

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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 641 All Are Welcome verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

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| <p>1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:</p> | <p>Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.</p> |
| <p>2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
Refrain</p> | <p>3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
Refrain</p> |

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
Refrain

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
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.**

Kyrie

**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 draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to extend
this same hospitality to the least, the lost, the last, and the and the littlest in our midst,
through the power of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

Scripture Reading: James 3:13--4:3

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are
done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your
hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from

above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Ali Tranvik

Hymn of the Day ELW 588 **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy verses 1, 2, 3 and 4**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness 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!

Offering Song 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
And trembles at His voice

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

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

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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 **Never Gonna Let Me Go**

1 Once I was lost wand'ring in darkness
No life inside no hope in sight
But He called my name and He healed my blindness
Set me ablaze now I'm alive with

Chorus 1 His love breaking through my heart of stone
Love breathing to awake my bones
Love reaching out to save my soul
Love never gonna let me go

2 And now my heart so full of worship
I can't hold back no I can't contain it
For all He's done Jesus my Savior
I am ablaze and full of thanks for

Chorus 2 His love breaking through my heart of stone
Love breathing to awake my bones
Love reaching out to save my soul
Love never gonna let me go

Wherever you've been
Whatever you've done
Come as you are
Come into His open arms

Love calling me as I am
Love making me new again
Love lifting me when I can't
Love never gonna let me go

Whatever you've been
Whatever you've done
(Come as you are come and find)
(Come as you are well come find
His love)

Chorus 3 Your love breaking through my heart of stone
Love breathing to awake my bones
Love reaching out to save my soul
Love never gonna let me go, Love calling me as I am
Love making me new again, Love lifting me when I can't
Love never gonna let me go, Love never gonna let me go
Your love never gonna let me go

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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Community Announcements

- As we kick off the fall, we invite you to take part anew in our life together this season. Share your gifts at Cross of Glory 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 Pastor Ali to get involved!
- 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.
- CAPI is 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 deadline to submit an article for the October newsletter is September 23rd. Please send all contributions to Sue at svukelich@crossofglory.us
- Pastor Ali 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.

The Wong family invites the Cross of Glory community to a funeral service in remembrance of Marilyn Wong on Tuesday, Sept 28th at 11 am at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley (7520 Golden Valley Rd). Visitation begins at 10:00 am and there will be a luncheon to follow.

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, The family of Carol Stejskal, 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: Gayle Merritt

Greeters: Tom Simon, Linda Knudsen

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