

And the BC Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 2-7 pm between June 29-Oct 26 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 worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali ([atranvik@crossofglory.us](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).



### WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

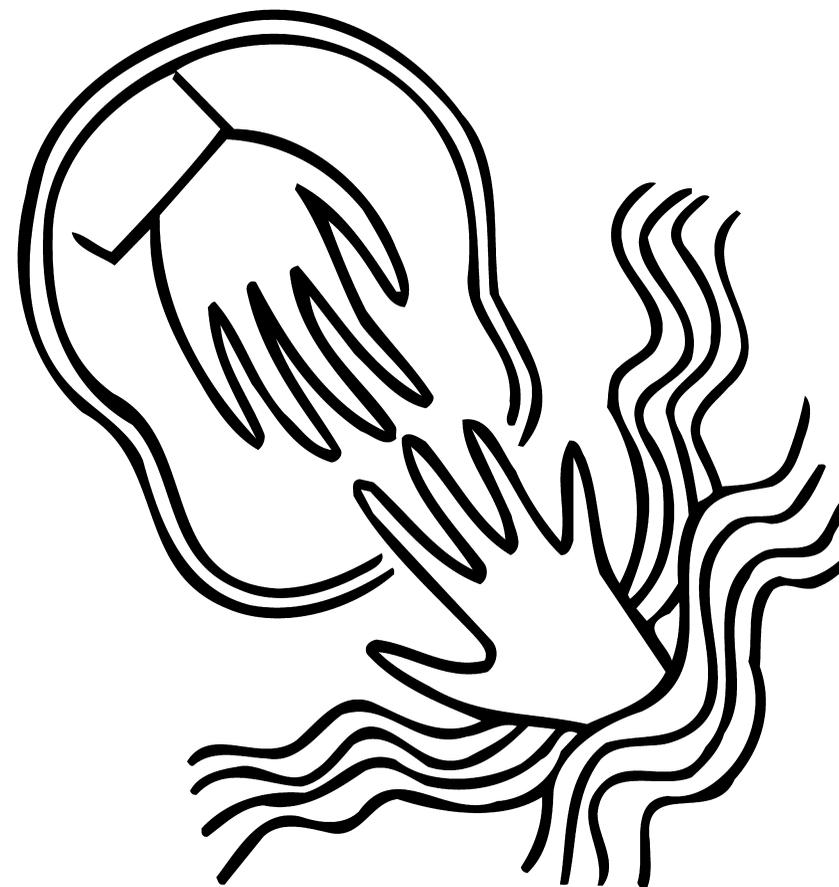
*Mavis Wold  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg  
Jeannie Kuzmich  
Dick Mero  
Eric Thompson & family*

*DeLores Olson  
Sharon Quick & Sue Birch  
Diane Wenninger  
Josh Day  
Penny Lindbloom  
Dan Jacobson*

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office ([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



**August 13, 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

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND 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.**

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!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - Join us after worship today for a time of food and fellowship! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you're able to lend a hand to help set up or clean up in coming weeks. Many slots are available and we can't do it without your help!
- Building and Grounds** - We continue to work on making urgent updates to ensure the facility meets code by the end of August. If you're willing to lend a hand on any small, short-term projects (no expertise needed) so that we can continue meeting and sharing our space with our neighbors, please contact Dan Aulwes (763-645-2261) ASAP!
- Discernment Dialogues** - This summer, the Vision + Vocation Team has been working to put God's call into words in what we're calling a "Community Liturgy." We'd love to share a draft of it with you and hear what you think! Join us for a short Discernment Dialogue next month to share your thoughts, questions, and ideas. \*Note: all are welcome to take part, even if you haven't taken part in previous pieces of our Vision + Vocational discernment process! Sign up at the Welcome Desk, on our website, or by calling the church office (763-533-8602).
- Welcoming New Members Next Week** - If you were part of the new member welcome gathering on July 16, please join us next Sunday, Aug 20 as the COG community officially welcomes you into our life together during worship!
- Summer Community Meal**-- August 30 - Join the 5929 community at 5:30 pm on the last Wednesday of the month as we break bread together in the courtyard (weather permitting). This month's meal is a potluck: bring a dish that represents "comfort food" to you...as well as some friends and neighbors!
- 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](http://www.capiusa.org/get-involved). CEAP has a free outdoor produce market and community celebration on Wednesdays 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/](http://www.ceap.org/get-involved/).

## 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 go into the world, we go 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!**

## POSTLUDE

### MUSIC CREDITS

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### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams  
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
Vocalists: Shadlyn Bourne, Johnetta Freeman, Kris Simon  
Special Music: Kris Simon Mark Trease  
Guitar: Josh Smith  
Greeters: Barb Thomson, Tom Simon

Reader: Mike McClanahan  
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Gordy Johnsrud, Gayle Merritt  
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn and Bill Bailey  
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

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

## MUSIC

## My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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### Verse 1

My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet,  
though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### Refrain

No storm can shake  
my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord  
of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

### Verse 2

Through all the tumult  
and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

### Refrain

### Verse 3

What though my joys  
and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness  
gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.

### Refrain

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**All: O God, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. And yet you extend your hand to us. Save us, uplift us, and hold us, through the power of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

*Word*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      **He's Always Been Faithful**                      **Groves**

**GOSPEL READING**                      **Matthew 14:22-33**

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and

**MUSIC**

**Raise a Hallelujah**

**Helser/Skaggs/Stevens**

*\*\* 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**

I raise a hallelujah  
in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah  
louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
My weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.

**Chorus**

I'm gonna sing  
in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're  
gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.  
Death is defeated.  
The King is alive!

**Verse 2**

I raise a hallelujah  
with everything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah  
In the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Fear, you lost your hold on me.  
(Chorus)

**Bridge 1**

Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.

**Bridge 2**

Sing a little louder  
in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder  
louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder.  
My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus 2x)

**Ending**

I raise a hallelujah...

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING OF THE KNITTING MINISTRY**

**CoG Knitting Ministry**

*“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in harmony. And let the peace of Christ live in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.”*

*-Col 3:14-15*

Cross of Glory is blessed with a knitting ministry, led by Jackie Fryhling. When babies are baptized, when members of our faith community are sick, hospitalized, or lose a loved one, or simply when they need the reminder of God’s steadfast presence, we wrap them in a prayer shawl. This is a reminder that we are clothed in love--the love of this community and the love of God, which binds us together in one body.

If you or someone in your life is in need of this reminder today, you are welcome to take a prayer shawl from the table by the office. Prayer shawls will continue to be available through our church office. Thank you to Jackie for her faithfulness in this ministry of care!

**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!**

caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

P: The word of the Lord

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

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

**SERMON**

**MUSIC**

**Precious Lord Take My Hand**

**#773**

**Verse 1**

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn  
Through the storm,  
through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

**Verse 2**

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord, linger near  
When my life is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

**Verse 3**

When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
guide my feet hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

**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 Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies) Tomlin/ Cash

#### Verse 1

You hear me when I call.  
You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?  
You crush the enemy

underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

### Chorus

I know Who goes before me.  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies  
is always by my side.  
The One who reigns for ever,  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies  
is always by my side.

#### Verse 2

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save.  
You will deliver me.  
Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear? (*Chorus*)

### Bridge

And nothing formed against me  
shall stand.  
You hold the whole world  
in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises.  
You are faithful.  
You are faithful.  
(Repeat)  
(Chorus 2x)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

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### 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.**