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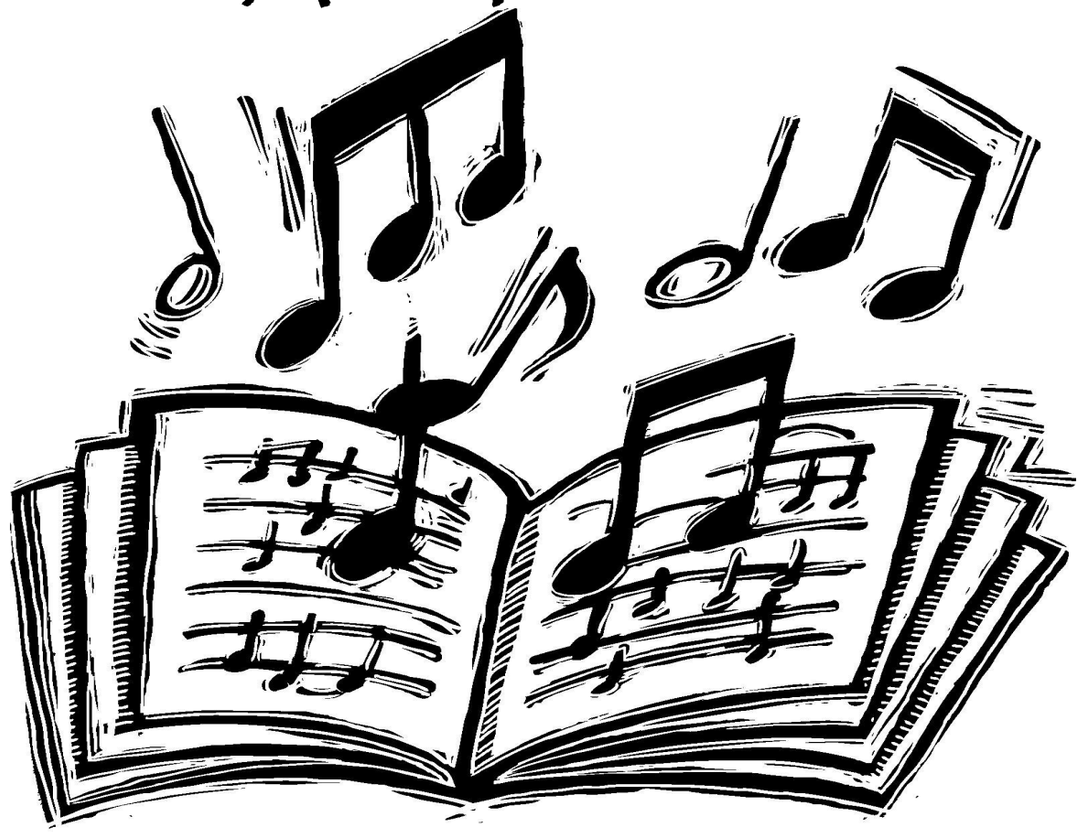
A Fifth Sunday Service of Lessons, Poetry, and Music

August 31, 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 **Beautiful Savior** **#838**

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

Verse 1
Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Verse 2
Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming
spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Verse 4
Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

- **BC Farmers Market** - Support local farmers and get some great food each Thursday afternoon 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 from July 3-Sept 25.
- **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.

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
Becca and Donald Floyd
Jackie Fryhling
Bill Lauster
Linea Ulrich

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!

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC — Kyrie Eleison — (Olson)

Chorus
Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

Verse 1
For peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all,
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Verse 3
For peace in our hearts,
For peace in our homes,
For friends and family,
For life and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord.

GREETING
Pastor: 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**…**
O God, mighty and immortal, in a world of sin and need, we are constantly in need of your healing presence. Give us strength of mind, body, and spirit, so that even in the face of suffering, you might set us free; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 58:9b-14**

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **God's Work our Hands Potluck Next Sunday -** The ELCA's celebration of GWOH Sunday will take place on Sept 7th this year. As we celebrate the many hands that do God's work in and around COG, join us for a festive worship service followed by a potluck luncheon. Please sign up to bring a dish at the poster near the Welcome Desk. We look forward to sharing in this time of food and fellowship as we kick off the new programmatic year!
- **Oktoberfest -** All Wildfire churches are welcome at Oktoberfest at House of Hope on September 13th from 3:00-8:00pm. There will be live music, food, drinks, games, and good fellowship!
- **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.
- **Wildfire Music Event + Jazz Concert** - At 7 PM on Thurs 9/25, Wildfire churches are coming together for a unique music event! Some of our members will be singing anthems or hymns as the warm-up act, and then we'll hear a live performance from a new Twin Cities vocal jazz group (think Manhattan Transfer style) who will "headline" the evening. The event is free of charge (free will donations encouraged to offset costs) and is open to the public. Please come and bring friends and family. Direct questions to Keith Williams!
- **God's Work our Hands Service Project** - Join with fellow Wildfire churches on Sat, Sept 27th at 9 at Faith Lilac Way for this year's service project. We'll begin with a potluck breakfast (bring a breakfast or brunch item to share!), followed by learning a bit about Global Refuge from FLW's Vicar Karla Leitzman, followed by assembling community garden kits for Global Refuge.
- **Table Talks** - Our monthly education hour that takes place on 4th Sundays will begin gathering in September. Mark your calendars for Sept 28th after worship, and stay tuned for more details. Be in touch with Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.

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DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace, keep on singing!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

MUSIC Lord, Whose Love is Humble Service #712

Verse 1
Lord, whose love
in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants,
bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Verse 2
Still your children
Wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

Verse 3
As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth
And greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the
needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

POEM

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 103:1-8**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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

MUSIC **Knowing You** **Kendrick**

Verse 1
All I once held dear,
built my life upon,
All this world reveres
and wars to own,
All I once thought gain,
I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now
compared to this.

Chorus
Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MUSIC **Let the Praises Ring** **Brewster**

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

Verse 1
O Lord, my God, in You
I put my trust;
O Lord, my God, in You
I put my hope;
O Lord, my God, in You
I put my trust;
O Lord, my God, in You
I put my hope.

Chorus
In You, in You I find my peace;
In You, in You I find my strength;
In You, I live and move and breathe;
Let everything I say and do
Be founded by my faith in You;
I lift up holy hands and sing,
Let the praises ring.

Verse 2
O Lord, my God, to You
I give my hands;
O Lord, my God, to You
I give my feet;
O Lord, my God, to You
I give my everything;
O Lord, my God, to You
I give my life. *(Chorus)*

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain (sung by all after each verse): **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:
1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful ☩ God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All: Amen.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer 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.

Verse 2
Now my heart's desire
is to know You more,
To be found in You
and known as Yours,
To possess by faith
what I could not earn;
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

POEM

GOSPEL READING **Luke 13:10-17**

*** Please stand as you are able ***

P: The Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC **Freedom is Coming** **#903**

Verse 1
Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom.
Freedom is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.

Chorus
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes I know.

Verse 2
Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3
Oh, healing,
Oh, healing,
Oh, healing.
healing is coming.
Oh, yes, I know. *(Chorus)*

POEM

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
A: And also with you.
P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please 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 **The King of Love My Shepherd Is** **#502**

Verse 1
The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Verse 2
Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant
pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 4
In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 6
And so, through all the
length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.