

- **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](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).

# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



A Fifth Sunday Service of  
Lessons, Music, & Poetry

**July 30, 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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**MUSIC**

**Come As You Are**

**Glover/ Crowder/ Maher**

**Verse 1**

Come out of sadness  
from wherever you've been.  
Come broken-hearted,  
let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy.  
O sinner, come kneel.  
Earth has no sorrow  
that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that  
Heaven can't heal.

**Chorus**

(So) Lay down your burdens,  
lay down your shame.  
All who are broken,  
lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home,  
You're not too far.  
So, lay down your hurt,  
lay down your heart,  
Come as you are...

**MUSIC**

**Living Hope**

**Wickham/Johnson**

**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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship! If you’re able to lend a hand to help set up or clean up in coming weeks, sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- **Emergency Pastor Care** - Pastor Ali is out of the office through July 31. Should you need emergency pastoral care or assistance during that time, please reach out to our office (763-533-8602) to be put in contact with an on-call pastor.
- **School Supply Donations** - W/ELCA is collecting school supplies for the Progeny Academy’s students and teachers during the months of June and July. Shopping lists and envelopes for financial donations are under the poster by the Welcome Desk. Make check donations out to Progeny Academy. Envelopes go to the church office. Last Sunday for donations is today!
- **Shoe Bus** - The Brooklyn Center Farmer’s Market (7200 Brooklyn Blvd) is hosting the Shoe Bus on Thurs, Aug 3 from 3-5. The Shoe Bus is part of the local nonprofit organization Shoe Away Hunger, which offers affordable quality footwear for those in need. Brooklyn Center congregations are invited to donate gently used shoes of all kids’ and adult sizes toward this effort (donations can be directed to CoG office). You’re also invited to shop for shoes on 8/3 (kids shoes \$2, adult shoes \$5).
- **Fellowship afternoons**—Thursday, August 3rd from 1-3pm. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, games, puzzles, word search and some good conversation. This is open to all! Hope to see you!
- **Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - CAPI distributes free fresh produce on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 1-3 pm now through mid-Oct at 5930 Brooklyn Blvd. To sign up to help with distribution, visit [www.capiusa.org/get-involved](http://www.capiusa.org/get-involved). CEAP has a free outdoor produce market and community celebration on Wednesdays from 3pm-5pm, July 12-Aug 30. Produce packing will be 1pm-3pm and distribution shifts will be 2:30pm-5:30pm. To sign up to help, visit [www.ceap.org/get-involved/](http://www.ceap.org/get-involved/). And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm between June 29-Oct 26 at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams  
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
Vocalists: Shadlyn Bourne, Erik Haugland, Kris Simon  
Guitar: Josh Smith  
Flute: Nicole Lang  
Piano: Kris Simon  
Greeters: Steve Ferley, Marie King

Scripture Reader: Pam Gilbert  
Poetry Readers: Erik Haugland, Mike McClanahan  
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley  
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey  
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  
Dolores Olson  
Sharon Quick & Sue Birch

*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.

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.  
*(repeat)*

## MUSIC

### Washed By the Water

Reinhart/Reinhart

Even when the rain falls, I am washed by the water.  
Even when the flood starts rising, (REPEAT)  
Even when the storm comes,

## LESSON

### Psalm 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore my soul keeps them.  
The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it imparts understanding to the simple.  
With open mouth I pant,  
because I long for your commandments.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as is your custom towards those who love your name.  
Keep my steps steady according to your promise,  
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.  
Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may keep your precepts.  
Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.  
My eyes shed streams of tears  
because your law is not kept.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC**                      **Gather Us In**                      **#532**

**Verse 1**  
 Here in this place  
 the new light is streaming,  
 now is the darkness  
 vanished away;  
 see in this space  
 our fears and our dreamings  
 brought here to you  
 in the light of this day.

Gather us in,  
 the lost and forsaken,  
 gather us in,  
 the blind and the lame;  
 call to us now,  
 and we shall awaken,  
 we shall arise at the  
 sound of our name.

**MUSIC**                      **Here I Am Lord**                      **#574**

**Verse 1**  
 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin  
 my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 Whom shall I send?"

**Refrain**  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

**MUSIC**                      **How Great Thou Art**                      **#856**

**Verse 1**  
 O Lord my God,  
 when I in awesome wonder  
 consider all  
 the works thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars,  
 I hear the mighty thunder,  
 thy pow'r throughout  
 the universe displayed;

**Refrain**  
 Then sings my soul,  
 my Savior God, to thee,  
 how great thou art!  
 How great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul,  
 my Savior God, to thee,  
 how great thou art!  
 How great thou art!

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**SENDING BLESSING**

L: The Spirit of Pentecost continues to move in our midst,  
 Stirring us to love neighbor and enemy,  
 Empowering us to work for peace and justice,  
 And enlivening us to share God's gift of life together.  
 So go with good courage, for the Spirit goes with you.  
**ALL: Amen!**

**MUSIC**                      **Prayer of Good Courage**                      **Gustavson**

*\*\*As we pray the Prayer of Good Courage, we invite you to rise as you're able and face the back doors, a reminder that as we soon go forth into the world, we go with good courage. You're also invited to either join hands with a neighbor near you or put your hand on their shoulder as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.\*\**

*\*\*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!*

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. <i>(Repeat)</i> Amen!
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**POSTLUDE**                      **Oh, Happy Day**                      **Hawkins**

**MUSIC CREDITS**

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## 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.**

## MUSIC                      On Our Way Rejoicing                      #537

On our way rejoicing, Gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; Vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;	Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy? One our way rejoicing; As we forward move, Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!
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## MUSIC                      Sent Forth by God's Blessing                      #547

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God From this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended The fruits of this service In all who believe.	The seed of Christ's teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action For God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, Your love shall unite us To work for your kingdom And answer your call.
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## MUSIC                      What a Friend We Have In Jesus                      #742

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!	Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear— All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
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## POEM                                      Mindful                                      Mary Oliver

### LESSON                                      Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC**                      **God of Grace and God of Glory**                      **#705**

God of grace and God of glory,                      Grant us wisdom grant us courage  
On your people pour your pow'r;                      For the facing of this hour,  
Crown your ancient church's story;                      For the facing of this hour.  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

**MUSIC**                      **Be Thou My Vision**                      **#793**

Be thou my vision,                      Thou my best thought  
O Lord of my heart;                      Both by day and by night,  
Naught be all else to me,                      Waking or sleeping,  
Save that thou art:                      Thy presence my light.

**MUSIC**                      **Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**                      **Lafferty**

<b>Verse 1</b> Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu-, Allelujah.	<b>Verse 2</b> Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock, and the door Shall be opened unto you. Allelu-, alleluia.
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**POEM**                      **I Will Sing a New Song**                      **Howard Thurman**

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

**LESSON**                      **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'  
He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'  
'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone

**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 continue 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!*



**SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC**                      **Come, Thou Fount**                      **arr. Winkler**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**                      **Holden Evening Prayer**                      **Haugen**

*Refrain (sung by all after each verse):* **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
- 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

**ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Leader: Great and merciful † God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Chorus**  
And He walks with me  
And He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own.

And the joy we share  
as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

**MUSIC**                      **Blessed Assurance**                      **#638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his Spirit,	washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.
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**POEM**                      **When He Came By**                      **Dorothee Soell**

**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.  
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.**

found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

**MUSIC**                      **Let There Be Peace on Earth**                      **Jackson/Miller**

**Verse 1**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be,  
With God as our Father,  
Brothers all are we,  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony,

**Verse 2**

Let peace begin with me,  
Let this be the moment now,  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow,  
To take each moment,  
And live each moment,  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

**MUSIC**                      **In the Garden**                      **Miles**

**Verse 1**

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses.  
And the voice I hear

falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.