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•**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), contact Rachel in the church office.

•**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  
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](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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**September 17, 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: 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 is kept 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•**Community Art** - Thanks to all who took part last week in the "God's Work Our Hands" project. If you haven't yet participated, stop by the art station by the Welcome Desk after church today, or anytime M-W 10-2. If you or a CoG friend is unable to take part onsite, contact the church office and we will bring the project to you! We'd love to have everyone's hand included (literally) on the cross located at Admiral and Ewing, which represent the many hands that do God's work and share in God's gift of life together here!

•**ELCA Youth Gathering Interest Meeting TODAY** - 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 today at 11:30 am at Holy Nativity in New Hope. If you are currently an 8th-11th grader, or an adult who is interested in going as an adult leader, please join us! (If you can't attend today but are interested in the gathering, let Pastor Ali know).

•**Welcoming Guest Preacher Next Week** - Next Sunday, Sept 24, we are excited to welcome Rev. Babette Chatman, University Pastor at Augsburg, as our guest preacher.

•**Discernment Dialogues** - The Vision + Vocation Team would love to share a draft of "community liturgy" with you. 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 through the church office (763-533-8602).

•**Table Talks** - All are welcome on fourth Sundays after worship for "Table Talks," CoG's monthly education hour where we explore the ways faith shapes our everyday lives. This month's gathering is next Sunday, Sept 24 at 11 am, and the topic is "Faith + the Earth." Grab a short article to read ahead of time at the bulletin boards, and contact Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.

•**Fresh Food in the Neighborhood** - Help yourself to fresh produce from the CoG community gardens near the Welcome Desk. Additionally, CAPI distributes free fresh produce on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 1-3 pm through mid-Oct at 5930 Brooklyn Blvd. To sign up to help

## 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: Do justice.  
Love kindness.  
Walk humbly with God,  
for God walks with you.  
**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

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## MUSIC CREDITS

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Fellowship: Kris Simon  
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!**

*\*\* 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 merciful God, you are an inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.  
Give us the good courage to practice forgiveness with one another--  
that in giving and receiving it, we might come to know you more;  
through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**MUSIC****His Mercy is More****Papa / Boswell****Verse 1**

What love could remember no  
 wrongs we have done?  
 Omniscient, all knowing,  
 He counts not their sum.  
 Thrown into a sea without  
 bottom or shore,  
 Our sins they are many;  
 His mercy is more.

**Chorus**

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
 Stronger than darkness,  
 new every morn.  
 Our sins they are many,  
 His mercy is more.

**Verse 2**

What patience would wait  
 as we constantly roam?  
 What Father so tender  
 is calling us home?  
 He welcomes the weakest,  
 the vilest, the poor.  
 Our sins they are many,  
 His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

**Verse 3**

What riches of kindness  
 He lavished on us.  
 His blood was the payment.  
 His life was the cost.  
 We stood 'neath a debt  
 we could never afford.  
 Our sins they are many,  
 His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

*Word***SCRIPTURE READING****Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will and we ask God to help and guide us."

**Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray: We thank you, God, for this new member of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you and empower us for service, that together we would be witness to your love of the world.

**ALL: Amen.**

*\*\* New member can return to their seat, the congregation is invited to welcome them with a round of applause \*\**

**MUSIC****There's a Wideness In God's Mercy****#588**

*\*\* 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**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
 like the wideness of the sea;  
 there's a kindness in God's justice  
 which is more than liberty.  
 There is no place  
 where earth's sorrows  
 are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is no place  
 where earth's failings  
 have such kindly judgment giv'n.

**Verse 3**

For the love of God is broader  
 than the measures of our mind;  
 and the heart of the Eternal

is most wonderfully kind.  
 But we make this love too narrow  
 by false limits of our own;  
 and we magnify its strictness  
 with a zeal God will not own.

**Verse 4**

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
 it is something more than all:  
 greater good because of evil,  
 larger mercy through the fall.  
 Make our love, O God,  
 more faithful;  
 let us take you at your word,  
 and our lives will be thanksgiving  
 for the goodness of the Lord.

**MUSIC** **Ubi Caritas** **#642**

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est. *Repeat*

**MUSIC** **This Is Christ's Body** **#967**

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| This is Christ's body,<br>broken and blest.<br>Feed us with mercy and love.<br>(with mercy and love.) | We are Christ's body,<br>broken and blest.<br>Heal us and make us one. |
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**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.**

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

*We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new member Carolyn Davis into our life together here at Cross of Glory!*

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations among God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond "I will, and I ask God to help and guide me"

**New member: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support Carolyn in our faith community and share with her God's wide welcome in

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 18:21-35**

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the eighteenth chapter.

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him,

“Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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 again after the sermon.*

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| <b>MUSIC</b> | <b>Living Hope</b> | <b>Wickham/Johnson</b> |
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**Verse 1**  
 How great the chasm  
 that lay between us.  
 How high the mountain  
 I could not climb.  
 In desperation, I turned to heaven  
 And spoke Your name into the night.  
 Then through the darkness,  
 Your loving-kindness  
 Tore through the shadows  
 of my soul.  
 The work is finished,  
 the end is written,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

such boundless grace?  
 The God of ages  
 stepped down from glory  
 To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
 The cross has spoken. I am forgiven.  
 The King of kings calls me His own.  
 Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

**Chorus**  
 Hallelujah!  
 Praise the One who set me free.  
 Hallelujah!  
 Death has lost its grip on me.  
 You have broken every chain.  
 There’s salvation in Your name,  
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
*(Repeat)*

**Verse 2**  
 Who could imagine  
 so great a mercy?  
 What heart could fathom

**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**

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| <b>MUSIC</b> | <b>Where Charity and Love Prevail</b> | <b>#359</b> |
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**Verse 1**  
 Where charity and love prevail,  
 there God is ever found;  
 brought here together  
 by Christ's love,  
 by love we thus are bound.

as members of each body joined,  
 in him we are made one.

**Verse 5**  
 Let us forgive each other's faults  
 as we our own confess,  
 that we may love each other well  
 in Christian gentleness.

**Verse 3**  
 Let us recall that in our midst  
 dwells Christ, God's holy Son;

## 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

### Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW 605

#### Verse 1

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

#### Verse 2

How can your pardon  
reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs  
and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

#### Verse 3

In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others' debts to us;  
how great our debt to you!

#### Verse 4

Lord, cleanse the depths within our  
souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

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

*Table*

## 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.

## Verse 3

Then came the morning  
that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body  
began to breathe.  
Out of the silence  
the Roaring Lion

Declared, "The grave  
has no claim on me," *(Repeat)*  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!  
*(Chorus)*

## Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

## 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 \*\**