

•**W/ELCA Christmas Gifts** - W/ELCA is collecting gifts for residents of Good Samaritan Home in Robbinsdale who do not have family to celebrate with. Shopping lists and envelopes for cash/check donations are located under the poster by the Welcome Desk. Make checks payable to: Good Samaritan Society; insert "senior gifts" in memo line. Last day to donate is Sunday, Nov 18.

•**ISAIAH Listening Session** - What would make life in MN or in BC more livable? Isaiah--a multi-racial, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities, Black barber shops, childcare centers, and other community based constituencies fighting for racial and economic justice in MN--wants to hear from you! Join members of fellow Wildfire churches on Sunday, Oct 22nd at 2 pm at CoG to share your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and questions! Please register ahead of time at <https://tinyurl.com/ycyhkznm>.

•**Transportation Request** - Would you be willing to offer a ride to someone on Sunday mornings a time or two a month? A few folks who live within a few miles of the church have recently requested rides. If you're willing to help, even occasionally, please let Rachel in the office know ASAP, and we'll coordinate a schedule.



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
Josh Day
Penny Lindblom
Sherry Mattfield*

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.

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



October 15, 2023

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



LENT
Stories of Call:
A Season of
Prayerful Listening



EASTER
Stories of Life:
A Season of
Proclaiming Life Amidst Death



PENTECOST
Stories of Togetherness:
A Season of
Exploring Life Shared Together

Welcome to Cross of Glory! We're glad you're here. If you're new, we invite you to fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew rack and place it in the plate during the offering so we can extend a deeper welcome. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a brief time of food and fellowship. We hope that at Cross of Glory you experience God's gift of life together, made richer by your presence among us.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be God, Mother who creates us, † Jesus who dwells among us, and Spirit who stirs us to life.

All: Amen.

Although God calls us to life together, we continually separate ourselves from God and one another. Let us take a moment of silence to repent and confess our sins...

Silence for reflection

P: Ever-living God,

All: You have offered us the gift of life, taught us the ways of shalom, shown us the ways of justice, yet we fail to listen to your call. We are complacent in the face of violence and suffering, and afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we limit the scope of those we think we're responsible for loving, forgive us. Draw us toward one another--toward you, through the power of your living Spirit among us. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Laura McClanahan
Guitar: Steve Sebald
Greeters: Carol Stejskal, Kathy Stejskal-Swendiman
Reader: Carol Stejskal

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley
Communion: Sharon Quick, Carol Stejskal, Kathy Stejskal-Swendiman
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and Bill Bailey
Fellowship: Julie and Dan Aulwes
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.

•**Council Today** - A reminder to council members that we are gathering for our quarterly meeting today after worship in the upstairs education wing.

•**Community Art Project** - If you haven't yet had the chance to take part in the cross project that reflects "God's Work, Our Hands," please stop by the art station by the welcome desk after church today, or anytime M-W 10-2 (if you're unable to take part onsite, reach out to the office and we'll bring the project to you!) **A special thanks to Ceramic Tileworks and MN Clay Company for their generosity in supporting our work with their tiles and glazes.*

•**Prayers of the People** - If you're interested in helping lead the Prayers of the People on occasion, please let Pastor Ali know. We'll be gathering next month to share some resources and create a schedule for folks to lead, as we work to make our liturgy more fully reflect "the work of the people!"

•**Reformation Sunday Song Suggestions** - Reformation Sunday will be a 5th Sunday service of lessons, music, and poetry. We love to craft these 5th Sunday services with your suggestions in mind. Please fill out a request form located at the welcome desk and we'll do our best to include them!

•**Reformation Potluck** - The whole CoG community is invited to a potluck luncheon after worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct 29. Bring a dish to share (sign up near Welcome Desk) and join us as the Vision + Vocation team shares more about next steps!

•**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 next Sunday, Oct 22 at 11 am, and the topic is "Faith + Parking Lots." Grab a short article to read ahead of time at the bulletin boards, and reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.

Verse 2

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

Verse 6

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while
troubles last
and our eternal home.

Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please rise as you're able and 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!**

SENDING BLESSING

P: Go in peace and love the world God so loves.

A: We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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P: Beloveds in Christ, in Jesus, God is always making a way out of no way,
Calling us out of ourselves and into one body. In † Christ, we are already
and always forgiven, and freed for life together. And to that we say:

A: Thanks be to God!

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

MUSIC

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.

Verse 1

For peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all,
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 2

That we may live out
Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace,

Kyrie Eleison

(Olson)

Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

For peace in our hearts,
For peace in our homes,
For friends and family,
For life and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

Verse 4

For Your Spirit to guide,
That You center our lives
In the water and the word,
That You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord. *(Chorus)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

**All: O God, you are the source of our thanksgiving and our rejoicing.
Help us to turn to you in gratitude and in prayer, that we might share
your peace, in our words spoken and lives lived; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC**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.

He Is Exalted**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.

Paris

for now the feast is spread.
 (Our Lord's body
 let us take together,
 our Lord's body
 let us take together.)

Verse 2

(Come, let us drink,
 for now the wine is poured,
 come, let us drink,
 for now the wine is poured.
 (Jesus' blood poured
 let us drink together,)

Jesus' blood poured
 let us drink together.

Verse 3

(In Jesus' presence
 now we meet and rest,
 in Jesus' presence
 now we meet and rest.
 (In the presence
 of our Lord we gather,
 in the presence
 of our Lord we gather.)

*Word***SCRIPTURE READING****Isaiah 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
 For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more,
 it will never be rebuilt.
 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.
 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
 And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;

MUSIC**Eat this Bread****#472**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 come to me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 trust in me and you will not thirst. *(Repeat)*

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: With your word and this meal of grace, you have stirred our souls
 and nourished our bodies. Empower us now to live as your body,
 together.

All: Amen.*Sending***COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****MUSIC****O God, Our Help in Ages Past****#632**

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal home:

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Jesus invites you to the table. Come, eat, and live.

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 options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you’d like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we’d be glad to bring it to you.

The body of Christ is given for you.
The blood of Christ is shed for you.
Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC	Come, Let us Eat	#491
Verse 1		
(Come, let us eat,	for now the feast is spread,)	
	come, let us eat,	

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kisten Thompson

MUSIC

Made Me Glad

Webster

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord forever.
I will trust God at all times.
You have delivered me from all fear.
You have set my feet upon a rock.
And I will not be moved.
And I'll say of the Lord

My shelter, strong tower,
My very present help
In time of need.

Verse 2

Whom have I in heaven but You?
There's none I desire besides You.
And You have made me glad.
I'll say of the Lord
(Chorus)

Chorus

You are my shield, my strength,
My portion, Deliverer,

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

The Spirit moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC

Now We Sing in Celebration

#462

Verse 1

Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

Verse 2

Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,

of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Verse 3

Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you,
our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends
and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between petitions:

**All: Spirit, open my heart,
To the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love, may I love.
In receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**