ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Creation Sunday July 20-** As we give thanks for all that is growing in our gardens and in the world around us, join us for our "Creation Sunday" worship service next week, a service full of creation-themed music, readings, reflections. And stick around immediately following worship for a Blessing of the Gardens out back!
- **Garden Harvest Table -** Stop by the Garden Harvest table near the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings and help yourself to some fresh fruits and veggies grown in our church's backyard. You're welcome to bring any produce you grow at home as well to share.
- **Game Day–** 55 plus game day and conversation is scheduled for Thursday July 17 from 1pm to 3pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome, treats provided.
- **BC Farmers Market -** The BC Farmer's Market is back this summer at the United Methodist Church parking lot (7200 Brooklyn Blvd) on Thursdays from 1:30-6 pm from July 3-Sept 25.
- **Vacation Bible School -** Are the kids in your life signed up for Wildfire VBS? On Aug 11-14, kids preschool age through 6th grade from Wildfire churches will join together for VBS hosted at Cross of Glory. This year's theme is "At the Table." Meals for kids and families begin at 5:15 pm, program (stories, crafts, games, worship) from 5:45pm-7:30pm. Sign up through the church office by Sunday, July 27. If you're interested in volunteering for VBS, please reach out to Rachel in the office.
- **Brooklyn Center Community Health Fair** -is scheduled for Saturday, August 16 from 12-4 pm at the Brooklyn Center Community School (6500 N Humboldt Ave). This is a family-friendly event offering free health resources and screenings with professional health providers, food, music, kids activities, & more.
- **Joint Wildfire Summer Worship -** All members of all of the 8 Wildfire Churches with whom CoG is in partnership are welcome and encouraged to take part in joint Wildfire summer worship services on second Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm (July 9 at Holy Nativity in New Hope, and Aug 13 here at CoG). Worship includes singing, prayer, scripture, preaching, and communion. Time of refreshments and fellowship will follow.
- **Pastoral Care & Visitation -** If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

Summer Worship:
God's Story/Our Story

This summer, we look to the Pentecost season lectionary stories to dive deeper into God's story and explore the ways our own stories are part of it. Join us as we gather to "tell the old, old story of Jesus as his love."

**If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to fill out a "Welcome Card" located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate so that we can follow up with you to further extend a welcome.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MUSIC **God Is Here!** **#526**

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

Verse 1
God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Verse 2
Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Verse 3
Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family

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The Schoffstalls
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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.

BLESSING
L: May God the Creator, Jesus the Christ, and the ever-moving Spirit bless you now and forever.
A: Amen.

MUSIC **Open My Eyes** **Manibusan**

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back, return to your seats and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Verse 2
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Verse 3
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

Bridge
And the first shall be last,
And our eyes are opened,
And we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
And we'll see God's face
In places we've never known.

Verse 4
I live within you.
Deep in your heart, O love,
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please turn to face the back doors as we prepare to 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!

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

P: In the name † of the One who was, who is, and who will be evermore.
A: Amen.

Pastor: As we remember that we are part of God's great story, a story of generous grace and boundless love, a story that continues to be told around us, in us, and in spite of us we begin by confessing 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 to you 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 sins, and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

A: Thanks be to God!

*** You may be seated. ***

MUSIC **Show Me Your Ways** **Fragar**

Verse
Show me Your ways
That I may walk with You
Show me Your ways
I put my hope in You

Chorus
The cry of my heart
Is to love You more
To live with the touch
Of Your hand
Stronger each day
Show me Your ways *(repeat)*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: Let us pray together:
A: O God, the world longs for your loving care. Help us to hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors, through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new member Bobby Ulrich into our life together here at Cross of Glory!

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations as God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond " I will, and I ask God to help and guide me"

New member: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support this new member in our faith community and share with them God's wide welcome in shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray: We thank you, God, for this new member of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you and empower us for service, that together we would be witness to your love of the world.

ALL: Amen.

*** The congregation is invited to welcome our newest member with a round of applause ****

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you!
A: And also with you.
P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

You may be seated

OFFERING

We give thanks through the offering we joyfully share. Offering can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or given online via our secure giving page found at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing generously for the sake of God's gift of life together!

Blessing the Harvest
Part of the offering we are grateful to share throughout the summer months is what grows in our community gardens. During the offering, children are invited to go grab items from our Harvest Table (near Welcome Desk) and bring them forward to the front of the sanctuary for a blessing.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — The Song of Blessing — S. Groves

May God give you eyes to see
All that is good, all that is good,
The courage for anything,
May you be strong,
may you be strong.

May God give you ears to hear
His loving voice, his loving voice,
Speaking all around you.
All around and deep inside.
(Repeat)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken between petitions

Leader: Spirit of the living God…
All: fall fresh on me.

Sung at the beginning and after the last petition.

Spirit of the Living God,
fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
fall fresh on me.

melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

SECOND READING — Psalm 25:1-10

Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
"Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us."
He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD has them in derision.
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron,
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — I Love to Tell the Story — #661 verse 1

Please rise as you're able and turn toward the reading of the Gospel as we sing*

P: The Gospel according to Luke the tenth chapter.

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;

it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story,
Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION I Love to Tell the Story #661 verse 3

P: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Please turn to follow the Gospel *

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story,
Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus as his love.

*** You may be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC Where Charity and Love Prevail #359

Verse 1

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together
by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.

Verse 2

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and
mind and soul
now love God in return.

Verse 3

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.

Verse 4

Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles Creed

*** Please stand 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,
and the life everlasting. Amen.