•**Back To School Bash -** On Aug 14, CAPI is hosting a distribution of free backpacks and school supplies for kids as part of their weekly farmer's market. There will also be music, lawn games, food trucks, & more! Stop by from 2-6 pm, or reach out to CAPI if you're interested in volunteering.

•**Campers in Worship -** Campers had a great time at Wapo the last week of July, and are excited to share more about their time at Wapo. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 24th, when kids will be sharing a few stories and songs as part of worship!

•**Blessing of the Backpacks -** Kids, bring your backpacks to church on Aug 24th to receive a blessing and reminder that God is with you as you head into the new school year!

•**CoG Kids Ministry Meeting -** Children's leaders will gather as we gear up for the new year ahead after worship on Sunday, Aug 24th. If you're interested in taking part in this ministry, let Pastor Ali know, and plan to join us on the 24th!

•**5th Sunday Service this Month** - Join us on Aug 31 for our 5th Sunday service of lessons, music, & poetry. During these quarterly services, we try to include as many music requests as possible…if you have a favorite hymn or song you'd like to sing, please share that with the office by Aug 24 and we'll do our best to include it.

•**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.

•**Brooklyn Center Health Fair -** The annual 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, along with a community resource fair, food, music, kids activities, & more.

•**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. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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 and 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

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

MUSIC **Living Hope** **Wickham/Johnson**

Verse 1
How great the chasm,
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name
into the night.
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows
of my soul.
The work is finished,
the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2
Who could imagine
so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin
and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken;
I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

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

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

Earl Simons
Harvey Johnson
The family of Ruth Boeser
The family of Gordy Gunderson
Becca and Donald Floyd

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Vacation Bible School -** CoG kids and families, VBS starts this week! VBS is jointly hosted by Wildfire churches, and will take place at CoG Aug 11-14 from 5:15-7:30 pm (dinner included). Kids preschool age through 6th grade are eligible. Join us!
- **Call for Tablecloths -** Have a brightly colored or patterned table cloth you'd be willing to lend for VBS week? Drop them off tomorrow, and we'll use them to decorate our tables in the fellowship hall! Cloths will be washed and returned after VBS (Aug 11-14) is done.
- **Joint Wildfire Summer Worship on Aug 13 at COG -** 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. On Aug 13th, CoG is hosting! Join us for a service of singing, prayer, scripture, preaching, and communion. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow.

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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, serve the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Chorus
Hallelujah,
praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its
grip on me!You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
(*Repeat)*

Verse 3
Then came the morning
that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave
has no claim on me. *(Repeat)*
Jesus, Yours is the victory!
(Chorus 2x)

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 **In Christ Alone** **Getty/Townend**

Verse 1
In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light,
my strength, my song
This Cornerstone,
this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2
In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones
He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world
by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth
in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

Verse 4
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell,
no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand.

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: Eternal God, you are at work in ways we can see and in ways we cannot. Amidst our fear and uncertainty, open our hearts to the gifts

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MUSIC **Great is Thy Faithfulness** **#733**

*** 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
Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy
compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Verse 2
Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in
their courses above
join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Verse 3
Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Verse 2 (solo)
Gently you raise me
and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of
righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing
the music of your name. *Refrain*

Verse 3 (solo)
Though I should wander
the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

Verse 4 (solo)
You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love
beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

Verse 5 (solo)
Surely your kindness
and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house
of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

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.

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.

of your grace, renew our trust in you, and help us keep our lamps lit, ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING **Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM **We Are Children of Our God**

We are children of our God, we are children of our God,
We are children of our God, blest with joy, to have, to share.
Touching lives through years of sharing, touching lives through gift of song,
Touching lives through times with caring, we lift to You this song!
We are children…
Changing lives through song and worship, changing lives through all we do,
Changing lives through gifts of service, we sing this song for You.
We are children…
Praising God with joyous singing, praising God with voices strong,
Praising God with body, mind and heart, praise God from whom all flows.
We are children of our God, we are children of our God,
We are children of our God, blest with joy, to have, to share.
Blest with joy to have, to share!

SECOND READING **Psalm 33:12-22**

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.
Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

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*

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.

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

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.

MUSIC **Shepherd Me O God** **#780**

Refrain
Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.

Verse 1 (solo)
God is my shepherd,
so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows
of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
Refrain

GOSPEL READING **Luke 12:32-40**

P: The Gospel according to Luke the twelfth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. if he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

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

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 **Lucas Carlson**

MUSIC **Promises Never Fail** **Taylor/Ingram/ Johnson/Fielding**

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

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.

Verse 3
Healing and freedom
as You speak favor over me.
Faith is breaking all impossibility.
Your name has overcome,
Your name alone. *(Chorus)*

Tag
Your promises never fail.
Your promises never fail.

Bridge
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.
(Repeat)
(Chorus)

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.