The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 — **Mark Trease**

WELCOME — **Pastor Ali Tranvik**

A BLESSING OF THE HANDS — **Laura McClanahan**

Blessed be the hands here today:
Blessed be the hands that open doors.
Blessed be the hands that prepare meals.
Blessed be the hands that wash dishes and clean floors.
Blessed be the hands that tend to ailing bodies and comfort the dying.
Blessed be the hands that make music and art.
Blessed be the hands raised in protest against that which does harm.
Blessed be the hands that greet strangers.
Blessed be the hands that count money, determine budgets, steward gifts.
Blessed be the hands that write papers and carry books.
Blessed be the hands that fix broken things.
Blessed be the hands that hold the aged and the young.
Blessed be the hands that make nutritious things grow in the dirt.
Blessed be the hands that learn the way of justice.
Blessed be the hands that share peace.
Blessed be the hands that share gifts,
And blessed be the ones open to receiving them.
Blessed be our hands, that they might do the work of God.

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.

- **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.

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

MUSIC **Open Hands** **Frye/Silverberg**

Verse 1 *(Solo)*
I'll never catch Your light
Living with knuckles white,
Keeping my fists held tight.
I'll never touch Your heart
Or take in all You are
Trying to hide my scars.
I'm letting go of holding on.

Chorus
Here I am with open hands.
I have nothing left to prove.
God, I give it all to You.
Empty me of ev'rything
'Til there's nothing left but You.
I just want to live for
You with open hands,
Open hands, with open hands,
Open hands.

Verse 2 *(Solo)*
I'm finally giving up.
I'm placing all my trust
Into a higher love.
You're dreaming bigger dreams.
You have a plan for me.
And though I cannot see, (chorus)

Bridge
My hands for Your glory.
My hands for Your glory,
Lifted high, lifted high to You.
My life for Your glory.
My life for Your glory,
All of me, all of me for You. *(Repeat)*

Ending
With open hands open hands.
With open hands open hands.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS **Pastor Ali Tranvik**

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

Silence is kept 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, made new by the grace of God † and renewed to love the world as God loves us.

A: Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

SPECIAL MUSIC There is a Table The Sebald Family

Verse 1
There is a table (echo)
There is a table (echo)
There is a table (echo)
Set for you (for you)
For you (for you)
And your neighbor too.

Verse 2
There is a cup (echo)
There is a cup (echo)
There is a cup (echo)
Poured for you (for you)
For you (for you)
And your neighbor too.

Verse 3
There is enough (echo)
There is enough (echo)
There is enough (echo)
For you (for you)
For you (for you)
And your neighbor too.

Verse 4
So come and be fed (echo)
Come and be fed (echo)
Come and be fed (echo)
There is room (there is room)
For you (for you)
And your neighbor too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY **Gayle Merritt**

Leader: The Lord be with you all
All: And also with you.
L: Let us pray together**…**
O God, help us be your hands that create beauty, your feet that tread into places of need, your ears that listen to our neighbors, your mouth that speaks truth, your eyes that behold your presence, and your heart that beats for the sake of your love. Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 3:1-12, 4:1-5** **Arlene Kosek**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Potluck Luncheon -** All are welcome to stick around after worship today for a potluck lunch as we celebrate the hands that do God's work at CoG, and the many gifts of sharing life together!
- **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!
- **Godly Play for Kids Next Sunday -** Kids are invited each First Sunday of the month to take part in a special time of storytelling during the sermon. Due to God's Work our Hands Sunday today, we moved Godly Play to next week this month. So kids & families, join us next Sunday, Sept 14th!
- **Thank You to All the Volunteers -**who gave their time and energy to work on various projects over the past few weeks. Thank you to Becca, Wendy, Gordy, Erik, Dan J, and Gayle for painting several classrooms and the gym, as well as the "old baby nursery" which is now a Progeny intervention room. Thank you to Dan A and Gary for removing old carpeting from three rooms, saving us over $3,200, so new carpeting could be installed. Thank you also to Dan A for repairing doors and locks in three Progeny rooms, and for countless other repairs and maintenance around the building. Thanks to Keith, Josh D, and Jacob for removing a few pews from the east side of the sanctuary to make room for handbells, and for moving the handbell tables from the choir loft down to the sanctuary. Thanks also to Keith for building a platform in the musicians' area so that the musicians have a safer and less crowded place. We appreciate everyone's efforts!
- **ISAIAH Town Hall -** On Monday, Sept 22 at 7 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 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

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DISMISSAL **Jeffline Tolbert**

L: Go in peace. Be the hands of Christ in the world!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE **Mark Trease**

MUSIC CREDITS

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Blessing of the Hands: Laura McClanahan
Prayers: Gayle Merritt, Carolyn Nottingham Davis
Readers: Arlene Kosek, Tom Simon
Children's Message: Chellie Sebald
Apostles Creed: Steve Ferley
Sharing of the Peace: Milo Smith
Communion: Sherry Weko, Kim Schoffstall
Announcements: Kris Simon
Ushers: Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Gayle Merritt, Josh Day
Dismissal: Jeffline Tolbert
Fellowship: Potluck with Cross of Glory members
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."
Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.' " The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand "so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM **Arise, My soul, Arise!** **Wood**

Arise, My Soul, Arise! Stretch forth to things eternal,
And haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God.
Though hid from mortal eyes, He dwells in light supernal,

Yet worship Him in humbleness and own Him Lord.
His banquet of love awaits thee above;
Behold the marriage festal of the Lamb has come!
Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heav'n lift up thy voice;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
List to the harps of heav'n! Hark to the song victorious,
The never-ending anthem sounding through the sky,
To mortals is not given to chant its strains all glorious;
Yet sing, my soul, the praise of Him who reigns on high.
Who bought with His blood the ransomed of God;
To Him be everlasting pow'r and victory.
And let the great Amen resound through heav'n again. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

KID'S MESSAGE **Chellie Sebald**

GOSPEL READING **Luke 14:25-33** **Tom Simon**

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

*** Please be seated ****

REFLECTION **Pastor Ali Tranvik**

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS Kris Simon
BIRTHDAY SONG

MUSIC **God's Work, Our Hands** **#1000**

*** 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*

Verse 1
God's work, our hands:
Working together,
building a future,
repairing the world,
raising up homes,
planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and
shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands
as we work in your name,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

Verse 2
God's work, our feet:
trav'ling together,
following Jesus
to places unknown,
walking as friends,
marching for freedom,
running the race
with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet
as we follow your way,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

Verse 3
God's work, our voice:
Singing together,
praising, proclaiming
to all who will hear,
praying for peace,
shouting for justice,
claiming God's love
for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we
speak in your name,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

Verse 4
God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting
and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free,
humbled and honored,
gifted by grace,
we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives
as we answer your call,
sharing the good news
of your gospel.

MUSIC **Let Us Break Bread Together** **ELW 471**

Verse 1
Let us break bread together
On our knees;
let us break bread together
On our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2
Let us drink wine together
On our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain)*

Verse 3
Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. (*Refrain)*

MUSIC **The Greatest Thing** **Pendergrass**

Verse 1
The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more,
I want to know You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is knowing You.

Verse 2
The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more,
I want to love You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is loving You.

Verse 3
The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more,
I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing
In all my life is serving You.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God of grace, at this table you have filled us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for your work in the world, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
A: Amen.

MUSIC **God, Bless the Hands** **#1022**

Verse 1
God, bless the hands
stretched out in love
through floods below
and storms above;
they search and rescue,
comfort, calm,
give shelter, offer healing balm.
Oh, guard them by your
steadfast hand;
reach out in love to help us stand.

Verse 2
Bring comfort to the hearts
that mourn,
left broken, emptied by the storm.
Give hope to those in deepest grief;
empower us to bring relief.
To you, O God, we raise our hands.
Save us, we pray,
from sinking sands.

Verse 3
O God, our strength and
refuge sure,
our hope while storms
of life endure:
teach us to live in harmony
with earth and river, sky and sea,
preserving waters, air, and lands
as holy work for human hands.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **Apostles Creed** **Steve Ferley**

L: Please rise As you are able as we confess our faith together in the apostles creed.

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 — Milo Smith

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 — We Are An Offering — Liles

Chorus 1
We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours,
We are an offering. *(Repeat)*

Bridge
All that we have,
All that we are,
All that we hope to be,
We give to You,
We give to You.

Chorus 2
We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You,
We are an offering.
We are an offering.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Carolyn Nottingham Davis

Based on prayers lifted up by the CoG community via the Community Prayer Wall

L: Lord, in your mercy… **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.

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.

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.