

**Reformation Sunday
Service of Lessons and Music
October 31, 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.**

Music ELW 505 A Mighty Fortress verses 1, 3 and 4

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe,
forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might
is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.

3 Though all the world with devils fill
and threaten to devour us,
we tremble not, we trust God's will:
they cannot overpower us.
Though Satan rant and rage,
in fiercest war engage,
this tyrant's doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word shall triumph.

4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,
shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone,
they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!

Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Music How Great Is Our God

1 The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
trembles at His voice.

2 And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Bridge Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing:
How great is our God!

Music ELW 856 How Great Thou Art verses 1, 3 and 4

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin. **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” **Refrain**

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.**

Lesson Psalm 46 (sung responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together:

God of every age, we pray for your church. Where it is wrong, forgive it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is stagnant, move it. Where it is in need, provide for it. Where it is divided, bring it together. Where it needs new life, reform it...for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, the truth who sets us free. Amen.

Music Here I Am to Worship

1 Light of the World,
You looked down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

2 King of all days,
oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Bridge And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

Lesson Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Music ELW 596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else verses 1, 2, 4

<p>1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness. No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name</p>	<p>2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. <i>Refrain</i></p>
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<p><i>Refrain</i> On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.</p>	<p>4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found. Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne. <i>Refrain</i></p>
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Special Music "Prayer" Handbell Choir

Lesson John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Reflection Pastor Ali Tranvik

Music You Are my King

Verse I'm forgiven because you were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again.

Chorus Amazing love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor You.

Music ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign verses 1 and 5

<p>1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p>	<p>5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.</p>
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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!

Music His Mercy Is More

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 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**

Chorus Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more.

Prayers of the People *(sung, from Holden Evening Prayer)*

All: God of mercy, hold us in love (refrain)

Leader: In peace, in peace, we pray to you. **Refrain**
For peace and salvation, we pray to you. **Refrain**
For peace between nations, for peace between peoples. **Refrain**
For us who are gathered to worship and praise you. **Refrain**
For all of your servants who live out your gospel. **Refrain**
For all those who govern, that justice might guide them. **Refrain**
For all those who labor in service to others. **Refrain**
Grant weather that nourishes all of creation. **Refrain**

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger. **Refrain**
For all the beloved who rest in your mercy. **Refrain**
Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

All: Keep us, hold us, Gracious God.

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.**

Music ELW 729 The Church of Christ in Every Age verses 1, 2, 3 and 5

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die. |
| 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |

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

Vocalist: Kris Simon
Lector: Carol Stejskal
Greeters: Brenda Edstrom and Judy Olson
Technical Team: Ryan, 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, there will be a brief informational meeting about the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be taking place in Minneapolis July 24-28. If you're a youth interested in attending, or an adult (18+) willing to volunteer, please join us in the Fellowship Hall!
- Next Sunday, Nov 7 is All Saints Sunday, and the Worship, Music, Arts & Fellowship Committee invites you to gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship as we mourn, celebrate, and remember 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.
- The Vision + Vocation team will be meeting in the Library next Sunday, Nov 7 from 12-2.
- 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.
- 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.

Eagle Project Announcement:

Hello, my name is Grant Dossett. I am working on my Eagle Project, a prayer wall that will be created out of wooden pieces and installed outside the sanctuary at Cross of Glory, and I would like to ask for your help. We are looking to get donations of scrap lumber no larger than

2x10, shorter than 8 feet. Financial donations are also accepted. Checks can be made out to "Stephen Dossett" with "Eagle project" on the memo line and placed in the offering plates. I will be picking up the donations from the church on October 31st. I hope to have the prayer wall done by November 13th. If you would like to assist in the construction, contact me at sdossett1@gmail.com or at 218-940-3628. Thank you and God bless.

Congregational Support as of 9/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

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