that shows what can be put in these containers. Primarily, coffee cups, napkins, unwanted food and plasticware that is labeled "compostable". Creamer packets, stir sticks, plastic bottles, and the like CANNOT be put in these containers, please recycle the plastic bottles in the blue recycling containers and the rest of these items go in the garbage. This is a pilot program as we work through how we will do this. If you have any questions please talk with Mike McClanahan.

- **Harvest Table -** We'll keep the Garden Harvest table up and running as long as we've got things growing. Please continue to help yourself--and add whatever you'd like from your own home gardens to share!
- **Fall Clean-up Day–** Please come and have some fun closing gardens, leaf blowing weed pulling and so much more to get our grounds ready for the winter season. October 18th from 9am-noon.
- **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.

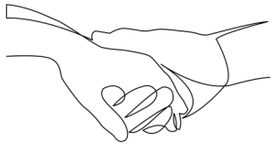
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC **CoG Handbell Choir**

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 ***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship Hour -** All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Art Gallery Talk TODAY -** Join us after worship today for our first Table Talk of the new year. We welcome artist Brooke Steighaus, creator of the new watercolors exhibit in our art gallery. Brooke will talk about the exhibit, which has the theme "metaphors of resurrection."
- **First Wednesdays -** We are excited to kick off the new year of First Wednesdays this coming 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 families.
- **Third Wednesdays -** Mark your calendars for 5:30pm on third Wednesdays, when COG, First, and Faith Lilac Way will rotate to share a monthly community meal together. These meals will be potluck style, so bring a dish to share and join us as we get to know our neighbors with whom we're exploring a possible "new creation." Oct 15, the meal will take place at Faith Lilac Way.
- **Joint Wildfire Confirmation Event -** On Oct 22, confirmation and high school youth from all 8 Wildfire churches are invited to gather at House of Hope. Beginning at 5:30, we'll have dinner and fellowship time. From 6:30 -7:30, we'll take part in a conversation hosted by "Cherish All Children" that focuses on forming healthy and life-giving relationships both online and in-person. RSVP to Pastor Ali by Oct 10.
- **Wildfire Talks -** Join our fellow Wildfire churches and Star Tribune reporter Eric Roper for a conversation about Ghost of a Chance, the story of how researching his 113-year-old Minneapolis home led to uncovering a revelatory chapter of the city's racial history. This story illuminates how our region's past is woven into the houses, streets, and systems that shaped today's cities and suburbs, and how those histories inform ongoing conversations about belonging and justice in our community. Thurs 10/23 at 7 pm at House of Hope. Free and open to the public.
- **New Compost Bins** Starting today, Cross of Glory is starting an "Organic Recycling" program with the help of Hennepin County. You will see Green bins in the fellowship hall and the kitchen. There is signage

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Guest Pastor: Rev. Kristin Dybdal
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland, Laura McClanahan
Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith
Technical Team: Dawn Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Bill Bailey

Greeters: Bob Wertz,
Reader: Deb Olson
Ushers: Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Tom Simon, Josh Day
Fellowship: Dan and Julie Aulwes
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

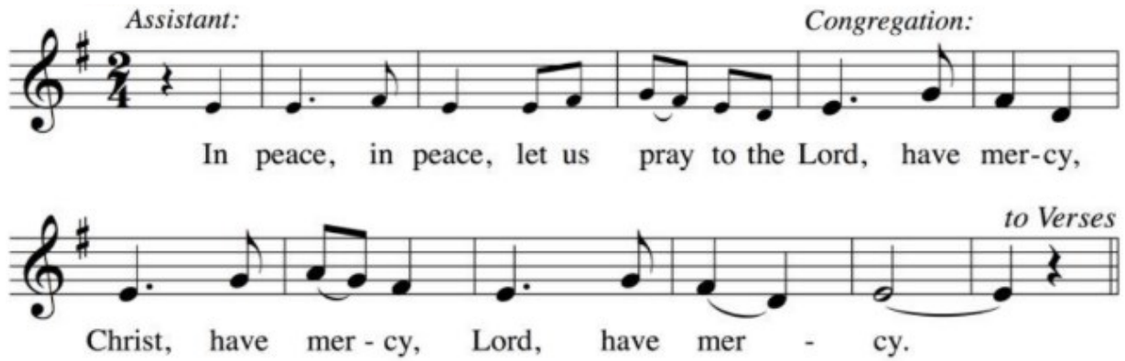
Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

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
Family and friends of Luella Hinnenkamp
Family and friends of Linnea Ulrich

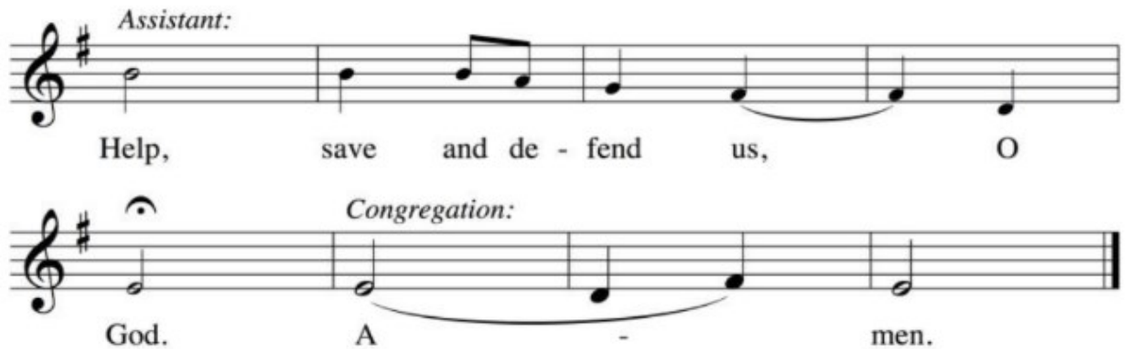
To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.
You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

KYRIE — Haugen

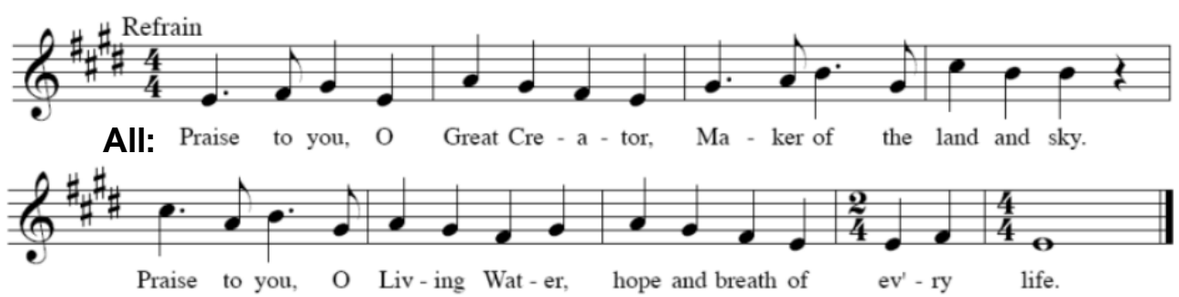


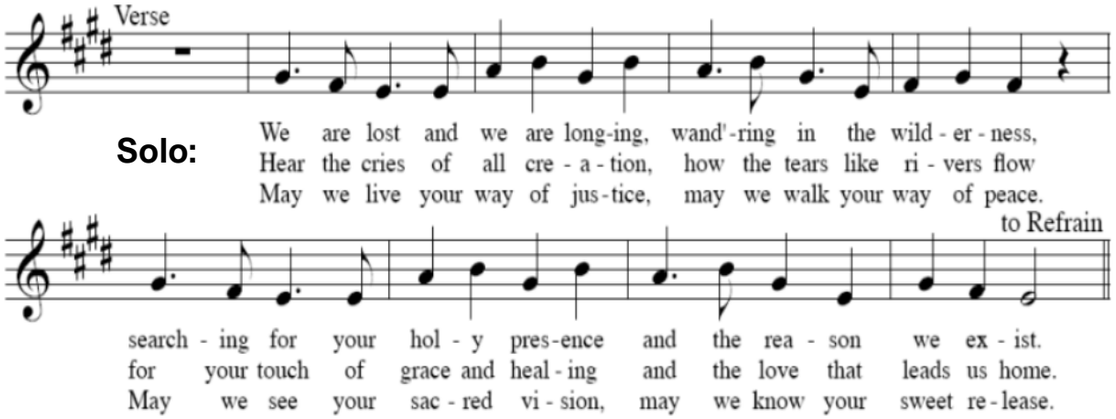
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ****

MUSIC **We are Part of His Family** **Jonas**

Verse

We are part of His family,
Called to give God praise.
We are children of blessing.
Celebrate God's grace. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Hallelujah!
With my brothers I'll praise You.
Hallelujah!
With my sisters I'll sing.
Hallelujah!
With my brothers I'll praise You.
Hallelujah!
With my sisters I'll sing.
(Verse 2x, Chorus)

Bridge

We are God's adopted family,
Chosen from iniquity.
We've been made
God's sons and daughters.
We are children of the King.
(*Chorus)*

Verse 3

Cure your children's
warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Verse 4

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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

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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 **God of Grace and God of Glory** **#705**

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Verse2

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long
have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

Word

FIRST READING **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM **Lead Me Lord** **Peery**

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
make Thy way plain before my face.
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.
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GOSPEL READING **Luke 16:19-31**

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

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

Jesus said: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

*** Please be seated ****

MUSIC **Bind Us Together**

Refrain
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1
There is only one God,
There is only one king;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

Verse 2
Made for the glory of God,
Loved by his precious Son;
Called to life abundant,
Which has now begun. *(refrain)*

Verse 3
You are the family of God,
You are the body of Christ,
You are the bread that feeds,
You are the glorious new wine.
(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 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.

SERMON **Rev. Kristin Dybdal**

MUSIC **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me** **Robinson, Farren,**

Verse 1
What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer?
There is no more
for heaven now to give.
He is my joy,
my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only
Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3
No fate I dread, I know I am
forgiven,
The future sure,
My sin has been erased.
For Jesus bled
and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised
to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold:
my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains
are released.
I can sing I am free.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4
With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home.
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand
with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only
Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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.