The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

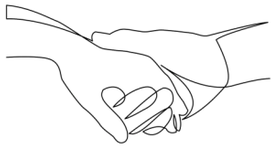
September 14, 2025

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

We are **CALLED**

We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Welcome to Cross of Glory

...where we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates, so that we can further extend a welcome.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being.
A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and repentance.

P: Most merciful God,
All: Against you, and against our neighbor, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

P: As deep as the waters over which God's Spirit first hovered, so deep is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you. As tender as a parent is to their child, so tender is God's compassion for you. So let us rise again this morning and live, forgiven † and made new by the grace of God.
A: Amen.

- **BC Farmers Market** - The BC Farmers is open for just two more weeks! 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 on Thursdays from 1:30-6 pm.
- **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.

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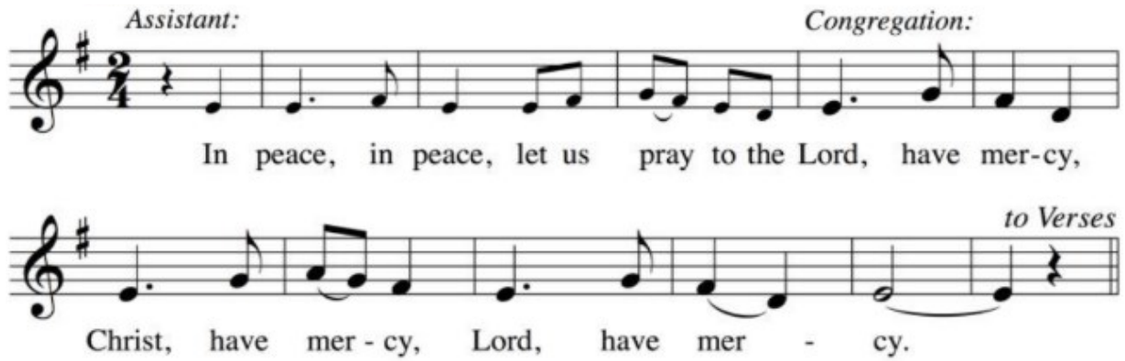
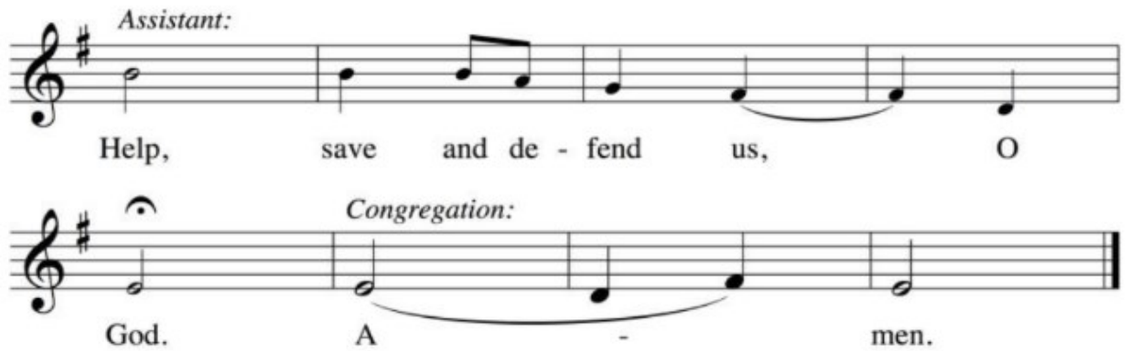
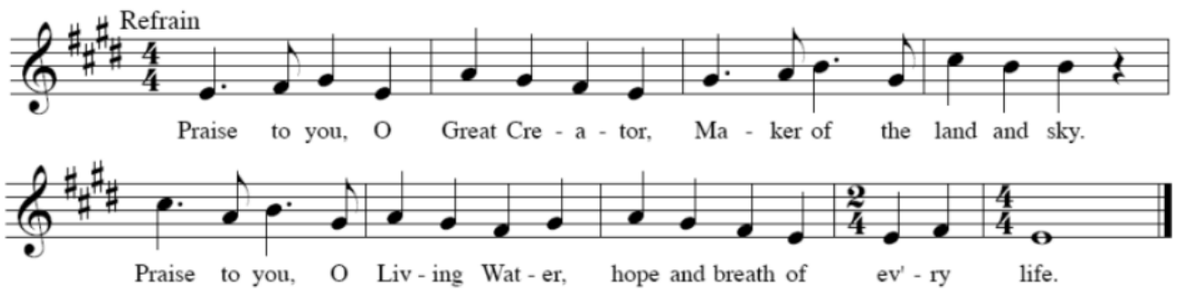


Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



HYMN OF PRAISE **Praise to You** **Olson**



** *Please 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

L: Let us pray together**…**
A: God of compassion and mercy, you persistently seek out the lost, the least, and the left out. Preserve all your people in your loving care, that in you, we would know the gift of the life you offer; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Shepherd, and our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC — Come Let Us Return (Gloria) — Maher/Brown

Verse 1
Come let us return to the Lord.
Come let us return to the Lord.
Fill this room with sound,
Let the praise resound.
Come let us return to the Lord.

Verse 2
Come let us return to the Lord.
Come let us return to the Lord.
Let's fill this room with sound,
The praise of God resound.
Come let us return to the Lord.
(Chorus)

Chorus
Gloria, gloria,
Lord our eyes are
fixed upon You
Gloria, gloria,
Turn our hearts to You again.

Verse 3
Welcomed to the table of the King.
Welcomed to the table of the King.
Homeless and ashamed,
The Saviour called our names.
We've been welcomed to the
table of the King. *(Chorus)*

Bridge
Look what You've done,
Look what You've done.
All that we have is Yours alone.
What can we give? What offering?
You deserve more than
the songs we sing.

Verse 4
So, let mercy rise like praise
to Your throne.
Let mercy rise like praise
to Your throne.
Father, touch Your church
'Til justice fills the earth.
Let mercy rise like praise
to Your throne. *(Chorus)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **55+ Game Day -** The next game day is scheduled for this Thurs 9/18 from 1:15 to 3 pm in the fellowship hall. Treats will be provided. All are welcome.
- **ISAIAH Town Hall -** On Sun 9/21 from 3-5 pm, 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 in a joint Wildfire singers group as the warm-up act, there will be a short hymn sing for all, and then we'll hear a live performance from a new Twin Cities vocal jazz group 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 9/27 at 9am 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.
- **Gallery Talk** - Join us on Sun 9/28 after worship for our first Table Talks of the new year. Table Talks in our monthly education hour, and this month, we look forward to welcoming Brooke Steighaus, artist of the upcoming exhibit in our art gallery, who will give a talk about her new watercolor exhibit which features "metaphors of resurrection."
- **Updates in Sanctuary** - A heartfelt thanks to Keith Williams for his recent work making updates in the sanctuary, including expanding the musicians staging area, and creating space for the handbells choir to play from the main level. If you are interested in taking part in Handbells or another musical ensemble this year, talk to Keith Williams or Mark Trease.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Johnetta Freeman, Kim Jacobson
Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith
Technical Team: Dawn Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Bill Bailey

Greeters: Angela Dahl, Linda Knudsen
Reader: Abby Kelley
Ushers: Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Kim Schoffstall, Jeffline Tolbert
Fellowship: Dave Hengel, Dan Jacobson
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
Claudia Reitan

Earl Simons
Harvey Johnson
Becca and Donald Floyd
Jackie Fryhling
Bill Lauster
Linnea 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.

Word

FIRST READING **Exodus 32:7-14**

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

SECOND READING **Psalm 23**

*** Read responsively ***

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Watts/Coggin

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah in His name.
In pastures green, he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways.
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in spite of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

GOSPEL READING **Luke 15:1-10**

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

Verse 3
"Go, my children, fed and
nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and
nourished, joyful and free."

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Kids may return to their seats. Congregation, 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
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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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.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

All kids are invited to play an instrument on the last song in worship each week. This fall, we invite kids to do so as part of a "percussion circle" up front. At this time, kids can come forward, grab a shaker from the basket, gather around the drums and get ready to accompany the congregation as we sing the Sending Song!

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

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless and keep you; May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; May the Lord look upon you with favor, † and give you peace.
All: Amen.

MUSIC **Go My Children, With My Blessing** **#543**

Verse 1
"Go, my children,
with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."

Verse 2
"Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love
you, what I can cure.
Here you heard
my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his
glory.

over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

*** Please be seated ***

Kids are invited to meet our Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for "Godly Play," a time of storytelling. We'll regather in the sanctuary following the sermon.

SERMON

MUSIC **Goodness of God** **Ingram/Johnson/ Fielding/Johnson**

Verse 1
I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days
I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been
So, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2
I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night,
You are close
like no other.
I've known You as a parent,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.
(*Chorus)*

Bridge
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me. *(Chorus)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles Creed

*** Please rise 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 are called to share of our time, our talents, and our treasures for the sake of God's work at Cross of Glory and beyond. To that end, in addition to any monetary offering you feel so moved to give this morning, we invite you to place the "Our Hands" insert in the offering plates today as well. Stop at the "Our Hands" table after worship to learn more!

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 — Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling — #608

Verse 1
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain
"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Verse 2
Why should we tarry when
Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and
heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Verse 3
Oh, for the wonderful love
he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has
mercy and pardon, pardon for you
and for me. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the idol of earthly riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. May these gifts that we have gathered bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC — Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying — #752

Sung at the beginning and ending of prayers. All kids who know this song and are willing to help lead it are invited to come forward to do so at this time

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Spoken between petitions:

L: Mothering God,
ALL: Hear our prayer.