

**Stewardship 2022: God with Us
November 14, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

God is with Us

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Though we are sinners, we remember that God has been, is, and will be with us, forgiving all of our sins. Having received this free gift from God, may we now live as ebezers, embodied signs of God's presence, mercy and grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655 verses 1, 2 and 4

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace.
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race.
You our head, who, throned in glory,
For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity,
Heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace.
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race.
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.

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.**

Music Kyrie

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

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

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

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

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

God our Rock, you are faithful to us through the ages. Help us to remember that you are in our midst, watching over us wherever we go. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music Come Thou Fount verse 1 and 2

1 Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills our hearts with joy and love,
Teach us ever to adore thee; as our faith flows from above.

2 *Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Here by Your help I've come";
And I hope, by Your good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

Word

Scripture Readings: Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and

the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.'

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

Music Come Thou Fount verse 3

3 You are with us every moment as our life in You unfolds,
 We now trust you in each hour, knowing You our days will mold.
 Lord, we lay our lives before You, and we seek to live Your plan.
 As you walk beside us always, help us, guide us, take our hand.

Sermon Pastor Ali Tranvik

Music God is Here! ELW 526 verses 1, 2, 3 and 4

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| <p>1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.</p> | <p>2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.</p> |
| <p>3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.</p> | <p>4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!</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!

Offertory Music

God With Us

1 Oh, You've come to bring peace,
To be Love, to be nearer to us.
You've come to bring life,
To be Light, to shine brighter in us.
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

Worship Team

Chorus 1 In our past, in our present,
in our future, our source of strength,
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us. You are God with us.

Chorus 2 You've been with us,
You are with us,
You'll be with us for all of our days.
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us.

Chorus 3 Over everything,
our Redeemer,
In Your presence we find our strength.
Our Deliverer, Precious Savior,
God with us. You are God with us.

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

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song Guide My Feet Worship Team

Guide my feet while I run this race (*repeat 2x*)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race (*repeat 2x*)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

I'm your child while I run this race (*repeat 2x*) *Refrain*
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Lord guide my feet, and keep my way.
Can't make a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain (*repeat 2x*)

Stand by me while I run this race (*repeat 2x*)
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in and around you.
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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Worship Leadership

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Vocalist, choir, and handbell director: Keith J. Williams

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease

Lector: Kris Simon

Greeters: Judy Lewis and Tom Simon

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, 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: *Marian Priest, Mavis Wold, Jackie Fryhling, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Lois Vaala, Wade Thomas, Trish Hambrick, Marian Henjum, Audrey Tretrum, Claudia Reitan, Roger Watterud, Nancy Hengel, and the family of Richard Johnson as they grieve his recent death.*

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

Community Announcements

- The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee will meet today following worship in the Fellowship Hall.
- Next Sunday (Nov 21) is Stewardship Sunday. Please bring your 2022 pledge card with you to church to be blessed with our offering. If you won't be worshipping in person with us next Sunday, pledge cards can be sent to the church (5929 Brooklyn Blvd) or dropped off at the office M-W 9am-3pm. Thank you for your generosity!
- If you're interested in taking part in the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28, or are interested in learning more, please email Pastor Ali by this Wednesday!
- The whole Cross of Glory community is invited to join us on Sunday, Nov 28th following worship, when we'll celebrate Sue Vukelich's retirement and give God thanks for her long and faithful tenure here at Cross of Glory as our office administrative assistant.
- We are seeking interim administrative help in the office as we prepare to hire for the new, long-term office position. For more information, visit our home page at www.crossofglory.us.
- If you're interested in being added to the Cross of Glory Prayer Chain at any time, please reach out to Lois Tollefsrud at rtolle@msn.com.
- Join us for Bible Study each Tuesday at 9:30, either in-person or via Zoom, as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
- Pastor Ali is available for pastoral care - please reach out! Designated office hours for pastoral care--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and designated home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5.

Congregational Support as of 9/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

Year to Date Budgeted: \$172,600.01

Year to Date Received: \$179,651.54

Difference: \$7,051.53