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

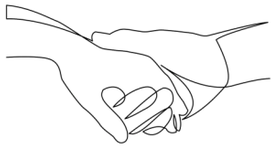
*Mavis Wold*
*Norma Gilbertson*
*Audrey Swanberg*
*Jeannie Kuzmich*
*Eric Thompson & family*
*Claudia Reitan*
*Earl Simons*

*Harvey Johnson*
*Becca and Donald Floyd*
*Jackie Fryhling*
*Bill Lauster*
*Linnea Ulrich*
*Luella Hinnenkamp*

*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.*

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**

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.**

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



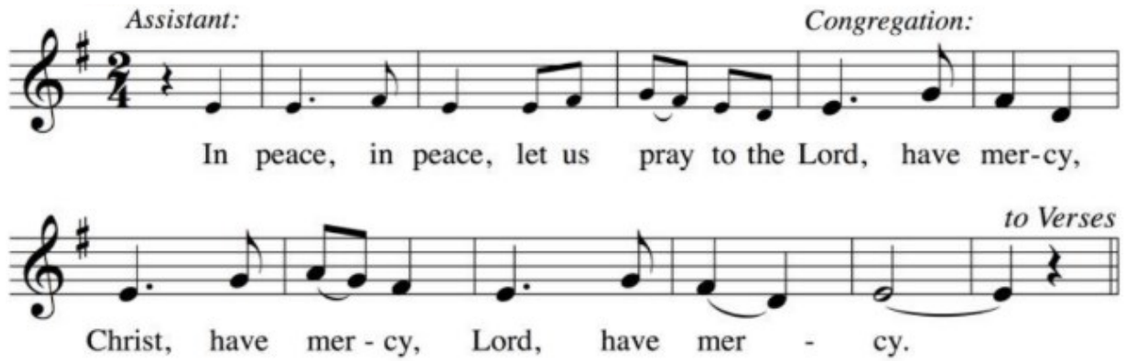
- **Gallery Talk -** Join us on Sun 9/28 after worship for our first Table Talks of the new year. Table Talks in our monthly education hour, and this month, we look forward to welcoming Brooke Steighaus, artist of the upcoming exhibit in our art gallery, who will give a talk about her new watercolor exhibit which features "metaphors of resurrection."
- **First Wednesdays -** We are excited to kick off the new year of First Wednesdays on Wed, Oct 1. A meal will be served for all at 5:30 pm, followed up activities for kids and families from 6-7. Confirmation will begin at 7 pm for 6th-8th graders and their parents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **ISAIAH Town Hall TODAY -** Today 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. Want to take part in the singing? Show up at 5:05 that night. Direct questions to Keith Williams!
- **God's Work our Hands Service Project -** Join with fellow Wildfire churches on Sat 9/27 at 9 at Faith Lilac Way for this year's GWOH 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.
- **God's Hands form—**if you haven't had the chance to fill out the "Our Hands and Communication Preferences" form. We invite you to pick one up at the welcome desk and drop off the completed form to Rachel's mail box. The "E-news" and "CoG Community Updates" are set to begin for those who requested it the second week of October to keep everyone in the loop about what is happening here at CoG!
- **Guest preacher next Sunday-** We're excited to welcome Rev. Kristin Dybdal as our guest preacher next week. Pastor Ali will be there to preside (note: she will be out of town for a continuing ed conference Wed -Sat, so in the event you'd need emergency pastoral care during that time, please contact the office).

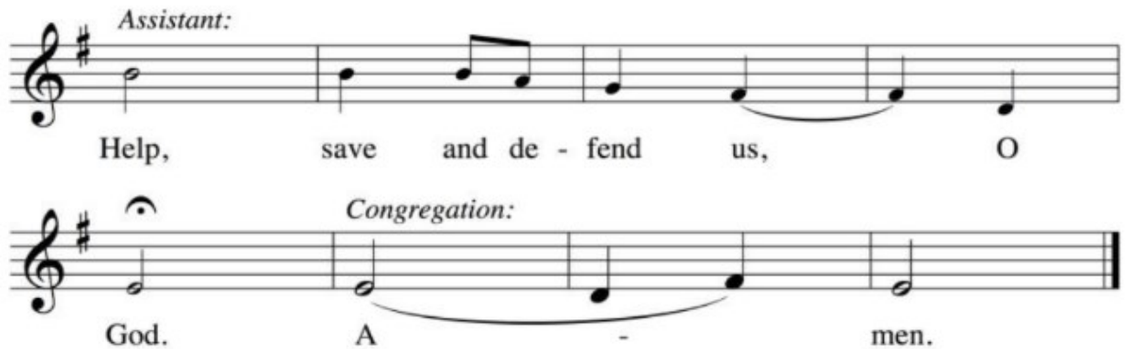


## KYRIE — Haugen

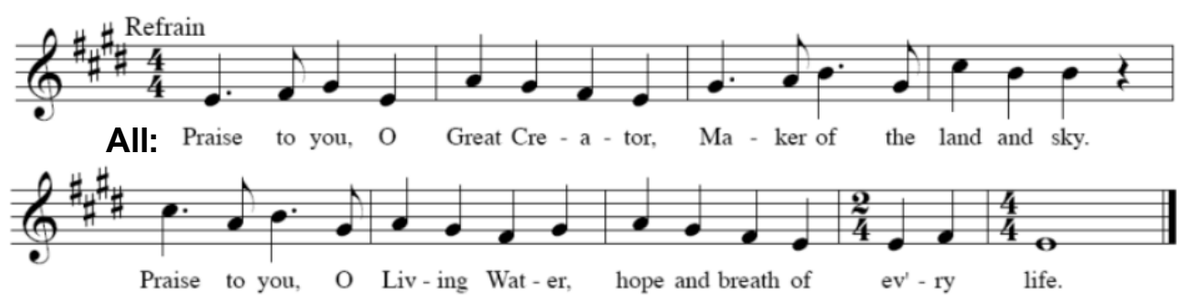


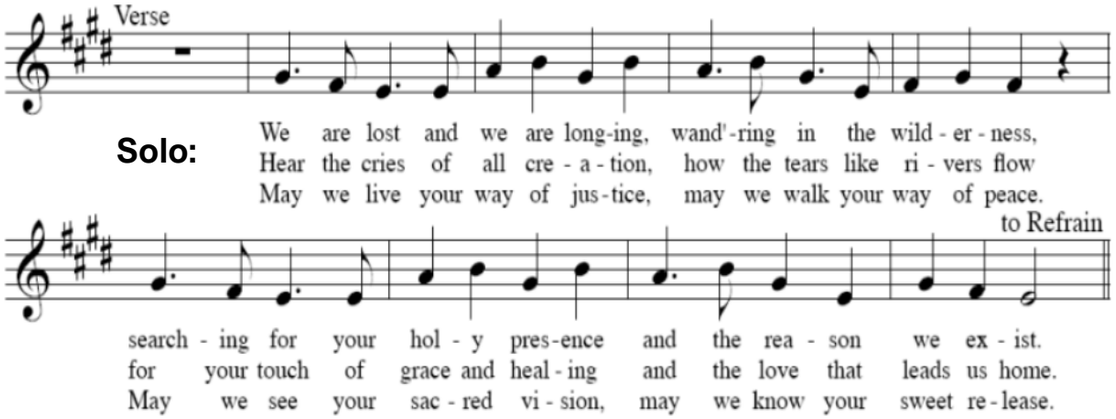

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*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






**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: O God, you make yourself known among the lost and the losing. Bless us in the midst of our struggles, that we may live as your body, broken and blessed, for the sake of the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

## Word

**FIRST READING** **Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called



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** *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** **God Who Began a Good Work in You** **Mohr**

***Chorus***

God who began a good work in you
God who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
Will be faithful to complete it
God who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you

***Verse (solo)***

If the struggle you're facing
Is slowly replacing
Your hope with despair
Or the process is long
And you're losing your
song in the night
You can be sure
That the Lord has His hand on you
Safe and secure
God will never abandon you
You are God's treasure
And God finds pleasure in you

**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**



Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** **Psalm 121**

** *Read responsively* **

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
**My help comes from the LORD,**
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
**Behold, the keeper of Israel**
**will neither slumber nor sleep;**
the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
**the sun will not strike you by day,**
**nor the moon by night.**
The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**
**from this time forth forevermore.**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** **McCartha**

*What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear.*
*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.*
*Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear*
*All because we do not carry everything to God in Prayer.*
*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;*
*Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*
*Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?*
*Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.*
*Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?*
*In God's arms to take and shield you, you will find a solace there.*
*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;*
*Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord.",*
*I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, friend.*
*And I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.*
*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;*
*Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy in peace,*
*Life and rest and joy in peace.*

**GOSPEL READING** **Luke 18:1-8**

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

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet,



**MUSIC** **Remember Christ** **Fielding/Ware/Morgan**

***Verse 1***
Remember Christ,
The Son of God and Son of Man.
Receive the bread,
Broken for each one of us.

***Verse 2***
Remember Christ,
Whose covenant was
sealed in blood.
Receive the cup,
The love of God
poured out for us.

***Chorus***
We give thanks,
Thanks to the Lord
For His love endures.
We give thanks,
Thanks to the Lord our God.

***Verse 3***
Remember Christ
Whose sacrifice has
brought new life.
And to the Lamb
Who lived and died
Now glorified. (*chorus x2)*

***Bridge***
We proclaim
His death 'til He returns.
We proclaim
He has the final word. *(Repeat)*
*(chorus x2)*

***Ending***
We give thanks,
Thanks to the Lord our God.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: O God, at this table we have tasted your abundance, and feasted on your grace. Send us forth to generously and joyfully share with others what we have received here, in Jesus' name,
**A: 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!***

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## 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.*

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

**MUSIC** **As the Grains of Wheat** **#465**

***Refrain***
As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

***Verse 1***
As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence
of your love. *Refrain*

***Verse 2***
Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation
shares this feast with you. *Refrain*



when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

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

*** Please be seated ***

## SERMON

**MUSIC** **Precious Lord Take My Hand** **#773**

***Verse 1***
Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm,
through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

***Verse 2***
When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

***Verse 3***
When the darkness appears
and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
guide my feet hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

## 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** **Praise and Thanksgiving** **#689**

***Verse 1***
Praise and thanksgiving,
God, we would offer
for all things living,
you have made good:
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

***Verse 3***
Father, providing
food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding
teach us to share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing with us,
all others may know your care.



***Verse 4***
Then will your blessing
reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing
your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning,
no one will hunger;
your love sustaining
showers the land.

## 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 that are willing to help lead 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.**

## 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.