

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

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.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Through the love of † Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and freed to love one another. Receive with glad hearts this gift of grace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 580 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord verses 1, 2, 3 and 4

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| <p>1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.</p> | <p>2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and life itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.</p> |
| <p>3 We marvel how your saints become
in hindrances more sure;
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your pow'r to cleanse and cure.</p> | <p>4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done.</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

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:

O God, you humbled yourself in Jesus, reversing our expectations of power and greatness. Help us live like you, seeking to serve more than being served, that we might embody your mercy and love. We pray in the name of Jesus: servant, Savior, and Lord. Amen.

Word

Scripture Reading: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, 'Here we are'?

³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

³⁸when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?
³⁹“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?”

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

Special Music

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 The Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”
⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Sermon **Pastor Randy Romsdahl**

Hymn of the Day **ELW 712** **Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** **verses 1, 2 and 3**

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| 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart. | 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole. |
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3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share. | |

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 You're Worthy of My Praise

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| <p>1 I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)</p> <p>2 I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)</p> | <p>Chorus I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise</p> |
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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 God So Loved (Wheelhouse)

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| 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 | 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 |
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| Chorus 1 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 |
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| Chorus 2 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 |
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| Chorus 3 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 |
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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: Steve Ferley

Greeters: Barb Thomson and Harriet Halverson

Worship Team Vocalist: Kim Jacobson

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Community Announcements

- On Reformation Sunday, Oct 31, Cross of Glory will be doing a 5th Sunday service of Lessons + Music. Call or email Sue in the office with your favorite hymns or songs by Oct 20 and we'll do our best to include them!
- Join us for Fall Fest, a day of mutual aid, food distribution, and getting to know our neighbors on Oct 30 between 12-2 in the church parking lot. Reach out to Steve Ferley for more info!
- On All Saints Sunday, Nov 7, the COG community is invited to gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship as we mourn, remember, and celebrate the lives of the COG members we've lost during the pandemic. All are invited to bring a stone or rock in remembrance of someone/something you've lost during the pandemic and we'll incorporate it into a community art piece. If you are a family who has lost a loved one in 2020-2021, we invite you to send a photo to the office (office@crossofglory.us) by Nov 1, and to contact Pastor Ali for more information.
- If you've recently begun to worship at COG and are interested in becoming a member, reach out to Pastor Ali about taking part in a new member class!
- Join us for Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:30, either in-person option or via Zoom, as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
- The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be taking place in Minneapolis July 24-28. Early bird registration is now open. To sign up as a participant or a volunteer, visit www.elca.org/YouthGathering. Join us for an info session at Cross of Glory following worship on Oct 31.
- Pastor Ali is available for pastoral care - please reach out! Her office hours--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5.

Weekly Prayer List

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Mavis Wold, Ardis Fairchild, Jackie Fryhling, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Lois Vaala, and Wade Thomas.*

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

Congregational Support as of 9/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

Year to Date Budgeted: \$172,600.01

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