providers, along with a community resource fair, food, music, kids activities, & more.

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!

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
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.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour + Conversation -** All are invited to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Today, members of Council will also be present to address any questions you may have about the update sent out this past week. Join us as we talk and pray about what God might be doing among us.

•**Vacation Bible School -** CoG kids and families, we invite you to register for VBS if you haven't already! 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. Sign up in the office!

•**Call for Tablecloths -** Have a brightly colored or patterned table cloth you'd be willing to lend for VBS week? Drop them off this next week during office hours or next Sunday. We're looking to decorate our tables! 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.

•**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!

•**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.

•**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.

•**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

MUSIC CREDITS

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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!

MUSIC My Life Flows on in Endless Song #763

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

Verse 1
My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet,
though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain
No storm can shake
my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Verse 2
Through all the tumult
and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
(*Refrain)*

Verse 3
What though my joys
and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness
gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
(*Refrain)*

Verse 4
The peace of Christ
makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
(*Refrain)*

*** You may be seated. ***

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 lyrics to be “Be Thou My Vision” vs 1 & 3

P: Let us pray together:

A: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING **Psalm 36:1-9**

Read responsively

There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked;
here is no fear of God before their eyes.
They flatter themselves in their own eyes
that their hateful sin will not be found out.
The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful;
they have stopped acting wisely and doing good.
They plot wickedness upon their beds and have set themselves in a way that is not good;
they do not abhor that which is evil.
Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.
How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's
shining down on me,
When the world's
all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name. *(Choruses)*

Bridge

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be
Your name.” *(Repeat) (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!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
A: Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Song

BLESSING

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

MUSIC **Blessed be Your Name** **Redman**

** *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
Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams
of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 2
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found
in the desert place,
Though I walk
through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say.

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

GOSPEL READING **Luke 12:13-21**

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

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

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

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.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

SPECIAL MUSIC It is Well Kim Jacobson & Kris Simon

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.**

P: The body of Christ is given for you.
The blood of Christ is shed for you.
All: Amen.

MUSIC Create In Me Becker/Edwards

Verse 1
A sacrifice pleasing to God
Is a broken spirit.
You'll not despise a humble heart.
You will hold and heal it.

Pre-Chorus
Renew, restore,
Remember me my Lord.

Chorus
Create in me a new heart
After Yours, after Yours.
Create in me a new heart
After Yours, after Yours,
My Lord.

Verse 2
Come purify and I will be clean.
Wash away all my shame.
O, let me hear gladness and joy.
Let my mouth sing Your praise.

MUSIC One Bread, One Body #496

Refrain
One bread, one body,
one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing
which we bless,
and we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1
Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Verse 2
Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Verse 3
Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

MUSIC There Is Enough

There is enough, enough and some to share.
There is enough, oh, enough and some to share. (*Repeat)*

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 — I Give Myself Away — (Hinn/McDowell)

Chorus
I give myself away.
I give myself away
So You can use me.
I give myself away.
I give myself away
So You can use me. (*Repeat)*

Verse 1
Here I am.
Here I stand.
Lord, my life is in Your hands.
Lord, I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me.
(Chorus)

Verse 2
Take my heart.
Take my life
As a living sacrifice.
All my dreams.
All my plans,
Lord, I place them in Your hands.
(Chorus)

Bridge
My life is not my own.
To You, I belong.
I give myself.
I give myself to You.
My life is not my own.
To You, I belong.
I give myself.
I give myself to You. *(Repeat)*
(Chorus)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and grape juice at the second station. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the juice. If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.