The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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

MUSIC **Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly** **Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin**

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

Verse 1
It all comes down to this,
What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things.

Chorus
Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God.

Verse 2
It all comes down to this,
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free. *(Chorus)*

Bridge
It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven. *(Repeat)*

Verse 3
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith, just like a seed,
The only way it grows. *(Chorus)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **CoG Kids Ministry Meeting TODAY** - Children's leaders will gather after worship today to prepare for the new year ahead. If you're interested in taking part in this ministry, join us!
- **5th Sunday Service this Month -** Join us next Sunday, Aug 31 for our 5th Sunday service of lessons, music, & poetry. As part of these services, we try to include music requests from you. If you have a favorite hymn or song you'd like to sing, please share that with the office TODAY and we'll do our best to include it.
- **BC Farmers Market -** Support local farmers and get some great food Thursday afternoons at the BC Farmer's Market. Hosted by CAPI and located at Brooklyn United Methodist Church's parking lot (7200 Brooklyn Blvd), the market runs Thurs from 1:30-6 pm until Sept 25.
- **God's Work our Hands -** The ELCA's celebration of "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday will take place on Sept 7th this year. As we celebrate the many hands that do God's work in and around COG and kick off our new programmatic year, join us for a festive worship service followed by a potluck luncheon. Keep an eye out for the food sign-up at the Welcome Desk!
- **ISAIAH Town Hall -** Mark your calendars for Monday, Sept 22 at 7 pm, when ISAIAH--the non-partisan coalition of faith communities, Black barbershops, and childcare centers working for racial and economic justice in MN--will host a community conversation with local legislators about federal cuts to social services like Medicaid, SNAP, etc. The Town Hall is open to all Wildfire churches and neighbors, and is hosted at House of Hope in New Hope.
- **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.

MUSIC CREDITS

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

Mavis Wold
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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.

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 **His Mercy is More** **Papa / Boswell**

Verse 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.

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

Verse 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. *(Chorus)*

Verse 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)*

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the hospitality and generosity of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING **Proverbs 25:6-7a**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Verse 3
Won't let Satin *(blow)* it out.
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
Won't let Satin *(blow)* it out.
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
Won't let Satin *(blow)* it out.
I'm going to let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 4
All around Cross of Glory,
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey).
All around Cross of Glory,
I'm going to let it shine.
(hey, hey, hey)
All around Cross of Glory,
I'm going to let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 5
This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine all the time.

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

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

BLESSING

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

A: Amen.

MUSIC **This Little Gospel Light of Mine** **Led by Wapo campers & VBS kids**

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to come to the front and help lead the last song as we sing! ****

Verse 1

This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
This little Gospel light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 2

Hide it under a bush? (are you crazy?)
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
Hide it under a bush? (are you crazy?)
I'm going to let it shine
(hey, hey, hey)
Hide it under a bush? (are you crazy?)
I'm going to let it shine
let it shine, let it shine all the time.

SECOND READING **Psalm 112**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul" Camp song based on Psalm 25

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.

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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 ***

Refrain
My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Verse 3
From the halls of pow'r
to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware
for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor
shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread,
ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.
(Refrain)

Verse 4
Though the nations rage
from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's
crushing grasp.
This saving word
that our forebears heard
is the promise which
holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be
crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.
(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.

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

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 as they are passed, 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 **Canticle of the Turning** **#723**

Verse 1
My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings
of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight
on your servant's plight,
and my weakness
you did not spurn,
so from east to west
shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

SERMON

MUSIC **For Everyone Born** **Mann**

Verse 1
For everyone born, a place at the
table, for everyone born,
clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space,
a safe place for growing,
for everyone born,
a star overhead.

Chorus
And God will delight
when we welcome
all to the table,
With joy, compassion
and peace.
Yes, God will delight
when we welcome
all to the table,
With justice and joy!

Verse 2
For young and for old,
a place at the table,
a voice to be heard,
a part in the song,
The hands of a child
in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old,
the gift to belong. (*Chorus)*

Verse 3
For everyone born,
a place at the table,
to live without fear,
and simply to be,
To work, to speak out,
To witness and worship,
For everyone born,
The gift to be free. (*Chorus)*

Ending
With justice and joy!
With justice and joy!
With justice and joy!

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;