

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discernment Dialogues** - The Vision + Vocation Team would love to share a draft of “community liturgy” with you that we’ve been working on. Join us for a short Discernment Dialogue in the next few weeks to share your thoughts, questions, and ideas. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, on our website, or by calling the church office (763-533-8602).
- **Bible Study** - Weekly Bible Study resumes Tues, Sept 12 onsite and online at 9:30 am. Join us as we explore the texts for the upcoming week!
- **First Sundays for CoG Kids** - Attention all kids! You are invited to “Godly Play,” a time of storytelling and holy wondering during the sermon on the first Sunday of the month. Due to the holiday weekend in Sept, we’ve moved our first gathering to next Sunday, Sept 17. Looking forward to seeing you there!
- **ELCA Youth Gathering Interest Meeting** - Interested in taking part in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on July 16-20? Wildfire churches will be joining together, and are hosting an interest meeting next Sunday, Sept 17 at 11:30am at Holy Nativity. If you are currently an 8th-11th grader, or an adult who is interested in going as an adult leader, please join us!
- **Table Talks** - All are welcome on fourth Sundays after worship for “Table Talks,” our monthly education hour where we explore the ways our faith shapes our everyday lives. This month’s gathering will take place at 11 am on Sept 24, and the topic is “Faith + the Earth.” Grab a short article to read ahead of time at the bulletin boards, and reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.
- **Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - Help yourself to fresh produce from the CoG community gardens near the Welcome Table. Additionally, CAPI distributes free fresh produce on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 1-3 pm now through mid-Oct at 5930 Brooklyn Blvd. To sign up to help with distribution, visit www.capiusa.org/get-involved. And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm until the end of Oct at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.
- **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.
- **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).

God's Work Our Hands Sunday



September 10, 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Barbara Sahr

BLESSING OF THE HANDS

Pastor Ali Tranvik

Leader: Blessed be the hands here today--hands reaching, longing, clinging, weary, open.

All: Blessed be the hands that open doors.

L: Blessed be the hands that prepare meals.

A: Blessed be the hands that wash dishes and clean floors.

L: Blessed be the hands that tend to ailing bodies and comfort the dying.

A: Blessed be the hands that make music and art.

L: Blessed be the hands raised in protest against that which does harm.

A: Blessed be the hands that greet strangers.

L: Blessed be the hands that count money, determine budgets, steward gifts.

A: Blessed be the hands that write papers and carry books.

L: Blessed be the hands that fix broken things.

A: Blessed be the hands that hold the aged and the young.

L: Blessed be the hands that make beautiful and nutritious things grow in the dirt.

A: Blessed be the hands that learn the way of justice.

L: Blessed be the hands that share peace.

A: Blessed be our hands, that they might do the work of God.

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

MUSIC

God's Work, Our Hands

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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.



**God's Work our Hands Sunday
Join us after worship today for...**

Potluck Brunch - Stick around for the potluck brunch today after worship in Fellowship Hall! Thanks to the many hands who have come together to make this gathering possible.



"Our Hands" Station - Stop by to learn more about the various ways you can take part in God's work here at Cross of Glory and in the wider Brooklyn Center community

Community Art Project - We are updating the cross located at the corner of Admiral and Ewing to display the many hands that share in God's gift of life together here at Cross of Glory. But we need a hand from you...literally! Stop by the community art station to print or paint your hand on a tile that will be installed on the cross. Everybody of every age is encouraged to take part!





WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Dick Mero
Eric Thompson & family
DeLores Olson*

*Sharon Quick & Sue Birch
Martha Krueger
Carol Sjoquist
Gordy Johnsrud
Josh Day*

*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 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,

*** You may be seated ***

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.

LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14a

Laura McClanahan

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in

them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Open Hands

Frye/Silverberg

Verse 1

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

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) (Chorus)

Ending

With open hands, open hands,
With open hands, open hands.

Verse 4

All around Cross of Glory
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
All around Cross of Glory
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
All around Cross of Glory
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, all the time

Verse 5

All throughout Brooklyn Center
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
All throughout Brooklyn Center
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
All throughout Brooklyn Center
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, all the time

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Be the hands of Christ in the world.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Barbara Sahr

POSTLUDE

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THE HANDS, HEARTS, & VOICES LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

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Trease

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today's prayers are written by Abby Kelley, Mike McClanahan, and Isak Tranvik.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
A: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Mike McClanahan

L: And now let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

ALL: 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Jacobson

TEMPLE TALK

Keith Williams

MUSIC

This Little Gospel Light of Mine

CoG kids

Verse 1

This little gospel light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little gospel light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little gospel light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bush (are you crazy?)
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, all the time

Verse 3

Won't let Satan (blow) it out.
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Won't let Satan (blow) it out.
I'm goin'-a let it shine;

Verse 2

Hide it under a bush (are you crazy?)
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Hide it under a bush (are you crazy?)
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sebald Family

Leader: The Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together...

A: 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 to the rhythm of your love. Amen.

LESSON

Psalm 150

Ila Paulson

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary;

praise God in the heavens.

Praise God for God's mighty deeds;

praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound;

praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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God, Bless the Hands

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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.

KIDS MESSAGE

Amanda Smith

LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:4-12, 26-31

Steve Ferley

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all

MUSIC

We are One In Christ

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We are all one in Christ,
we are one body,
all one people out of many.
We are all one in Christ,
we are one body,
all one people out of many.

There is one God,
and only one Lord;
there is one faith, one holy love.
There is one baptism;
there is one Spirit,
who is God the comforter. *(Repeat)*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Arlene Kosek

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: I invite you to share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors. If you’re here in the sanctuary, feel free to move about as you feel comfortable. If you’re worshipping online, peace be with you too!

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

Mark Trease

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” station after worship to learn more!



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.

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

Bridge
All that we have,

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. *(Repeat all)*

Verse

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 His pleasure in you. <i>(Chorus 2x)</i>
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CONFESSION OF FAITH	APOSTLES CREED	Becca Floyd
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*** Please stand as you are able ***

Leader: Please join me in confessing our faith together through the words of the Apostles Creed;

**All: 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**

*** Please be seated ***

prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

LESSON	Matthew 18:15-20	Tom Simon
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'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION	Rev. Ali Tranvik
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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.
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