

**Stewardship 2022: God with Us
November 21, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

God Will Be with Us

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

Though we are sinners, we remember that God has been, is, and will be with us, forgiving all of our sins. Having received this free gift from God, may we now live as ebezers, embodied signs of God's presence, mercy and grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Song Forever Worship Team

1 Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

2 With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

3 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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.**

Song of Praise Promises Never Fail Worship Team

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| 1 You are with me what can separate us
You are for me what can stand against us
Your love it won't let go I know it won't | 2 Darkness shadows have no power over me
Fear is empty shame has no authority
Your love it won't let go I know it won't |
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Chorus I know your thoughts Your plans for me are good
I know You hold my future and my hope
Your promises never fail Your promises never fail

- 3** Healing and freedom as You speak favor over me
Faith is breaking all impossibility
Your name has overcome Your name alone

Your promises never fail Your promises never fail

I am standing on every promise that You make
I will see it come to pass in Your name in Your name
Jesus I will trust every word I hear You say
I will see it come to pass in Your name in Your name

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

God our rock, as we pledge our offerings to you this day, empower us to be witnesses to your presence among us, that our whole lives would be ebenezers to all that you have done, are doing, and will do, in the name of the eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

Music Come Thou Fount verse 1 and 2

- 1** Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills our hearts with joy and love,
Teach us ever to adore thee as our faith flows from above.
- 2** Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Here by Your help I've come".
And I hope, by Your good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Word

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:14-28

¹⁴ '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. ¹⁵Now 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.'

¹⁶ Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for 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; ¹⁸and 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.'

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' ²¹And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' ²²Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.'
²³He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' ²⁴The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.'
²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord. ²⁷Joshua said to all the people, 'See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God.'
²⁸So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

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

Music **Come Thou Fount verse 3**

3 As we offer up our treasure, may we put our trust in you.
Jesus, that you will be with us, that you'll guide all that we do.
Grant us vision, faith, and courage, to live out your living word.
That our lives reflect your presence--ebenezers, in your world.

Sermon **Pastor Ali Tranvik**

Song of the Day **The Potter's Hand**

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

Worship Team

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

Chorus Take me mold me
Use me fill me, I give my life

Me to Yourself
Lead me Lord I pray

To the Potter's hand
Call me guide me
Lead me walk beside me
I give my life
To the Potter's hand

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 and 2022 Pledges

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. Thanks you for your generosity!

Offertory Music

God with Us

1 Oh, You've come to bring peace,
To be Love, to be nearer to us.
You've come to bring life,
To be Light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

Chorus 1

In our past, in our present,
in our future, our source of strength,
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us. You are God with us.

Chorus 2 You've been with us,
You are with us,
You'll be with us for all of our days.
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us.

Chorus 3

Over everything,
our Redeemer,
In Your presence we find our strength.
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us. You are God with us.

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.

Music **Here I Am, Lord #574 verses 1, 2 and 3**

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| <p>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?"</p> | <p>Refrain</p> | <p>Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.</p> |
| <p>2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" Refrain</p> |

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Music **Take My Life ELW 583 verses 1, 2 and 3**

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| <p>Refrain</p> | <p>Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> | <p>1 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. Refrain</p> |
| <p>2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. Refrain</p> |

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in and around you.

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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Worship Leadership

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Vocalist, choir, and handbell director: Keith J. Williams

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease

Lector: Julie Aulwes

Greeters: Arlene Kosek and Carol Sjoquist

Worship Team Vocalist: Kim Jacobson

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

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Weekly Prayer List

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Marian Priest, Mavis Wold, Jackie Fryhling, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Lois Vaala, Wade Thomas, Trish Hambrick, Marian Henjum, Claudia Reitan, Roger Watterud, Nancy Hengel, and the family of Richard Johnson as they grieve his recent death.*

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

Community Announcements

- Thank you for your generously pledging toward the work God will do among us in 2022! If you didn't have the chance to submit your pledge card today, you can bring it next Sunday or mail it to the church office (5929 Brooklyn Blvd).
- Articles for the December issue of the Glory Banner newsletter are due tomorrow, Mon 11/22. Please send submissions to Sue at office@crossofglory.us.
- All are welcome to Bible Study each Tuesday at 9:30, either in-person or via Zoom, as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
- The Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices learning community will gather for our monthly meeting on Tuesday 11/23 at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church. Reach out to Maya with the synod with any questions (mbryant@mpls-synod.org).

- Join us on Zoom this on Thanksgiving eve, Wed 11/24 from 7-7:30 pm as we gather for a time of prayer and thanksgiving. This will be a short time of guided prayer through a few psalms of praise. To connect, use the same Zoom information as we use on Sunday mornings.
- Please join us next Sunday, Nov 28th following worship in the Fellowship Hall, as we give God thanks for Sue Vukelich's faithful service here at Cross of Glory as our office administrative assistant and bless her on her retirement.
- The Covid Task Force has recently updated its food policy. Meals are now permitted in the building, following our new guidelines for safely eating together. Please see the attached insert for further details, and don't hesitate to reach out to the Task Force with any questions.
- The Vision + Vocation team is beginning to meet to discern God's call for our church community for this next chapter of our life together. If you're interested in taking part, please reach out to Pastor Ali.
- Cross of Glory will soon be hiring for our new, long-term office role. Please share the word and visit our website (www.crossofglory.us) for more info!
- Pastor Ali is available for pastoral care - please reach out! Designated office hours for pastoral care--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and designated home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5.



We will continue the tradition of making cookie plates for our COG members and friends who are home bound, in care centers, or have experienced a life changing event. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12th. We are asking for cookie donations, and candy donations, which can be brought to church on that day when you come to church. In the past, we have prepared around 45-50 plates of heaping goodies. So bakers, do your stuff! If you have questions, please call Marcy Hartlage, 763-999-4944

Congregational Support as of 10/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

Year to Date Budgeted: \$191,733.34

Year to Date Received: \$195,047.19

Difference: \$ 3,313.85