

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

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.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Church of Christ

ELW 729

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| <p>1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.</p> <p>3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.</p> <p>5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.</p> | <p>2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.</p> <p>4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.</p> |
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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 This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

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

Special Music

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Sermon

Pastor Kisten Thompson

Hymn of the Day

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain**

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
he promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain**

Meal

Prayers of the People

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

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 School Supplies

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. Thanks you for your generosity!

Offering Song His Mercy is More Worship Team

1 What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

2 What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

3 What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Words of Institution

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.

The body of Christ is given for you. The blood of Christ is shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Sending Song The Lord Now Sends Us Forth Worship Team

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in 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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Community Announcements

- Wildfire Congregations God's Work Our Hands: September 11, 2021 at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. See the Glory Banner for more details. Cross of Glory is providing the templates for birthday cards for children who attend Camp Noah.

- September 12th is Rally Sunday ~ we welcome Pastor Ali back! We will continue making Camp Noah birthday cards for Cross of Glory's God's Work, Our Hands service project.
- **A word from Pastor Kisten:** It has been a joy and honor to serve among you these past 12 weeks. I leave with many fond memories of our time together. I pray for your continued ministry and mission here in Brooklyn Center as you welcome Pastor Ali back into your midst. God's richest and deepest blessings to all of you!

COVID Task Force Update:

We are following CDC guidelines and MDH recommendations regarding COVID-19 protocols. With the rise of the delta variant, COVID rates have continued to rise in Hennepin County and in our cities. With the shared health of our entire community in mind, the following are in effect:

- **Masks:** We are asking everyone to wear a mask while in the church building, covering your mouth and nose. This includes those who have been vaccinated. If you do not have a mask, they are available at the church.
- **Hand Sanitizing:** Please sanitize your hands whenever you enter the building.
- **Physical Distance:** We will continue physical distancing before, during services, and afterwards while in the church building. We ask you to refrain from handshaking, hugging, or other actions that cause you to not physically distance from others.
- **Communion:** Communion will be celebrated in-place in the pews the first Sunday of the month.
- **Offering:** Offering plates will continue to be available in the narthex outside the sanctuary, and you may also send or drop off your gifts to the church or contribute online or electronically.

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, Pastor Ali and Isak Tranvik, The family of Marilyn Wong, and Vicky Jacobson.*

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

Worship Leadership

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik (Maternity Leave)

Summer Interim Pastor: Rev. Kisten Thompson

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

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

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