

makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

- **Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life



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

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Audrey Swanberg  
Jeannie Kuzmich  
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*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office ([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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.

# The Second Sunday In Lent



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**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, please fill out a Welcome Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate located in the center aisle on your way out of worship so 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

### 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, standing or using aisle space near you, kneeling.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fellowship Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.
- **Table Talks TODAY** - Today after worship, we 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)." Join us at 11am in the education wing. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with any questions.
- **Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop** - Next Sunday, March 3, join us 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).
- **Golf League** -Coming soon, the end of April, Cross of Glory's golf league will begin their summer season. This is an informal, fun group. Anyone can play. We play every Thursday at 5 PM at Pheasant Acres golf course. If you are interested, please email Mike McClanahan at mikemc5751@outlook.com.
- **Lenten 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, 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.
- **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

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## DISMISSAL BLESSING

L: Go in peace...God Provides for us in the wilderness.

A: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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### CREDITS

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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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

### Chorus

We thirst for You.  
We search for You  
In a dry and barren land.  
We're longing for Your hand  
To guide us to a place where You  
Can cleanse us with Your rain.  
Baptize us once again.

## Thirst for You

We thirst for You oh Lord. *(Repeat)*

### Verse

Oh Lord, we are waiting.  
Let Your river flow.  
Come flood our hearts again.  
Quench our thirsty souls.  
*(Chorus)*

## Ragsdale Jr.

## 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 provide for us in the wilderness, morning by morning. Help us to open our hands to your abundance, in both receiving and sharing, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

**MUSIC**

**He's Always Been Faithful**

**Groves**

**Verse 1**

Morning by morning  
I wake up to find  
The power and comfort  
of God's hand in mine.  
Season by season  
I watch God, amazed,  
In awe of the myst'ry  
of God's perfect ways.

**Chorus 1**

All I have need of  
God's hand will provide.  
God's always been faithful to me.

**Verse 2**

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
God did not recycle  
to bring me gain.  
I can't remember one single regret  
In serving God only

and trusting God's hand. (*chorus 1*)

**Verse 3**

This is my anthem, this is my song,  
The theme of the stories  
I've heard for so long,  
God has been faithful.  
God will be again.  
God's loving compassion,  
it knows no end.

**Chorus 2**

All I have need of  
God's hand will provide.  
God's always been faithful,  
God's always been faithful,  
God's always been faithful to me.

*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.*

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 16:4-21**

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the

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*

**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.**

*Sending*

**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!

*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 offering plate 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,

sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ' The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, 'Let no one leave any of it over until morning.' But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.  
 He will not let your foot be moved;  
 he who keeps you will not slumber.  
 He who keeps Israel  
 will neither slumber nor sleep.  
 The Lord is your keeper;  
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
 The sun shall not strike you by day,  
 nor the moon by night.  
 The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
 he will keep your life.  
 The Lord will keep  
 your going out and your coming in  
 from this time on and for evermore.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 9:12-17**

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the ninth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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**

**Create in Me**

**Muskrat**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
 And then will I teach transgressors thy ways,  
 and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

**REFLECTION**

**MUSIC**

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**#733**

**Verse 1**

Great is thy faithfulness,  
 O God my Father;  
 there is no shadow  
 of turning with thee;  
 thou changest not, thy  
 compassions they fail not;  
 as thou hast been,  
 thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**

Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning  
 new mercies I see;  
 all I have needed  
 thy hand hath provided;  
 great is thy faithfulness,  
 Lord, unto me!

**Verse 2**

Summer and winter and  
 springtime and harvest,  
 sun, moon, and stars in  
 their courses above  
 join with all nature in  
 manifold witness  
 to thy great faithfulness,  
 mercy, and love. *Refrain*

**Verse 3**

Pardon for sin and a  
 peace that endureth,  
 thine own dear presence  
 to cheer and to guide;  
 strength for today and  
 bright hope for tomorrow,  
 blessings all mine,  
 with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

**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*