with those in our community who may particularly enjoy a slice. If you'd like to help with pie delivery Thursday morning, Nov 23 --or if you'd like to receive some pie!--let lsak Tranvik know or call the church office at 763-533-8602 by Nov 15.

- •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 Nov 18.
- •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).



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

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

Martha Krueger Penny Lindblom Sherry Mattfield Debbie Sjoquist Claudia Reitan Richard Peterson Janet Parrish Marian Priest Loved ones of Georgie Proctor

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.



*November 5, 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've started worshiping here recently, 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...

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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- •Remembering the Saints A special welcome to loved ones of those who have passed away who are worshiping with us today. We invite you to join us briefly after worship in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, and also to take part in the "God's Work, Our Hands" community art project. Because we continue to be grateful for all the work their hands took part in here over the years, we'd love to have a handprint done by a family member in their honor.
- •Stewardship Stewardship materials are on their way in the mail, inviting you to prayerfully ponder your financial commitment in 2024. Please bring your pledge card to worship on Stewardship Sunday, Nov 19, or to mail it/drop it off in the office anytime before then. Thank you for your generosity as we work to live out our call to life together!
- •Welcoming Guest Preacher We are excited to welcome Dr. Kristofer Phan Coffman, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, as our guest preacher next Sunday.
- •Prayers of the People Workshop If you're interested in helping lead the Prayers of the People on occasion, join us after worship next Sunday, Nov 12 to share some resources as we work to make our liturgy more fully reflect "the work of the people!"
- •Neighborhood Listening As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we'll be gathering with neighbors from the BC community on the third Wednesday of the month for a Neighborhood Listening Session. Join us from 5:30-6:30 pm as we share a meal and get to know our neighbor(hood)! This month's session, featuring neighbors from our fellow 5929 congregations, will take place on Nov 15.
- •Site Visits As we work to further discern our call, we'll also be learning from neighboring churches who have reimagined ways to share space for the sake of God's work. If you're interested in taking part in a site visit or two in the next few months, join us for a brief orientation on either Thurs, Nov 16 at 7 pm on Zoom or onsite after worship on Sunday, Nov 19 at 10:45 am. Reach out to Kris Simon with questions.
- •Thanksgiving Pie Delivery This Thanksgiving, join us in sharing pie

<sup>\*\*</sup>Silence for reflection\*\*

#### **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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# **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

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Greeters: Judy Lewis, Luella

Hinnenkamp

Reader: Kim Jacobson

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Dan Aulwes

Communion: Laura McClanahan, Judy

Olson, Arlene Kosek

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and

Bill Bailey

Fellowship: Gordy and Maggie Johnsrud Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory 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!

# MUSIC For All the Saints #422

#### Verse 1

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Verse 2

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Verse 3

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, you shower your people with blessings. We give you thanks today for the blessings of the lives of those who have gone before us. Draw near to us in our grief, comfort us with the company of one another, and instill in us a hope and joy in the gift of new life; through Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Please rise as you are able \*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please be seated \*\*

# **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

When Peace Like a River

During the music, all are invited to come forward when the Spirit moves to light a candle in honor of a loved one that has passed away (this past year or at any time). Lighters are located in the basket on both ends of the candelabras. As we light a candle in their memory, we give God thanks for the gift of their love among us, and for God's love, which continues to hold us in the midst of our grief and gratitude.

Clarice Zirkle
Dale Anderson
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Chet Janasz

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Laura Davids
Harold Rorem
Romeo Thompson

Shirley Johnson Don Youmans Georgie Proctor

Word

# **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 34:1-10,22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

# Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King.

# MUSIC This Is Christ's Body

#967

This is Christ's body, broken and blest. Feed us with mercy and love. (with mercy and love.)

We are Christ's body, broken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

### **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

# **Prayer of Good Courage**

Gustavson

\*\* 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! 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.\*\*

O God, you have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken Through perils unknown.
Give us good courage.

Not knowing where we go, To know that your hand is leading us wherever we might go. (Repeat) Amen! 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 Behold the Lamb Getty/Getty/Townsend

# Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made
that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

# Verse 2

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Torn for you: eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, Paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.

# Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.** 

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

# GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The word of the Lord.

# **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

\*\*Please be seated.\*\*

Kids of all ages are invited to meet the CoG Kids' leaders in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play. We'll return at the end to sing Happy Birthday!

# **SERMON**

# MUSIC

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#632

### 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:

### Verse 2

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

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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

# Verse 5

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

# 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.

# **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.

\*\* 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

Spirit, Open My Heart

#1043

#### Refrain

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.

### Verse 1

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. Refrain

# Verse 2

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. Refrain

# Verse 3

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of friend and neighbor. As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor. Refrain

# 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