

sign-up form on our website and at the Welcome Desk.

•**Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - Help yourself to fresh produce from the CoG community gardens near the Welcome Table. Additionally, 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. And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm until the end of Oct at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.

•**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).

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 24, 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...



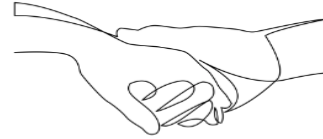
LENT

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

HANDBELLS

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 arts project that intends to make the meaning of the cross at the intersection of Admiral and Ewing a symbol of the ongoing work of the cross--God's work, our hands. If you haven't yet 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.

•**Table Talks TODAY** - All are welcome on fourth Sundays after worship for "Table Talks," our monthly education hour where we explore the ways our faith shapes our everyday lives. This month's gathering will take place next Sunday, Sept 24 at 11 am, and the topic is "Faith + the Earth." Grab a short article to read ahead of time at the bulletin boards, and reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.

•**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.

•**CoG Kids** - Kids of all ages are invited to First Sunday activities for a portion of the worship service with our CoG Kids Leaders. Join us next Sunday, Oct 1! Confirmation students: note that we kick off the new year on Wednesday, Oct 3 at 7 pm!

•**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, 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



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
Carol Sjoquist
Gordy Johnsrud
Josh Day*

*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,

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)*

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.**

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Verse 1

As saints of old
their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,

As Saints of Old

#695

the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand. 3

Verse 2

A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by
Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

Verse 3

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause
and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

All: Generous God, in the morning, may we rise in your love. In the evening, may we rest in your love. And in between, may we live and move and breathe in your love; by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Oh, I Woke Up This Morning Worship Team

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of

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Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

Chorus

There is a King of glory,
There is a God who saves.
One who is strong and mighty,
Freedom is in His name.
Open the gates of heaven.
Lift up a shout of praise.
There is a lion roaring:
Jesus, the King of glory.

Verse 3

So lift your eyes, stand in awe,
stand in awe.

There is one, only one
where my help comes from.
(Chorus)

Bridge

Nations bow, mountains shake
At the sound of just one name.
Over all Jesus reigns, (I know) I
know. (Chorus)

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

the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Take My Life, That I May Be

#685

Verse 1

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twentieth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the

vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Babette Chatman

MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

#770 vs 1-5

Verse 1

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Verse 2

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between petitions:

**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

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

King of Glory

Younkers/Maher/Ingram
Stanfil/Bentley

*** 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

Oh, don't lose heart,
O my soul, O my soul.
Don't give up; there is hope,
there is always hope.

Verse 2

And there is peace in the storm,
in the storm.
No, don't forget He is Lord,
He is Lord of all.

MUSIC

What a Beautiful Name

Fielding/Ligertwood

Verse 1

You were the Word
at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought
heaven down.
My sin was great,
Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast
of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival.
You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

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.**

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!

