

from 3pm-5pm, July 12-Aug 30. Produce packing will be 1pm-3pm and distribution shifts will be 2:30pm-5:30pm. To sign up to help, visit www.ceap.org/get-involved/. And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm between June 29-Oct 26 at 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.

•**Shoe Bus** - The Brooklyn Center Farmer's Market (7200 Brooklyn Blvd) is hosting the Shoe Bus on Thurs, Aug 3 from 3-5. The Shoe Bus is part of the local nonprofit organization Shoe Away Hunger, which offers affordable quality footwear for those in need. Brooklyn Center congregations are invited to donate gently used shoes of all kids' and adult sizes toward this effort (donations can be directed to CoG office). You're also invited to shop for shoes on 8/3 (kids shoes \$2, adult shoes \$5).

•**5th Sunday Service of Lessons, Music, and Poetry** - Join us next Sunday, July 30th, as we read and sing our way through worship. We'll do our best to incorporate all song requests that have been submitted.

•**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 worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 23, 2023

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CROSS OF GLORY!

This year, we are working to listen for and live into God's call to life together.
Here's what that looks like in our worship life...



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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another...
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for confession and repentance.

P: Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship! If you're able to lend a hand to help set up or clean up in coming weeks, sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- Welcoming Seminarian Guest Preacher TODAY** - We are excited to welcome Katie Elkin, graduate of Duke Divinity School and Luther Seminary, and candidate for ordination in the ELCA, into the pulpit as today's guest preacher. Please hold Katie in your prayers as she continues on in her vocational journey!
- W/ELCA** is collecting school supplies for the Progeny Academy- students and teachers during the months of June and July. Shopping lists and envelopes for \$\$\$ donations are under the poster by the Info desk. Make check donations out to: Progeny Academy. Envelopes go to the church office. Last Sunday for donations is July 30th.
- Emergency Pastor Care** - Pastor Ali is out of the office through July 31. Should you need emergency pastoral care or assistance during that time, please reach out to our office (763-533-8602) to be put in contact with an on-call pastor.
- Summer Community POTLUCK Meal: Wed, July 26** - Join us as the 5929 community breaks bread together throughout the summer! Monthly community meals will take place in the CoG courtyard (weather permitting, on the last Wednesday of the month (June 28, July 26, and Aug 30) at 5:30 pm. For this meal, we invite you to bring one of your favorite summer dishes to share...as well as some friends and neighbors!
- CPR/AED Training** - If you have signed up with COG for CPR/AED training, mark your calendars for Wed, July 26 at 6 pm (and grab dinner beforehand at the community meal at 5:30!)
- Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - 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. CEAP has a free outdoor produce market and community celebration on Wednesdays

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Guest Preacher: Seminarian Katie Elkin
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland,
Kim Jacobson
Guitar: Josh Smith
Special Music: Katie Elkin

Greeters: Carol Stejskal, Kathy Swendiman
Reader: Carol Stejskal
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Tom Simon
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and Bill Bailey
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



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
DeLores Olson
John Thomson
Eric Thompson & family*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office
(office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.*

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that God who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin, freeing you for life, and life together.

A: Thanks be to God!

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

MUSIC Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin)

Verse 1

It all comes down to this,
What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things.

Chorus

Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God.

Verse 2

It all comes down to this,
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven. *(Repeat)*

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith, just like a seed,
The only way it grows. *(Chorus)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

All: Faithful God, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit, nurture us who live in your kingdom, and draw us together as one in you, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

FIRST READING

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name for ever.
For great is your steadfast love towards me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.
Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity.
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

As we pray the Prayer of Good Courage, we invite you to rise as you're able and face the back doors, a reminder that as we soon go forth into the world, we go with good courage. You're also invited to either join hands with a neighbor near you or put your hand on their shoulder 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!**

POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

P: The Spirit of Pentecost continues to move in our midst,
Stirring us to love neighbor and enemy,
Empowering us to work for peace and justice,
And enlivening us to share God's gift of life together.
So go with good courage, for the Spirit goes with you.

ALL: Amen!

MUSIC

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

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

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Show Me Your Ways

Fragar

Verse

Show me Your ways
That I may walk with You.
Show me Your ways.
I put my hope in You.

Chorus

The cry of my heart
Is to love You more,
To live with the touch
Of Your hand,
Stronger each day.
Show me Your ways.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along,

with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Katie Elkin

MUSIC

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Verse 1

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

CONFESSIO 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!



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