

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2020
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have been given grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

I Will Trust in You

Worship Team

When I can't see You I know You're here
When I can't feel You I will not fear
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

I will not be afraid
I will not be afraid
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

And when the battle is close at hand
I know You're with me to help me stand
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

And when the darkness is closing in
And I am running against the wind
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

'Cause when I'm standing upon that shore
And all the battles they have gone before
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE**I Am Not Alone****Worship Team**

When I walk through deep waters
 I know that You will be with me
 When I'm standing in the fire
 I will not be overcome
 Through the valley of the shadow
 I will not fear

I am not alone
 I am not alone
 You will go before me
 You will never leave me

In the midst of deep sorrow
 I see Your light is breaking through
 The dark of night will not overtake me
 I am pressing into You
 Lord You fight my ev'ry battle
 And I will not fear

You amaze me redeem me
 You call me as Your own
 You amaze me redeem me
 You call me as Your own
 (REPEAT)

You're my strength You're my defender
 You're my refuge in the storm
 Through these trials You've always been faithful
 You bring healing to my soul

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray . . . **God of peace, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. We give you thanks that in the midst of life's stormy waters, you walk with us, giving us courage to step out in faith, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

This week's sermon will be sent out early next week as Sue is currently out of the office. If you'd like to hear the sermon before then, you are invited to watch worship by video or listen to it by phone on Sunday, August 9th on Zoom. To connect by phone, call 312-626-6799, enter 8025025123 when prompted for the Meeting ID, and 433131 when prompted for the password. Further instructions can be found at www.crossofglory.us. If you plan to read the sermon in print, look for it by mail next week. Thank you for your patience!

HYMN OF THE DAY #794 Calm to the Waves

Calm to the waves.
Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts.
Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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.

OFFERTORY

At this time, you are invited to prepare your offering, which can be mailed to the church office (5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429). Thank you for the ways you continue to generously support the work of Cross of Glory in this time apart!

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #773 Take My Hand, Precious Lord

- 1** Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 2** When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 3** When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Trusting that your hand will lead and provide, empower us to open our hands to share with our neighbors what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

God who walks with us, surrounded by stormy waters, we are afraid. Calm the storms caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, white supremacy, depression, addiction, domestic abuse, unemployment, homelessness, hunger, and loneliness. In our fear, help us see that you are already walking toward us, extending your hand in love. By this love, grant us courage, that we might step out in faith and boldly follow where you lead. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who creates, we give you thanks for the work of your hands--for the earth, the skies, and the seas. Today we pray especially for the sources of water that give life. Forgive us for the ways we fail to ensure that all our neighbors have access to drink water that is safe and clean. When waters cause floods, hurricanes, or destructive storms, come to the aid of your people, and

lead those of us in safety to care for the most vulnerable. Guide the human family as we work to sustain and be sustained by the precious resources of your hand. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who accompanies, everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Be with all who are sinking in grief, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and grant your peace to those whose hearts are broken. We pray for those suffering this day, especially Bev, Gil, Terry and Carol, Vicky, Nancy, Laura, Doris, Caroline and Rick, and the families of Rick Thorkelson and Delores Welshinger, who now rest in your eternal care. Equip us to comfort and care for one another, that ours may be the feet that bring good news. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who gathers, we give you thanks for this congregation and for the ways we can stay connected to one another across time and space. We pray for all those who have gathered in our church building--for our sisters and brothers at Faith Healing as they gather virtually, for our friends at Progeny Academy as they prepare for the challenges of the school year ahead, and for the building and grounds crew, custodial staff, and community gardeners who lovingly care for our space. Bless this church's leaders, and equip us all with bold imaginations and open hearts as we seek to lean into and live into the dreams and vision you have in store. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we lift up our hands to you in prayer, reach out your hand to us now, that we too might proclaim, "Truly you are the Son of God!" **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray. . .*

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.

BLESSING

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. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH SONG #763

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.

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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?

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

- 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*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Community Announcements

- Thanks to everyone who took part in a Meet-and-Greet these past couple of weeks. It was wonderful to hear your dreams and visions for our life together. The Council will be discussing your ideas and feedback in the coming months and we look forward to sharing more with you as we continue to discern God's call. If there is anything else you'd like to share with Pastor Ali, you can always reach out at atranvik@crossofglory.us or 763-533-8602.
- Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am on Zoom. Join us by using the same Zoom information that we use for worship on Sunday mornings. Reach out to Pastor Ali with any questions.
- If you're interested in cheering on the Cross of Glory softball team, this week's game will take place on Monday 8/10 at 6:20 pm at the north field at Centennial Park. Fans will sit physically distanced - bring your own lawn chair!
- Any other community news you'd like to share? Call or email Sue (svukelich@crossofglory.us) to have announcements added to the bulletin.