

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship! Thanks to the many hands to help make this time together possible.
- God's Work Our Hands** - Join us for God's Work Our Hands festivities next weekend! On Sat, Sept 9, Wildfire churches are gathering together for breakfast and a hands-on morning of loving our neighbors near and far at Holy Nativity from 9-11 am. Reach out to Barbara Sahr with questions. On Sunday Sept 10, CoG will host a morning of worship, a potluck brunch, and a community art project. More info and sign-ups are at the Welcome Desk!
- Discernment Dialogues** - The Vision + Vocation Team would love to share a draft of "community liturgy" with you that we've been working on. Join us for a short Discernment Dialogue next month to share your thoughts, questions, and ideas. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, on our website, or by calling the church office (763-533-8602).
- Bible Study** - Weekly Bible Study resumes Tues, Sept 12 onsite and online at 9:30 am. Join us as we explore the texts for the upcoming week!
- 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.
- ELCA Youth Gathering Interest Meeting** - Interested in taking part in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 16-20? Wildfire churches will be joining together, and are hosting an interest meeting on Sunday, Sept 17 at 11:30 am at Holy Nativity. If you are currently an 8th-11th grader, or an adult who is interested in going as an adult leader, please join us!
- 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 3, 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: Let us confess our sins before God and one another...
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for confession and repentance

P: Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that God who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin, freeing you for life, and life together.

A: Thanks be to God!

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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*

*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.

MUSIC

To Be Your Presence

#546

*** 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

To be your presence
is our mission here,
to show compassion's face
and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!

Verse 2

To be your presence
is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter
homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice,
right uphold,
alleluia!

Verse 3

To be your presence
is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken
and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope,
your love expressed,
alleluia!

Verse 4

We are your heart,
O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is
our call and choice,
and in this mission we,
the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please rise as you're able and face the back doors, symbolizing that we 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!**

POSTLUDE

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

MUSIC

The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Verse 1

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure all of my days are
Held in Your hand,
crafted into Your perfect plan.

Verse 2

You gently call me
into Your presence,
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord,
to live all of my life
Through Your eyes.

Pre-Chorus

I'm captured by Your holy calling.
Set me apart.
I know You're drawing
Me to Yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Chorus

Take me, mold me,
Use me, fill me.
I give my life
To the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me,
Lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life
To the Potter's hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, mold us into your people this day and everyday. Shape us by your counter-cultural callings, that we might find our lives by losing them, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

MUSIC

Thank You (Gracias)

(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.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

P: 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!

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.

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 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 happy 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	As We Eat This Bread	Spellers
As we eat this bread and we drink this cup, We're becoming the body of Christ.	Come and fill our hearts so we'll dream your dreams and your kingdom will come through our lives.	

MUSIC	As the Grains of Wheat	#465
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Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.	Verse 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. <i>(Refrain)</i> Verse 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. <i>(Refrain)</i>	
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'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

P: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

Verse 1
What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more
for heaven now to give.
He is my joy,
my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 3
No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure,
the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled
and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised

to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold:
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released.
I can sing I am free.
Yet not I but through
Christ in me,
Verse 4
With every breath
I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said
that he will bring me home.
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne.
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me,

Ending

When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me,
Yet not I but through Christ in me,

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,**

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

Bind Us Together

#748

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God,
There is only one king;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God,
Loved by his precious Son;
Called to life abundant,
Which has now begun. *(refrain)*

Verse 3

You are the family of God,
You are the body of Christ,
You are the bread that feeds,
You are the glorious new wine.
(refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God.
All: Come, Holy Spirit.

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