

- **Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.
- **Emergency Pastoral Care** - If you need emergency pastoral care while Pastor Ali is away (Sun-Wed), please contact the office to be connected with an on-call pastor.
- **Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).



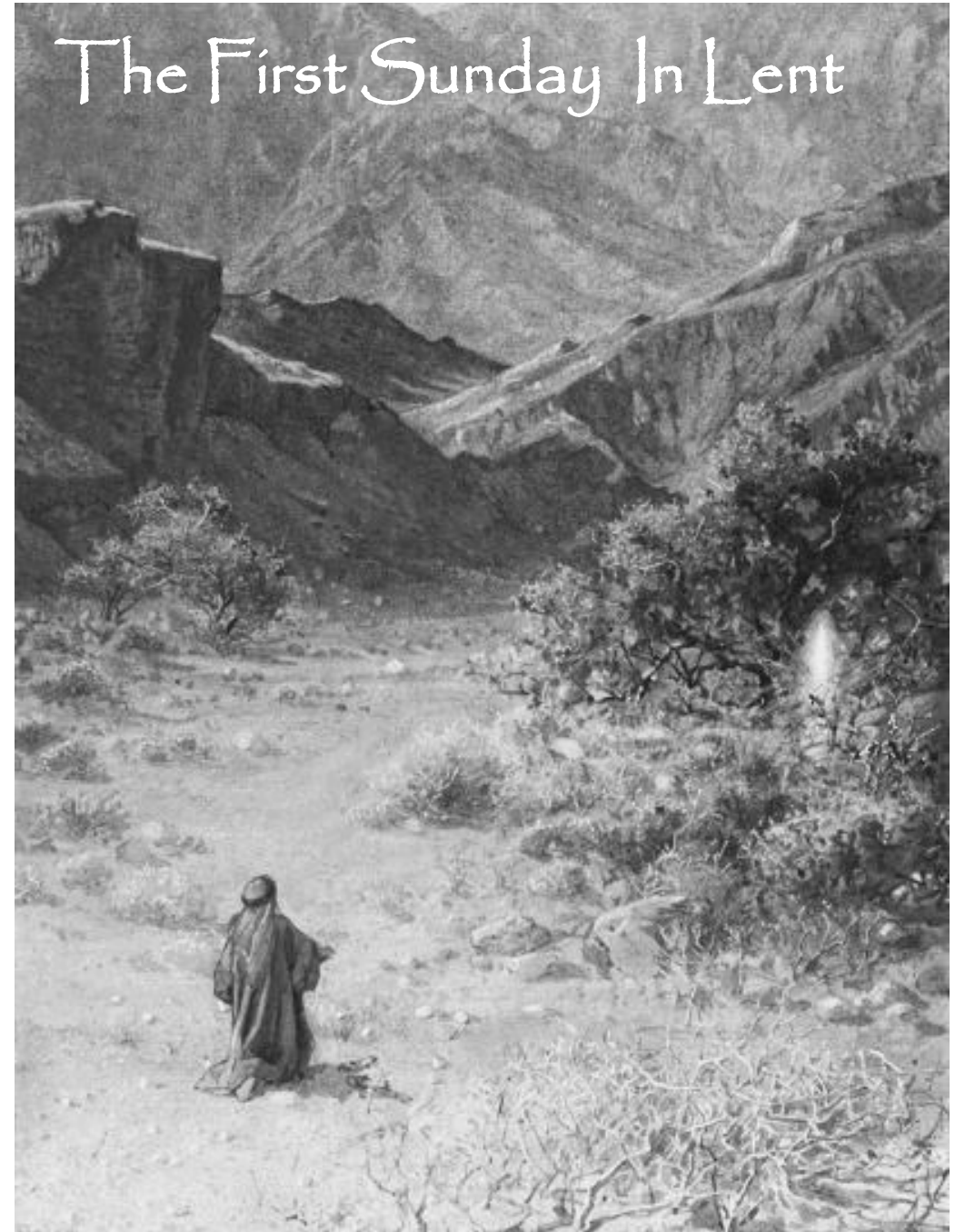
Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

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Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger*

*Dolores Narey
Julie Aulwes
Trish Hambrick
Joe Balzer
Maggie Johnsrud
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To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.



February 18, 2024

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Center, MN



Lent is a wilderness season—a season of wandering and journeying, fasting and praying, confronting sin and struggle and embracing uncertainty. And yet the wilderness, despite its appearances, is not empty. It’s a place where God dwells. It’s a place where we are invited to be led by the wild stirring of the Spirit. It’s a place where life together can happen. This Lent, we are grateful you’re here we journey through scriptural stories of wilderness and through practices of prayer that invite us to encounter anew the God who meets us on the way.

Feb 18– God Forms us in the Wilderness

Feb. 25– God Provides in the Wilderness

March 3– God Makes a way out of now Way in the Wilderness

March 10- God Brings New Life in the Wilderness

March 17– God Calls Us to Life Together in the Wilderness

***If you’re new to Cross of Glory, welcome! To learn more about our life together here, fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and place it in the offering basket located in the center aisle on your way out of worship so that we can be in touch!*

***Note to all worshippers: this season, offering plates will remain at a table in the center aisle and at the usher’s table in the narthex. We invite you to share your offering there before or after the service. You may also give an online gift by scanning the QR code on page 6 of your bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Handbells

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who walks with us in the wilderness.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in the vastness of God’s grace. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and repentance

MOTIO DIVINA

***While we’re praying the Prayer of Confession, you’re invited to explore Motio Divina (“divine movement”), a simple physical posture of prayer. This could include opening your hands, folding your hands, laying your hands across your heart, lifting your hands, bowing your head, lifting your eyes, closing your eyes, or using aisle space near you, kneeling.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.
- **Neighborhood Listening Session this Week** - As we discern what God’s call to life together means for our space, we’re hearing from BC neighbors about their hopes and dreams for our community. Join us this Wed, Feb 21 from 5:30-6:30 pm as we hear this month from those who work along the Brooklyn Blvd corridor. As always, food is provided. RSVP to Isak by Feb 19 if you plan to take part.
- **New Art Exhibit** - Throughout Lent, our gallery is hosting a new exhibit titled “Painted Prayer,” which includes a variety of calligraphed prayers created by Gary Feyen, member at Faith Lilac Way in Robbinsdale. Stop by to view and pray through the exhibit before or after worship, or anytime during office hours (M-W 10-2).
- **Lenten Midweek Prayer** - On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 during Lent (with the exception of this coming Wed), join us on Zoom for a short time of prayer, where we’ll explore prayers that have sustained those in the wilderness. These materials will also be made available for those who cannot take part in live-time via Zoom.
- **Table Talks** - Next Sunday, Feb 25 (4th Sunday), we’ll welcome Dr. Cody Sanders, Associate Professor of Congregational & Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary, as our guest presenter. Cody will speak on the topic “Death and Dying (in America)”. Please plan on attending. We’ll get started around 11am in the education wing. A timely subject that should spark a lively discussion! See you there. -Gordy Johnsrud
- **Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop** - The following Sunday, March 3, take part in a funeral pre-planning workshop. All are encouraged to attend (even if you’ve taken part in a similar workshop at CoG in years past...we want to make sure our files are up to date and faithfully reflect your wishes).

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC Prayer of Good Courage (Gustavson)

Please rise as you're able. You're invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

*** Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

O God, you have called us to ventures where we cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.
Give us good courage.

Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*
Amen!

DISMISSAL BLESSING

L: Go in peace...God forms us in the wilderness.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is abundant in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May God strengthen and sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit to journey onward together, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

*** Please stand as you are able ***

MUSIC I Want Jesus to Walk with Me #325

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

GREETING

Pastor: May the grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

A: O God, you form us in the wilderness. Accompany us as we walk this holy ground--to say “no” to that which leads to death, and “yes” to that which leads us to life, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

LECTIO DIVINA

***Lectio divina (“divine reading”) is an ancient prayer practice that invites us to listen for how God may be speaking through the Living Word. Today we practice a condensed version of the practice. As the passages are read, pay attention to a word, image, or phrase that jumps out at you. Afterwards, you’ll be invited during a few moments of extended silence to prayerfully ponder what God might be speaking to you through this word, image, or phrase, and to respond to God in prayer.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-5

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

*** Please stand as you are able ***

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses
every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

MUSIC

The Table

(Tomlin/ Cash/ Jolley)

Verse 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.
(Repeat)

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.

Verse 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.

Verse 4

And so, with thankfulness
and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow
in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Verse 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. (Chorus)

Bridge

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

Verse 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: You provide food and drink in the wilderness. May this meal strengthen and sustain our bodies and spirits for the journey ahead, that we might generously share the hospitality we've experienced here with others along the way. **All: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for the hungry. Come, one and all.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and wine from the second server (grape juice option available). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

The body of Christ is given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ is shed for you. **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC Behold the Lamb (Getty/Getty/Townend)

Verse 1
Behold the Lamb who
bears our sins away,
Slain for us; and we remember
The promise made
that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

Verse 2
The body of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, Torn for you;
eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated. At this time you're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection as part of our lectio Divina practice. ***

CHOIR ANTHEM Be Still My Soul, Before the Lord Haugen

*Be still, my soul, before the Lord, for God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.
You need not multiply your words nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands the hunger of your heart.
Wait, then, in quiet confidence, your anxious thoughts at rest,
God knows your needs before you ask and works for what is best.
Be still, my soul, before the Lord; on God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.*

REFLECTION

Rev. Peter Carlson Schattauer

MUSIC

Bless Now, O God the Journey

#326

Verse 1

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Verse 2

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the
terrors,

your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Verse 3

Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

VISIO DIVINA

***Visio Divina ("sacred seeing") is an ancient prayer practice that invites us to meditate on God's Word through an artistic depiction of it. As the music is playing, you're invited to ponder the image on the screen and prayerfully reflect: What catches your eye? What, if anything, surprises you about the piece? What aspects of the story are most prominently depicted? What emotions, memories, reactions does the image evoke in you? What might the Holy Spirit be communicating to you through this piece? After reflecting on the image, you may conclude with a prayer, giving thanks for God's presence, and for artists who help make it come alive in the world.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

This season, we invite you to place your offering in the basket located in the center aisle before or after the service, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here. Thank you for your generous giving, which empowers us to share God's gift of life together, even in the wilderness.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between each petition

O Christ Surround Me

#1084

Petition 1

Verse 1

God, be the love to search
and keep me;

God, be the prayer to
move my voice;

God, be the strength to
now uphold me
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 2

Verse 2

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 3

Verse 3

Brightness of sun and
glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning,
strength of wind,

depth of the sea to
soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 4

Verse 4

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above,
and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 5

Verse 5

Christ in the eyes of all
who see me,
Christ in the ears that
hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know
me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.