- Care & Visitation If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know (office@crossofglory.us).
- Want to Know More About COG? We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at CoG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

Nineteenth Sunday After
Pentecost_



October 16, 2022
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity †, the Mother who loves the world, the Son who dwells in the world, and the Spirit who empowers us for life in the world.

Although we are given the gift of life, we cling to the ways of death. Let us take a moment of silence now to confess and repent of our sins. Silence is kept for prayerful reflection.

P: God of grace,

All: We confess that we have sinned, both in words spoken and words left unspoken, in actions done and left undone.
We turn our faces away from cruelty.
We exploit the earth with our indifference and greed.
We gaze upon your abundance and see scarcity.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
And lead us by your love, that we might experience the fullness of the life you offer,

P: Beloved of God, there is good news. And it's for *you*. Through the power of Jesus' love †, your sins are forgiven, and you are loved back to life. You are free now to live it. **All: Amen!**

loving our neighbors as ourselves.

MUSIC The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729

Verse 1

Amen.

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Verse 2

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship Stick around for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship! We need more hands to help with hosting through November and December. To sign-up, add your name to the list at the usher's table or call the church office (note: treats will already be provided. Hosting simply entails set up and clean up!).
- **Table Talks** We're excited to resume "table talks," our monthly education hour, next week (and on future 4th Sundays of the month)! After worship next Sunday, Oct 23 we'll gather in the Library to discuss this month's topic: Faith + Sabbath. Pick up the article that we'll be discussing in the folder on the bulletin boards. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.
- **Church Directory** If you have not taken/submitted a photo yet for the new directory, please send Rachel a photo of your own to include (as well as any updated contact info!).
- Our Hands Forms If you haven't yet completed an "Our Hands" form, which invites you to explore the ways you can use your hands (and head and heart) for the sake of God's work in our congregation & community, please do so! Forms are located in a folder on the bulletin board, or visit www.crossofglory.us to complete it online
- **Confirmation** Confirmation is officially underway! All 5th-7th graders (and friends!) are welcome to take part on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Pastor Ali with questions.
- 3rd Quarter Giving Statements Statements are ready for you to pick up at the welcome table. If you'd like your copy mailed to your home, please let Rachel know.
- Lutheran Disaster Response LDR provides support for those who have endured recent hurricanes throughout the southeast and Caribbean. To donate to the efforts, you can write a check to the church with "Lutheran Disaster Response where needed most" in the memo line.

^{**} Please stand as you are able **

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WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson
Chet Janasz
Josephine Cook
Sue Birch and Sharon Quick

Dale Anderson
Don and Karen Earnest
Rachel Marquardt
John Thomson
Audrey Swanberg

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.

Verse 3

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Verse 5

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

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.**

** You may be seated **

MUSIC Ask, Seek, Knock #1005

Verse 1

Ask the complicated questions. Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes strong our weakness,

forging faith in fires of doubt.

Verse 2

Seek the disconcerting answers, follow where the Spirit blows; test competing truths for wisdom, for in tension new life grows.

Verse 3

Knock on doors of new ideas, test assumptions long grown stale, for Christ calls from shores of wonder, daring us to try and fail.

Verse 4

For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound; in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

All: O God, you are always ready to hear our cries. Bless us as we persist in prayer, teach us to rely on your care, and inspire us to seek your justice for all who suffer; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MUSIC When We are Tested

#922

Verse 1

When we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish us, God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day.

Verse 2

When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest.

Verse 3

When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the pow'r to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.

Verse 4

When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right, Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

SRIPTURE READING Genesis 33:22-31

The same night he 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 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

Chorus

You are
Way Maker,
Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.

Way Maker,
Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart I worship You. I worship You. You are here healing ev'ry heart. I worship You. I worship You. I worship You.

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around. I worship You. I worship You. You are here mending ev'ry heart. I worship You.

I worship You. (chorus)

Tag

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. (repeat)

Bridge

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop,

You never stop working.

You never stop,

You never stop working. (repeat)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, God hears our prayers!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: God who listens, **A: Hear our prayer.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Enfolded in the love of God, Encouraged by the love of this community, And empowered for love in the world, Go with God, who goes with us, this day and always. Amen.

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC Waymaker Egbu

Each Sunday, kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service. Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst. I worship You.

I worship You.

You are here working in this place. I worship You.

I worship You. (repeat)

Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC CHOIR

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 opponent." 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, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

** Please be seated **

SERMON

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MUSIC All Things New Bonar/Wells

Verse 1

Come Lord and tarry not; Bring the long looked for day; O, why these years of waiting here, these ages of decay?

Verse 2

Come for Your saints await; Daily in hope they sigh; The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;" Do You not hear their cry?

Chorus

O come and make all things new. Come and make all things new. O come and make all things new. Build up this ruined earth. Come and make all things new.

Verse 3

Come for creation groans, Impatient with our day, worn out with these long years of ill, these ages of delay.

Verse 4

Come, Holy Spirit, now. Our steps are faint and slow. Our faith in you grows with belief, Hope's lamp has brighter glow. (Chorus)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

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.

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

During this season, plates will be passed throughout the sanctuary during the offertory. You may also give an electronic gift toward God's work at Cross of Glory by visiting www.crossofglory.us and clicking on the "Give" tab. Thanks for your generosity as we do God's work with our hands!

MUSIC Promises Never Fail

Verse 1 Ve

You are with me; what can separate us? You are for me; what can stand against us? Your love, it won't let go, I know it won't.

Verse 2

Darkness, shadows, have no power over me. Fear is empty.
Shame has no authority. Your love, it won't let go. I know it won't.

Chorus

I know your thoughts, Your plans for me are good. I know You hold my future and my hope. Your promises never fail. Your promises never fail.

Verse 3 Healing and Taylor/Ingram/ Johnson/Fielding

freedom as You speak favor over me. Faith is breaking all impossibility. Your name has overcome, Your name alone. (Chorus)

Tag

Your promises never fail. Your promises never fail.

Bridge

I am standing on
every promise that You make.
I will see it come to pass
in Your name, in Your name.
Jesus I will trust
every word I hear You say.
I will see it come to pass
in Your name, in Your name. (repeat)
(Chorus)

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^{**} Please stand as you are able **

^{**} Please be seated **