

**Stewardship 2022: God with Us
November 7, 2021 ~ All Saints Sunday
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

God Has Been with Us

Today, the first Sunday of the month, we celebrate Holy Communion together. If you are worshipping with us from home, gather bread/crackers and wine/juice. If you are worshipping with us in person, communion elements will be distributed upon entry. We give God thanks that we are joined together as one body through this holy meal, even across time and space!

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 Song Forever Worship Team

1 Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

2 With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus Sing praise sing praise

Chorus Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

3 From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together:

God our Rock, by the saints who have gone before us, we know that you have been with us. As we remember them today, we praise you for your faithfulness, and for the gift of their lives--your presence--in our midst; in the name of the living God, now and forever. Amen.

Music **Come Thou Fount** **verse 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.

Word

Scripture Readings: Joshua 3:9-4:9

⁹Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.'
¹⁰Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: ¹¹the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. ¹²So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'

¹⁴ When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. ¹⁵Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, ¹⁶the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

⁴ ¹When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: ²'Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, ³and command them, "Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight." ' ⁴Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. ⁵Joshua said to them, 'Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?" ⁷then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.'

⁸ The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. ⁹(Joshua

set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day.)

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

Music Come Thou Fount verse 2 and 3

- 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.*
- 3** *Through each age you love all nations, ev'ry culture, through the years,
With your steadfast inspiration, peoples, all, to you draw near.
With the saints who've gone before us; with all those whose faith was strong,
All you bless; all we your fam'ly, look for life eternal long.*

Sermon Pastor Ali Tranvik

Song of the Day Made Me Glad

- 1** I will bless the Lord forever **Chorus** You are my shield my strength
I will trust Him at all times My portion Deliverer
He has delivered me from all fear My shelter strong tower
He has set my feet upon a rock My very present help
And I will not be moved In time of need
And I'll say of the Lord
- 2** Whom have I in heaven but You
There's none I desire besides You
And You have made me glad
I'll say of the Lord

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!

Prayer of Remembrance for the Saints

Today we remember those beloved community members who have passed away in this past year: Doris Boyum, Geraldine Kroll, Gerald Rowley, Geri Ingvaldson, Gordon Nelson, Terry Stejskal, Bob Roth, Gil Hartlage, Helga Skrade, Marilyn Wong, Richard Johnson

Communion

If you are worshipping with us in person, please see the included insert that details how we will share in this holy meal together today.

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.

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.**

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

Music For All the Saints #422 verses 1, 2 and 3

- 1** For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2** Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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Worship Leadership

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Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease
Vocalist: Johnetta Freeman
Lector: Kim Jacobson
Greeters: Delores Olson and Luella Hinnenkamp
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: *Marian Priest, Mavis Wold, Jackie Fryhling, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Lois Vaala, Wade Thomas, and Trish Hambrick.*

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

- Following worship today, the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee invites you to gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship as we mourn, remember, and celebrate the lives of the CoG members we've lost during the pandemic.
- 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 November 17th!
- Mark your calendars for 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.
- If you are interested in being added to the Cross of Glory Prayer Chain at any time, please reach out to Lois Tollefsrud at rltolle@msn.com.
- Have you been starting to worship at Cross of Glory recently? If you're interested in being a part of this fall's new member class, please let us know!
- We will be seeking administrative help in the office - for more information, visit our home page at www.crossofglory.us.
- 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