worship will take place on Sunday, Dec 24 at 4 pm - All neighbors welcome!



Thanksgiving Service: Prayers, Psalms, and Songs of Praise



November 26, 2023
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

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.

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

Kyrie Eleison

(Olson)

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,

•**Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship!

•**Stewardship** - Thanks to all for your generosity as we work to live out God's call to life together this next year! These giving estimates help us prepare our budget for the year ahead. If you haven't submitted your 2024 pledge card, we invite you to drop it off/mail it into the office this next week.

•**December Neighborhood Listening Session** - As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we'll be gathering with neighbors from the BC community once a month for a Neighborhood Listening Session. Join us from 5:30-6:30 pm as we share a meal and get to know our neighbor(hood)! *Note: This month's session, featuring neighbors from CAPI, will take place on Dec 13 (second Wed), not Dec 20 (third Wed), due to Christmas.

•**Site Visits** - As we work to further discern God's call, we're learning from neighboring churches who have reimaged ways to share space for the sake of God's work. If you're interested in taking part in a site visit or two in the next few months to learn how these congregations began and sustain the work they do, and haven't yet taken part in the short orientation, reach out to Kris Simon ASAP.

•**CoG Kids** - Join us for Godly Play next Sunday, Dec 3 during worship, and again on Wed, Dec 6 at 5:30 pm for dinner, study buddies, and stories. Confirmation students will meet at 7 pm.

•**Preparing Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas** - If you're willing to lend a hand from 9-10 on Saturday, Dec 16 to help decorate the sanctuary for the season, the Worship, Music, Arts Team would be grateful for the help!

•**Christmas Cookie Distribution** - The Christmas Cookie tradition continues! We've been blessed with donations of cookies from parishioners in the past. The cookie plates have been cheerfully and thankfully received. We need your help to bring fresh baked, store bought, or candy next Sunday, Dec. 10, to prepare plates for our homebound members this holiday season. Fill out the sheet on the

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

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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.

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,
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*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

All: Almighty God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love. Give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and justice all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

-Evangelical Book of Worship

SPECIAL MUSIC

Creation Calls Me To My Knees

COG CHOIR

Morning light, glory bright,
radiance flaming through the trees,
Darkness flees, night recedes,
creation calls me to my knees.

Singing waters, swift and low,
blood of earth, its cleansing flow,
Bringing life to towering trees,
creation calls me to my knees.

All nature echoes with your song. Father, help me sing along. Teach me Your tune. Teach me your rhyme. Teach me the rhythm of Your time. Gentle breeze blowing free, balming breath I cannot see, Bringing comfort, calm and ease, creation calls me to my knees. All nature echoes with your song.	O Father, help me sing along. Teach me Your tune. Teach me your rhyme. Teach me the rhythm of Your time. All nature echoes with your song. O Father, help me sing along. Teach me Your tune. Teach me your rhyme. Teach me the rhythm of Your time.
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Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

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. Verse 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.
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Verse 3
Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper your work and
Defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy

shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty
can do if with his love he
Befriend you.

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, fill our mouths with praise and our hearts with thanksgiving. That with joyful hearts we would gratefully and generously share God's abundance with our neighbors. In the name of the Source of our gratitude,
All: Amen.

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

*** 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! We invite you to 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.***

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!

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth in praise and thanksgiving, for God goes with you.
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

During the last petition of the prayers, in a time of silence and reflection, you are invited to write and pray your own prayer of gratitude here or in your heart

My Prayer of Thanksgiving: _____

Table

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.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **#858**

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple
draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er
All things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is
needful has been sent by his
gracious ordaining?

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 2x*)

Tag

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

PRAYER

P: O God,
May our table be wide,
All: And may our welcome be wide.
May your arms open wide to gather us in
And may our hearts open wide to receive.
May we come as children who trust there is enough.
May we come unhindered and free.
May our aching be met with bread.
And our sorrow met with wine.
So that we would open our hands to the feast without shame.
And turn toward each other without fear.
And give up our appetite for despair.
And taste and know of delight.
And become bread for a hungry world.
And become drink for those who thirst.
So that the blessed will become the blessing.
And everywhere there will be a feast.
Amen.

– Jan Richardson, adapted

SCRIPTURE READING

O Lord, our God,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.
 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honour.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
 O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC **For the Fruit of All Creation** #679

Verse 1

For the fruit of all creation,
 thanks be to God.
 For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
 thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
 silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth's safekeeping,
 thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor,
 God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

Psalm 8

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.

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

Now Thank We All Our God

#840

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God
 with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms,
 has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

Verse 2

Oh, may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,

and keep us all in grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all harm
 in this world and the next.

Verse 3

All praise and thanks to God
 the Father now be given,
 the Son, and Spirit blest,
 who reign in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God,
 whom earth and heav'n adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Thank You

(Witt)

Verse 1

Lord you took me into your arms.
You have shown me truest love.
You have given me such mercy
I'm not worthy of.
Lord your mercy everlasting
I could never understand
For all the love and
grace you've shown
I just want to say that I

Chorus

Thank you,
Thank you, dear Lord.
Thank you
from the bottom of my heart.

Verse 2

At the cross you gave
your life for me
As a gift of your great love.
It was the gift of
everlasting life from above.
I can boldly come
before your throne
Through your love and suffering.
I'm going to shout it
to the heavens,
I've been redeemed (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending

Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.

Apostles Creed

CONFESSON OF FAITH

*** 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,**

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

PRAYER

**All: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord,
and You give them their food in due season;
You open Your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Lord God, heavenly Father,
bless us and these Your gifts
which we receive from Your bountiful goodness,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

-Martin Luther, ref. Psalm 145

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 136

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
who alone does great wonders,
who by understanding made the heavens,
who spread out the earth on the waters,
who made the great lights,
the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
and brought Israel out from among them,
with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
who divided the Red Sea in two,
and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
who led his people through the wilderness,
who struck down great kings,

and killed famous kings,
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan,
and gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to his servant Israel,
It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
and rescued us from our foes,
who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Forever

Tomlin

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good,
He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus

Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God,
We will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

All: In Your presence, O God, we make our sacrament of thanksgiving.

Leader: We begin with the simple things of our days:
Fresh air to breathe, cool water to drink, The taste of food, the protection

PRAYER

**All: Let us give thanks for this moment,
for the sturdy fact of God's continuing love,
for mercies which go before us and follow after us.
Let us give thanks for memory and expectation,
for the good that we have known and know today in Jesus Christ,
for the Spirit's brooding presence in our nights and in our days.
Let us give thanks for pleasures which comfort
and for pains which invite grow and keep us at our shepherd's side,
for deep meanings revealed and for mysteries mercifully concealed,
for the image of God within us,
for the capacity to inquire and adore.
Let us give thanks for one another, for being together,
for differences that enrich us and disagreements that challenge
us, for our oneness in Christ.
Let us give thanks for melody and mirth,
for rhythm and beat,
for the repeated and common,
For the ever-unfolding,
and for the sense with which to respond.
And let us give thanks for a God to thank.
Amen.**

-Gerhard Frost, adapted

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.
His praise endures for ever.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC	God, Your Blessings Overflow	Gillette
Verse 1		Verse 3
God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say? How can we begin to show, all our gratitude this day? God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.		Yet at tables where we share, sometimes there is also pain. There may be an empty chair: When will we feel whole again? When our days of grief are long, thank you that your love is strong.
Verse 2		Verse 4
Thank you for the life you give, for each friend and family, For the land in which we live, for your love that sets us free. Thank you, God, for daily bread, and for feasts of joy you spread.		So we join in thanks this day, so your gifts we freely share, So we follow Christ the Way, loving, serving everywhere. Spirit, may our lives express, all our daily thankfulness.

of houses and clothes, the comforts of home.

A: For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day!

L: We bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that we have known:
Our mothers' and fathers' arms, the playmates of our childhood,
The wonderful stories brought to us from the lives of many who talked of
days gone by When fairies and giants and diverse kinds of magic held
sway;

The tears we have shed, the laughter we have shared.

A: For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

L: We passed before us the mainsprings of our heritage:
The fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before us,
Without whom our own lives would have no meaning. The seers who saw
visions and dreamed dreams; The prophets who sensed a truth greater than
the mind could grasp, and whose words could only find fulfillment in the
years which they would never see. The workers whose sweat has watered
the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.

A: For all these we make an act of thanksgiving this day.

L: We linger over the meaning of our own life and commitment
to which we give the loyalty of our heart and mind:
The little purposes in which we have shared with our love, our desire,
our gifts. The big hope that never quite deserts us,
that we will study war no more, that love and tenderness and all the inner
graces of Almighty affection will cover the children of God as the waters
cover the sea.

**A: All these and more than mind can think and heart can feel,
we make as our sacrament of thanksgiving to thee, O God,
in humbleness of mind and simplicity of heart.**

Amen.

-Howard Thurman, adapted

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.