

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

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| <p>1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!</p> | <p>2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!</p> |
| <p>3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.</p> | <p>4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.</p> |
| <p>5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.</p> | |

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW 858 verses 1 and 4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Prayer of the Day *Please join together in prayer:*

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Psalm 145:10-18

- ¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.
¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Michael Chan**

Hymn of the Day **Let us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674**

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| <p>1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.</p> | <p>Refrain Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!</p> |
| <p>2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. Refrain</p> | <p>3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! Refrain</p> |

Prayer

Confession of Faith

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

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And always with you. Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

If you're worshipping in-person, you're invited to stand up, remain in your pews, and turn to neighbors near you, offering a physically distant sign of peace: a wave, nod or bow, peace sign, or crossing arms over the chest as a symbol of an embrace. If you're worshipping on Zoom, you're invited to turn on your video and wave or give a peace sign to others.

Blessing of the Offering

Offering plates will not be passed around at this time. Please drop off offering before or after the services in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page at www.crossofglory.us. Thanks you for your generosity!

Offering Song His Mercy is More Worship Team

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

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

3 What riches of kindness He lavished on us **Chorus** Praise the Lord His mercy is more
His blood was the payment His life was the cost Stronger than darkness new every
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford morn
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many
Our sins they are many His mercy is more His mercy is more

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song God So Loved

1 Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Worship Team

2 Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

3 Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross

Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

4 Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the
foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for a time of fellowship outdoors or on Zoom following today's service!

Music Credits

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Community Announcements

- We are excited to welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Chan, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, as our guest preacher today. Please share a warm word of welcome with him.
- While Pastor Ali is away on maternity leave, Pastor Kisten Thompson is serving as Cross of Glory's part-time summer interim pastor. She can be reached at kistenthompson@gmail.com or by calling/texting 651-216-5493. Please feel free to reach out for conversation, prayer, or pastoral care. **Her office hours will be Mondays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. weekly or by appointment.**
- The Covid-19 Task Force recently announced a variety of lifted restrictions in light of recent guidance for those who are fully vaccinated. Please see the recent congregational letter detailing these eased restrictions. These new protocols are in effect beginning July 1st. Both in-person worship and virtual options will continue to be offered. Please worship with us however you feel most comfortable during this time! Masks are optional for those fully vaccinated.

- We still need people to run Zoom from the sanctuary this summer for those worshipping with us virtually. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Erik Haugland at erikshaugland@hotmail.com.
- Sue will be on vacation the week of August 2 and the office will be closed. Regular office hours resume on August 9th.

Weekly Prayer List

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Ardis Fairchild, Jackie Fryhling, Gail Anderson, Dale Anderson, Kirsten Edstrom, Lori Balzer, Pastor Ali and Isak Tranvik, Gil Hartlage, and Vicky Jacobson.*

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

Worship Leadership

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Chan

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik (Maternity Leave)

Summer Interim Pastor: Rev. Kisten Thompson

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director: Mark Trease

Vocalist, choir director: Keith Williams

Worship Team Vocalist and Percussionist:

Lector: Carol Stejskal

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Erik Haugland, Steve Ferley

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Congregational Support as of 6/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00
Year to Date Budgeted: \$115,200.02
Year to Date Received: \$130,280.80
Difference: \$15,080.78