

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 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 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus Come now is the time to worship
 Come now is the time to give your heart
 Come just as you are to worship
 Come just as you are before your God, Come

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| <p>1 One day every tongue
 Will confess You are God
 One day every knee will bow
 Still the greatest treasure remains
 For those who gladly choose You now</p> | <p>2 Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
 Willingly our knees will bow
 With all our heart soul mind and strength
 We gladly choose You now
 Come come just as you are come, come</p> |
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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 Let Your Kingdom Come

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| 1 Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come | Chorus Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come |
| 2 Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath | |

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray together:

Rabbi God, you dwell among us and teach us the ways of peace. Make us salt, that we might live and work for the sake of your kingdom come, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:7-14

- ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Ali Tranvik

Hymn of the Day **Bring Forth the Kingdom of God**

Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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 A Little Bit of Salt

A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;
a little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.
God, equip us to be salt — a church that's glad to be
a living love, embodied in community.

When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,
to welcome little ones in need at our own door,
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."

It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland —
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.

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 Hymn ELW 720 We Are Called verses 1, 2 and 3

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| <p>1 Come! Live in the Light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.</p> <p>2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain</p> <p>3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain</p> | <p>Refrain We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.</p> |
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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!

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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 and vocalist: Kim Jacobson

Greeters: Linda Knudsen, Judy Lewis

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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 the church office for more info or to get involved!
- If you have recently begun to worship with us Cross of Glory and are interested in becoming a member, please reach out to Pastor Ali about taking part in our fall new member class!
- 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.
- 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. The Skrade Family invites the Cross of Glory community to a funeral service in remembrance of Helga Skrade on Tuesday, September 28th at 11:00am at Cross of Glory.
- Pastor Ali is back from maternity leave and would love to get together with you. She is reachable by phone and email throughout the week. 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, 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).

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