

CROSS OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome Guests! We are glad you're here. Please fill out the "Grace Notes" insert and place it in the offering to help us get to know you better and to get connected with the ministry we are doing.

LARGE PRINT bulletins, sermon manuscripts, and personal hearing assistance devices are available. The ushers will be happy to help.



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

PRELUDE

"Lento Affettuoso"

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

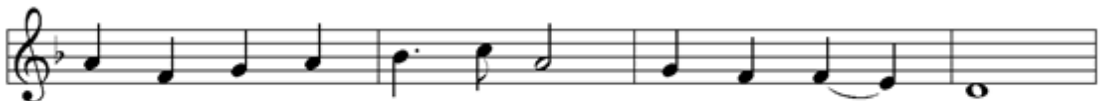
WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

P: ...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

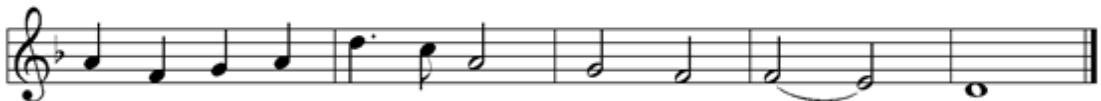
KYRIE ("Kyrie" means "Lord." This prayer calls for God's divine presence during worship.)



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



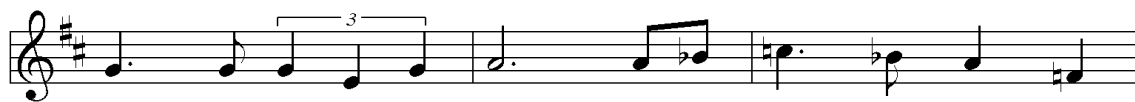
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God's children.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (p. 599)

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community – not race, nationality, or any other category.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (p. 921)

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"The Grab Bag"

*"The Grab Bag" is one way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through kids – in worship. Each week, a child pulls a surprise from the bag for us to share. We never know what we'll find, but trust God always has something to teach us. **The child who pulls something from the Grab Bag is invited to hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward after the Lord's Prayer, with the other acolyte and Communion Assistants.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (p. 797)

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th Chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Then he called the crowd to him ..."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#588

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: ...Lord, in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**)

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

We offer the peace of Christ as a way of preparing to break bread together as family and friends. It’s a sign that we live in community as believers.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice, and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we’ve offered something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust you’ll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you’d like to give via our website.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for the meal and hear the “Words of Institution” – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

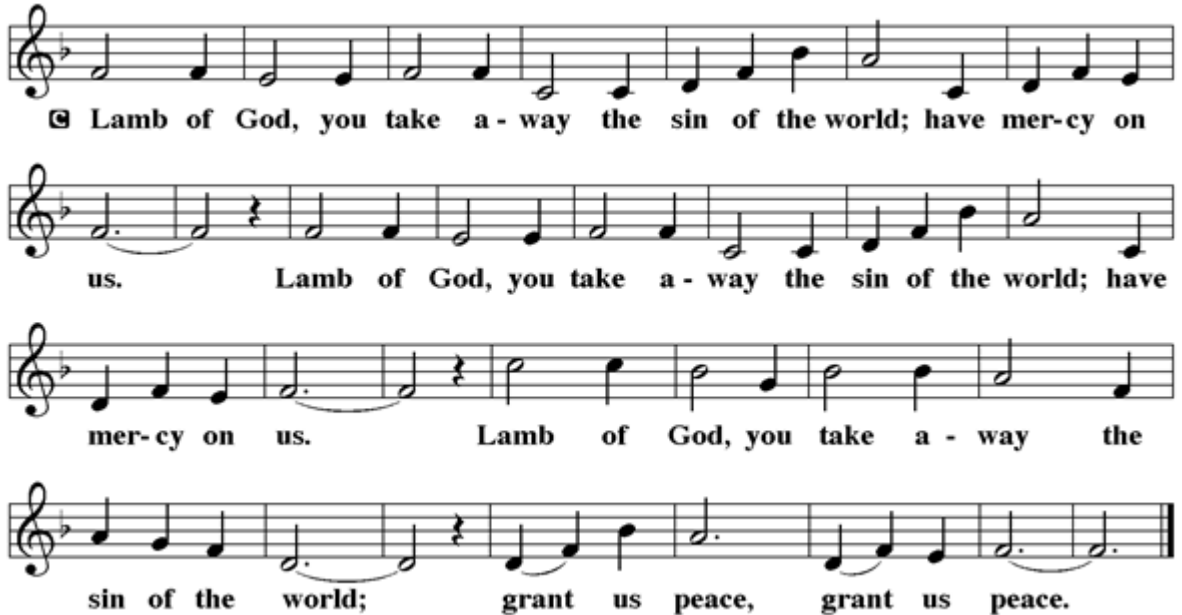
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The meal of Holy Communion – like God’s abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you are a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It’s an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God who sets the table.

LAMB OF GOD

We sing this to connect our meal of Holy Communion to the Passover meal shared by the Jews of the Old Testament. At that time, God saved the Jewish people from death by ‘passing over’ homes marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Similarly, Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the sign of salvation for the world.



COMMUNION HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

#496

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



If you're a guest with us this morning, thanks for being part of our worship. We're blessed by and better because of your presence. Please let Pastor Mark, Pastor Cogan, or one of our Partners in Mission know you are here and join us again, soon. Also, take a minute to fill out the Grace Notes insert so we'll know who was with us, even if we miss the chance to welcome you in person.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

Greeter: Ingrid Mielke

Ushers: Bill Goers & Kevin Michaelis

Acolyte: Anneliese Jones

Lay Reader: Steve Beebe

Comm. Assistants: Miles & Denise Hercamp

Lawn Mower: Wes Hildebrandt

Altar Setup: Zina Compton

Altar Clean Up: Tonya Reid

Bread Baker: Donna Kuffner

Counters: Lynn Galligan & Betsy Goers

Cleaning: Schwartz & Seigert

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, August 16

- Traditional Worship – 8:30 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship – 10:00 a.m.
- CrossRoads Class – 11:15 a.m.

Monday, August 17

- Men's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
- Agape – 6:00 p.m.
- Giving the Sense – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

- 25th Anniversary Team – 6:00 p.m.
- Church Council – 7:00 p.m.
- Racial Justice Movie Night – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

- Food Pantry – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

- Cycling Club – 6:30 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 21

- Craft Night – 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 266

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	\$11,218.91
Offering Last Week:	\$21,021.45
August Total:	\$30,160.41
Fiscal YTD Income (7/31/26)	\$38,627.41
Fiscal YTD Expense (7/31/26)	\$44,875.63

Our General Fund supports our everyday ministry. 10% of it goes to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, disaster relief, & more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30.)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitment:	\$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	\$12,744.55
Given To Date:	\$760,472.49

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings will help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

(Please be praying about the building project as we wait to break ground and get to work!)

Mark Havel, *Lead Pastor* • Cogan Blackmon, *Pastor*
Jeannie Ellenberger, *Music Minister* • Sheri Bradley, *Contemporary Music Minister*
Amanda Terrell, *Administrative Assistant*
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SATURDAY | AUGUST 29 | 5:00PM

THE ROOTED FESTIVAL

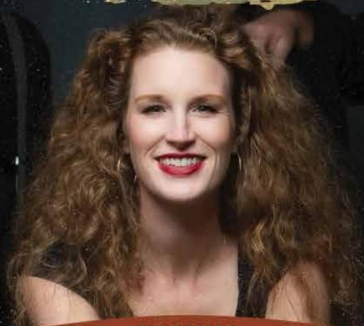
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Anna Owens



Josh Gillespie &
The Nomad Collective



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