

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 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 Song God So Loved

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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.

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.

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.

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.**

Song of Praise

Messiah

- 1 Someone's shouting from the desert.
Someone's shouting from the sea .
Someone's shouting from the mountain .
Someone's shouting from the valley.

Chorus Messiah,
Come and be our King.
Messiah,
Come and be our King.

- 2 Someone's shouting from the city,
"I am young. I am cold."
Someone's shouting from the country,
"I am lonely I am old."

- 3 Someone's shouting, "I am broken."
Someone's shouting, "Make me whole."
Someone's shouting, "Come and
change me."
Someone's shouting, "Save my soul."

Prayer of the Day

Please join together in prayer:

**O God, you come to us as an unexpected Messiah, an unsuitable Savior. Embolden us
to follow you faithfully and encounter you anew, that in losing our lives we might find
the life that you offer; in the name of Jesus Christ our Messiah. Amen.**

Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Special Music

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon

Pastor Ali Tranvik

Song of the Day **There is a Redeemer**

1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God Messiah,
Oh, for sinners slain.
- 3 When I stand in glory I will see His face.
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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 Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me? ELW 798 verses 1, 2, 3 and 5

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| <p>1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"</p> | <p>2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"</p> |
| <p>3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free</p> | <p>5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you</p> |

and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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 **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551 verses 1-4**

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| 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim. | 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see. |
| 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed. | 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name. |

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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Community Announcements

- Thanks to all those who took part in God's Work Our Hands Day yesterday. If you haven't yet had the chance to write a birthday card for children at Camp Noah, additional cards are available in the narthex. We invite you to make one following church today or take one home and return it next Sunday.
- Those interested in taking part in Bible Study are invited to gather on Zoom on Tuesday 9/21 at 9:30 am to discuss our plans for the fall. Let Pastor Ali know if you have any questions.
- Our neighbors at CAPI are in need of helping hands at their Fresh Food Fridays, a monthly outdoor food distribution located in the CAPI parking lot across the street from church. This is a great way to get to know some of our neighbors! The next date is Oct 8. Sign up via the link on the Cross of Glory homepage.
- For those taking part in the Faith Practices + Neighboring Practices learning cohort, the synod retreat is now scheduled for Saturday 9/25 from 8am-8pm. Reach out to Nick at n.tangen@mpls-synod.org with any questions.
- The Stejskal family invites the Cross of Glory community to attend Terry's funeral, scheduled for Saturday 9/18 at 11 am at Cross of Glory, as we grieve his death and celebrate his new life in Christ. Visitation will begin at 10 am.

A note from Pastor Ali: Dear Cross of Glory friends, I (along with Isak and Katherine) am so grateful for the gift of parental leave and for your prayers that have sustained us during this time, and we are thrilled to be back at church! Please note that I will now be taking Mondays off (instead of Fridays). I will soon be scheduling office hours for pastoral care and conversation, as well as home/care facility visitation hours each week. Keep an eye out for that forthcoming schedule, and don't hesitate to reach out to schedule a time to get together. I look forward to catching up and connecting with you soon!

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 Marilyn Wong, and Vicky Jacobson.*

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

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: Lois Tollefsrud

Vocalist: Johnetta Freeman

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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