

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 3, 2021**  
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**  
**Brooklyn Center, MN**

*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.**

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 God is Here!**

**ELW 526 verses 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**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.

**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

**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.

**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!

## 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:*

**God of embrace, you created us for relationship. Wrap us into your arms, that through your love, we might extend our arms to one another and live as one body, through Jesus Christ, who is love. Amen.**

**Word**

## Scripture Readings: Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

## **Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
    how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
    you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
    the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
    human beings that you should care for them?  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
    with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
    you have put all things under their feet:  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
    even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
    and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

## **Special Music**

### **Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Hymn of the Day

Bind Us Together

Chorus

Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
That is why we can sing

Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God  
You are the promise divine  
You are God's chosen desire  
You are the glorious new wine

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.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

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](http://www.crossofglory.us). Thanks you for your generosity!*

Offering Song

The Table

1 I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore

At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)

2 There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

3 There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

4 I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of  
God

## Communion

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.**

## Sending Song      **Because We Believe**

1 We believe in God the Father  
(We believe in God the Father)  
We believe in Christ the Son  
(We believe in Christ the Son)  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
(We believe in the Holy Spirit)  
We are the Church and we stand as one  
(We are the Church and we stand as one)

**Chorus** Holy holy holy is our God  
Worthy worthy worthy is our King  
All glory and honor are His to receive  
To Jesus we sing because we believe

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>2</b> We believe in the Holy Bible<br/>(We believe in the Holy Bible)<br/>We believe in the virgin birth<br/>(We believe in the virgin birth)<br/>We believe in the resurrection<br/>(We believe in the resurrection)<br/>That Christ one day will return to earth<br/>(That Christ one day will return to earth)</p> | <p><b>3</b> We believe in the blood of Jesus<br/>(We believe in the blood of Jesus)<br/>We believe in eternal life<br/>(We believe in eternal life)<br/>We believe in the blood that frees us<br/>(We believe in the blood that frees us)<br/>To become the bride of Christ<br/>(To become the bride of Christ)</p>                               |
| <p><b>4</b> We believe in the Christmas story<br/>(We believe in the Christmas story)<br/>We believe in the gift of life<br/>(We believe in the gift of life)<br/>We believe in the newborn baby<br/>(We believe in the newborn baby)<br/>King of kings He is Jesus Christ<br/>(King of kings He is Jesus Christ)</p>       | <p><b>5</b> We believe in the shepherd's journey<br/>(We believe in the shepherd's journey)<br/>We believe in the guiding star<br/>(We believe in the guiding star)<br/>We believe in the humble manger<br/>(We believe in the humble manger)<br/>Where love came down and filled our hearts<br/>(Where love came down and filled our hearts)</p> |

### **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**

The Order of Service is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship which is commended for use in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sundays and Seasons © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #024779. All rights reserved.

### **Worship Leadership**

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

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

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

Vocalist: Johnetta Freeman

Lector: Dan Aulwes

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

### **Community Announcements**

- Take part anew in our life together this fall! Share your gifts at COG by serving on the building & grounds crew, Covid task force, worship team, tech team, quilters, ushers, prayer chain, Progeny tutors, worship/music/arts committee, W/ELCA, and more. Reach out to the church office for more info or to get involved!
- 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 our fall new member class.

- On Saturday 9/25, five COG members met with teams from 12 other congregations to launch the Minneapolis Synod's Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices learning community. During our time there, we reflected on our church's gifts, challenges, and opportunities. We also learned about one-to-ones (intentional listening conversations) and pondered prayer practices. We look forward to our first cohort meeting with partner congregations in October, and to sharing more with you as the journey continues.
- CAPI needs helping hands at their Oct 8th Fresh Food Friday, an outdoor food distribution for our food-insecure neighbors in Brooklyn Center. Sign up via the link on the Cross of Glory homepage.
- All middle- and high-schoolers are invited to take part in the joint Wildfire Youth Group starting this fall! On the first Wednesday of the month from 6:45-7:30 pm, youth will gather at a different Wildfire church for a time of fellowship and faith formation. The first gathering is Wed 10/6 at Holy Nativity (3900 Winnetka Ave N in New Hope). Bring some friends and join us for outdoor worship, games, and snacks. Reach out to Pastor Ashley at [pastorashley@holynativity.net](mailto:pastorashley@holynativity.net) with any questions.
- 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](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering).
- Pastor Ali is back from maternity leave and would love to get together. She's reachable throughout the week at [atranvik@crossofglory.us](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us). Her designated office hours for pastoral care and conversation--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. Also note: Pastor Ali is now taking Mondays off (instead of Fridays). Reach out to schedule a time to connect!

### Weekly Prayer List

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Mavis Wold, Ardis Fairchild, Jackie Fryhling, Gail Anderson, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, the Family of Helga Skrade as they mourn her recent death, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Penny Lindblom, and Lois Vaala.*

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

### **Congregational Support as of 8/31/2021**

**Annual Budget: \$230,000.00**

**Year to Date Budgeted: \$153,466.68**

**Year to Date Received: \$163,924.49**

**Difference: \$10,457.81**