

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 22, 2021  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN**

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn                      Let Us Go Now to the Banquet   ELW 523**

**Refrain**      Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

**1** I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. **Refrain**

**2** God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. **Refrain**

**3** May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. **Refrain**

**Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit is with you all.                      **And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise                      Glory to God in the Highest                      ELW page 148**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**                      *Please join together in prayer:*

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:15-22                      (Read Responsively)**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from everyone.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Special Music

### Second Reading: Ephesians 6:1-20

<sup>0</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

**Rev. Jan Mehlhoff**

### Hymn of the Day

### Blessed Assurance

### ELW 638

**1** 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.

### *Refrain*

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.

**2** Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

**3** Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

## Prayer

### Confession of Faith

**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

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

**And always with you.** Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*If you're worshipping in-person, you're invited to stand up, remain in your pews, and turn to neighbors near you, offering a physically distant sign of peace: a wave, nod or bow, peace sign, or crossing arms over the chest as a symbol of an embrace. If you're worshipping on Zoom, you're invited to turn on your video and wave or give a peace sign to others.*

### Blessing of the Offering

*Offering plates will not be passed around at this time. Please drop off offering before or after the services in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page at [www.crossofglory.us](http://www.crossofglory.us). Thanks you for your generosity!*

### Offering Song

### Made Me Glad

### Worship Team

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| <b>1</b> | I will bless the Lord forever<br>I will trust Him at all times<br>He has delivered me from all fear<br>He has set my feet upon a rock<br>And I will not be moved<br>And I'll say of the Lord | <b>Chorus</b> | You are my shield my strength<br>My portion Deliverer<br>My shelter strong tower<br>My very present help<br>In time of need |
| <b>2</b> | Whom have I in heaven but You<br>There's none I desire besides You<br>And You have made me glad<br>I'll say of the Lord  |               |   |

### Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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**

### Announcements

## Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

## Way Maker

**1** You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

**2** You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

## Worship Team

**Chorus** (You are) Way Maker  
Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness  
my God that is who You are

**3** You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Please join us for a time of fellowship outdoors or on Zoom following today's service!*

## Music Credits

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## Community Announcements

- Thank you, Pastor Jan, for your message this morning!
- Keith Williams will be leading worship on August 29<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Cross of Glory is blessed with so many gifted and talented musicians!
- While Pastor Ali is away on maternity leave, Pastor Kisten Thompson is serving as Cross of Glory's part-time summer interim pastor. She can be reached at [kistenthompson@gmail.com](mailto:kistenthompson@gmail.com) or by calling/texting 651-216-5493. Please feel free to reach out for conversation, prayer, or pastoral care. **Her office hours will be Mondays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. weekly or by appointment.**
- Hold the date! The eight Wildfire congregations will be holding a joint God's Work, Our Hands service event at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in New Hope on Saturday, September 11, from 9:00am to around 11:00am. Watch for more information August 29<sup>th</sup>!

- Hennepin County is in a high state of alert for COVID-19, primarily due to the delta variant. Infections are spreading even to those who are vaccinated. Therefore our Covid Task Force asks everyone, even those who are vaccinated, to wear a mask while in the church building at all times, covering your nose and mouth. If you do not have a mask, they are readily available at church. We are also asking that you sanitize your hands when you enter, and for respectful physical distancing while in the church building. Please refrain from handshaking, hugging, or other actions that cause you to not physically distance from others. We know it is disappointing to have to go back to masking. However, for the health and safety of all in our community, and beyond, it is necessary. We stand together with other churches, businesses, and organizations in asking you to wear a mask indoors in a spirit of caring for all.

### **Weekly Prayer List**

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Mavis Wold, Ardis Fairchild, Jackie Fryhling, Gail Anderson, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Lori Balzer, Pastor Ali and Isak Tranvik, Marcy Hartlage and family in the passing of Gil, and Vicky Jacobson.*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact Sue in the church office ([svukelich@crossofglory.us](mailto:svukelich@crossofglory.us)) 763-533-8602).*

### **Worship Leadership**

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik (Maternity Leave)

Summer Interim Pastor: Rev. Kisten Thompson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jan Mehlhoff

Vocalist, choir director: Keith Williams

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director: Mark Trease

Vocalist:

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Erik Haugland, Dawn and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

### **Congregational Support as of 7/31/2021**

**Annual Budget: \$230,000.00**  
**Year to Date Budgeted: \$134,333.35**  
**Year to Date Received: \$146,409.37**  
**Difference: \$12,076.02**



## **Last day is August 29<sup>th</sup> to bring School Supplies!**

This year we are collecting school supplies to help our Charter School ~ Progeny Academy. They will have grades 3 - 8 this fall! Here is general list of items needed. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated! We will collect the items the Sundays in August – look for the collection box/shopping cart for your donations.

- Backpack ~ full sized for folders to fit in**
- Tennis shoes (no lights or wheels) and socks**
- 2 single subject notebooks**
- Folder (Physical Education)**
- Folder (Reflections Class)**
- Ear buds ~ for technology use**
- Water Bottle**
- Small individual bottle of hand sanitizer**
- 1 large box of Kleenex**
- Face mask**
- #2 pencils with erasers**
- Scissors, adult size 7", pointed tip**
- Pencil sharpener with shaving catcher**
- 1 box of markers-classic**
- 1 box of colored pencils**
- 1 2/1" Three ring binder**
- 1 large eraser**
- 1 red pen**
- 4 folders (each a different color), 3 hole punched**
- 1 Glue stick**
- 2 highlighters**
- Pencil/Material Pouch (three hole punched) Notecards (3x5 lined)**
- Student sized scissors**
- Loos leaf paper**
- 1 package-4 dry erase markers**