

• **Summer Community Meals** - The Faith & Neighboring Practices group invites you and your neighbors, friends, and family to a monthly community meal this summer--a chance to break bread together after a long winter! The first is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 pm. Meals are free (donation optional), require no RSVP, and are open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there!



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold

Shar Lauster

Norma Gilbertson

Arlene Finke

Dan Jacobson & Trish Hambrick

Ruby, sister of Carol Sjoquist

Sue Birch, daughter of Sharon Quick

Gayle Merritt

Friends and family of Eleanor

Swenson

Evan Lewis, grandson of Judy Lewis

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 also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instructions can be found at the prayer wall.

Ascension Sunday~ A Service of Lessons and Music



May 29, 2022

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen. **All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

*** Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font. ***

Refreshed by the resurrection we share in Christ Jesus, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life.

God of Life, we come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for our greed, our self-centeredness, our indifference, and for all the ways we cling to death even though you offer us life.

*** Silence for reflection and confession ***

We thank you, O God, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life. We bless you, O God, that your Spirit comes to us like rains to our thirsting earth. We praise you, O God, for giving us the gift of your grace in these waters, and for showering us, day by day, with the gift of new life. **Amen!**

*** You are invited to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead, remembering the gift of baptism. ***

MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story

#661 1-3

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Fellowship Hour** - All are welcome to stick around for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who have signed up to help with set-up and clean-up to make these gatherings possible!

• **Want to Know More About CoG?** - We are so glad you're worshipping with us! If you're interested in learning more about life together at Cross of Glory or joining as a new member, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

• **Summer Softball** - Come cheer on the COG softball team on Monday nights at Centennial Park. Upcoming games are scheduled for June 6th at 8:20pm on the north field and June 13th at 9:20pm on the south field. Come and support CoG!

• **Bible Studies** - Bible Study will continue on a bi-weekly basis on the first and third Tuesday mornings at 9:30 onsite & online throughout the summer months. You're also invited to attend the WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Gather Bible Study which takes place on the third Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. For more info about WELCA, reach out to Carol Stejskal.

• **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 our homebound members), please let Pastor Ali know.

• **Community Tutoring** - Thanks to all tutors, students, and families who took part in tutoring this year! Tutoring sessions have concluded for the academic year. If you're interested in taking part in the fall, reach out to Isak Tranvik this summer to learn more.

• **Glory Banner** - Keep an eye out for the June issue of the Glory Banner this coming week. If you do not currently receive the newsletter, would like to opt for an electronic-only option, have moved addresses, or would like to change your communication preferences, please let Rachel know (office@crossofglory.us).

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Ali Tranvik

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Lector: Bruce Vukelich

Greeters: Sue and Bruce Vukelich

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dick Mero, Don Halverson

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Verse 2

I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. **Refrain**

Verse 3

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. **Refrain**

LESSON

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

He is Exalted

Paris

Verse

He is exalted
 The King is exalted on high
 I will praise Him
 He is exalted forever exalted
 And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
 Forever His truth shall reign
 Heaven and earth
 Rejoice in His holy name
 He is exalted
 The King is exalted on high (*repeat*)

LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENDING BLESSING

P: Even in an aching world that's crying out for healing, the joy of Christ alive is our steady companion. The same Spirit that has sustained our sisters and brothers through the centuries promises to see us through these days. That we might hang on to hope, work for justice and peace, and celebrate the gifts of being loved and loving. We go proclaiming our hallelujahs, for Christ is risen.

A: Alleluia and amen!

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Here I Am Lord

#574

Verse 1

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

Verse 3

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Holy Spirit is with us!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

- 8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
- 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
- 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful † God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WITNESSING RESURRECTION

Throughout the Easter season, we have relied on one another to help us witness the resurrection that's unfolding around us. We thank you for sending us photos and phrases of resurrection--glimpses of new life--that you notice in your daily lives. We have loved incorporating them into this time of reflection each week, in which you're invited to prayerfully ponder the new life that is emerging all around.

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

MUSIC

Thine is the Glory

#376 vs 1-2

Verse 1

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,

PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Almighty God, as your Son ascends, the presence of your Holy Spirit descends upon us. Give us faith to trust in the Spirit who abides with us on earth to the end of time, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Verse 2

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

MUSIC

Waymaker

Egbu

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)*

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.

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.
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)**

That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are. **(2x)**

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. **(2x)**
(chorus)

That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are. **(2x)**

LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has

All: He is.

Verse 3

L: Does the Father truly love us?

All: He does.

L: Does the Spirit move among us?

All: He does.

L: And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves?

All: He does.

L: Does our God intend to dwell
again with us?

All: He does.

Chorus 2

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

All: The Lion of Judah

who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died

All: From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and
Priests to God to reign with the
Son.

All: Is He worthy?

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and
glory?

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

All: He is!

He is!

Ending

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is! He is!

He is worthy! He is worthy!

He is!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain (sung by all after each verse):

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen 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 ***

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Offering can be placed in the plates located just outside the sanctuary, sent to the church (5929 Brooklyn Blvd), or given online via our secure giving page located at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for your generously sharing what God has first given us.

MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

Peterson/Shive

Verse 1

L: Do you feel the world is broken?

All: We do.

L: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

All: We do.

L: But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting
through?

All: We do.

L: Do you wish that you
could see it all made new?

All: We do.

Verse 2

L: Is all creation groaning?

All: It is.

L: Is a new creation coming?

All: It is.

L: Is the glory of the Lord

To be the light within our midst?

All: It is.

L: Is it good that we
remind ourselves of this?

All: It is.

Chorus

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

All: The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSIC**God So Loved****Bergthold/Cash****Verse 1**

Come all you weary
 Come all you thirsty
 Come to the well that never runs dry
 Drink of the water
 Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
 Come find His mercy
 Come to the table He will satisfy
 Taste of His goodness
 Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
 Bring your addictions
 Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
 Jesus is waiting there
 With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated
 Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
 For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
 From whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him praise Him
 For the wonders of His love
(repeat)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 For God so loved the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us
 Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated
 Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
 For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
 Bring your addictions
 Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
 Jesus is waiting
 God so loved the world

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**

*** You may be seated ***

MUSIC**Lift High the Cross****#660 vs 2-4****Refrain**

Lift high the cross, the love of
 Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore his sacred
 name.

Verse 2

All newborn servants of the
 Crucified
 bear on their brows the seal of
 him who died. **Refrain**

Verse 3

O Lord, once lifted on the
 glorious tree,
 as thou hast promised, draw us
 all to thee. **Refrain**