

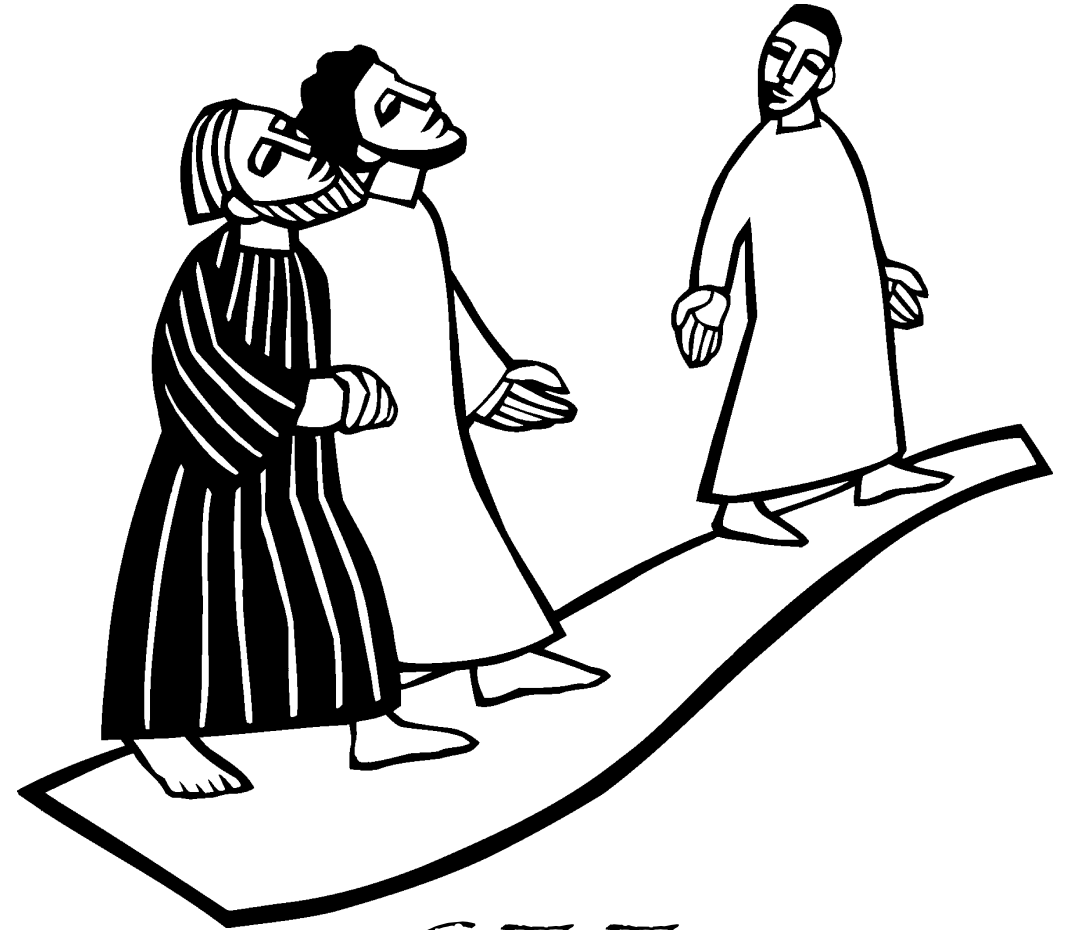
•**Winter Clothing Drive** - We'll be distributing winter clothing (new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to our BC neighbors at WinterFest. Please drop off donations anytime between now and Jan 26 in the box near the welcome desk. Thank you!

•**2024 Giving Envelopes & 2023 End-of-Year Statements** - 2024 offering envelopes are completed. If you haven't received your envelopes, please let the office know, Rachel will make some for you. Year end giving statements from 2023 are available at the welcome desk as well.

•**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.

•**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 together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

The Second Sunday After Epiphany



SEE

January 14, 2024

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

EPIPHANY: A SEASON FOR ALL OUR SENSES

Epiphany is a season in which we're called to pay attention to the God who's alive among us, a season of exclaiming "aha" (having epiphanies!) as we discover God's presence made manifest in the world. And we're called to tend to that divine presence with all our senses--to listen for God, look for God, even smell God and taste God, to touch God. Through different scriptural stories, we're exploring one sense each week in Epiphany, reflecting on how we may use it as we seek to witness God in and all around us:

Jan 7: Hear | Jan 14: See | Jan 21: Taste | Jan 28: Smell | Feb 4: Touch

God's presence, born to us in Jesus Christ on Christmas, continues to dwell in our midst. We're grateful for your presence in worship as we seek to encounter the living God together!

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HANDBELLS

See the Lord

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh.

All: Amen.

L: Trusting the grace and goodness of our embodied God, let us confess our sin:

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance

L: God of life,

A: You call us to bear witness to your presence with our whole being. Yet our ears refuse to hear your voice in the cries of the poor and hungry in our midst, our eyes are fixated on our own gain rather than the needs of our neighbor, our noses fail to smell the sweetness and abundance of your creation, our mouths refuse to speak words of truth and justice in the face of indifference and cruelty, our hands are afraid to extend to the wounded, and our feet, to venture into places of uncertainty. Forgive us, gracious God, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might encounter your life-giving presence made manifest all around us.

L: Hear this good news of great joy: out of God's boundless love and compassion, God has become human, to be with us in this wounded world, so that we can love it with everything we've got. In the name of Jesus Christ † you are forgiven and freed to live in the light of God. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.

•**Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch** - On Sunday, Jan 28th, all Cross of Glory members are invited to take part in our annual meeting onsite or online. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Stick around for a celebratory potluck lunch to follow (and bring a dish to share! Sign-ups are located at the Welcome Desk).

•**Annual Reports due TODAY** - All staff and committee reports are due to Rachel today. Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, Jan 21, or anytime during the week (M-W 10-2) ahead of the meeting on Jan 28.

•**Site Visits** - As we work to further discern God's call, we're learning from neighboring churches who have reimaged ways to share space for the sake of God's work. Our next visit is scheduled for Calvary Baptist in S Mpls at 11:45 pm on Sunday, Jan 21st. Meet us there or gather at CoG at 11:20 to carpool. RSVP to Pastor Ali if you plan to take part!

•**Wildfire Summit** - Lay leaders from the 8 Wildfire churches are gathering on Sat, Jan 20 at Mt Olivet in Plymouth to reflect on our shared ministry and dream about what collaboration might be possible in the future. The summit will be led by Nick Tangen, Director of Faith & Neighboring Practices, at the Mpls Area Synod. If you're interested in taking part, let Pastor Ali know ASAP.

•**Neighborhood Listening Session** - As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we're gathering with neighbors from the BC community once a month for a Listening Session. Join us from 5:30-6:30 pm on Jan 17 as we share a meal and get to know our neighbor(hood)! This month's session will feature members of BC schools. Please come as you're able, and RSVP to Isak Tranvik by Jan 15.

•**WinterFest** - Mark your calendars for Fri, Jan 26 from 5-7 pm when we'll join together with CAPI to host WinterFest, a neighborhood block party celebration that includes free food, music, covid and flu vaccines, games for kids, a winter clothing distribution, and more! If you're able to lend a hand, let the office know ASAP.

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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero*

*Martha Krueger
Dolores Narey
Julie Aulwes
Deb Olson*

*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.

MUSIC

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche

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

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You.
I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

Verse

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: O God of Light, we are invited to “come and see” what good comes out of Nazareth. Open our eyes to your presence here in Brooklyn Center, where you dwell. In the name of the one who shines among us. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Open My Eyes

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Verse 1

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see Your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.

Verse 2

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear Your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Verse 3

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like You.
Open my heart, Lord.

Help me to love.

Bridge

And the first shall be last,
And our eyes are opened,
And we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
And we'll see God's face
In places we've never known.

Verse 4

I live within you.
Deep in your heart, O love,
I live within you.
Rest now in me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Shine On Everyone

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,
Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
But only that your hand is leading us,
And your love supporting us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...see the Good News!

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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As we stray, **lead us home by another way.**
As we wonder where to find you, **surprise us.**
Be our awakening. **Be our epiphany.**
Form us as we pray:

Table

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC We are Marching in the Light of God #866

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

Verse 1

We are marching
in the light of God,
we are marching
in the light of God.
We are marching
in the light of God,
we are marching
in the light of God.

in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching
in the light of God.

Verse 2

We are singing . . .

Verse 3

We are dancing . . .

Verse 4

We are living . . .

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

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

P: The Gospel according to John the first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Ian McConnell

SERMON

Rev. Ian McConnell

REFLECTION

***Where/when/in whom have you seen God? ***

MUSIC

Come and See

#976

What are you looking for?
Come, see, come and see.
What are you looking for?

Come and see.
(Repeat)

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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

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 Epiphany, as we continue to celebrate the Word made flesh, we seek to make material the words and the work of this church, sharing our gifts for the sake of the church, the neighborhood, and the world. We invite you to share an offering via the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code that will take you to Cross of Glory's online giving page. Thank you for empowering us to live out God's call to life together.



MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

#793

Verse 1

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art:
thou my best thought
both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Verse 4

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how:

- 1. Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*
 - 2. Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*
 - 3. Return to your seat, and spend time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer from the tree.*
 - 4. You may take the star home with you to continue praying this week.*
- Tip: Keep it in a place where you'll see it often--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's request in prayer!*

P: Let us pray:

God of light,

P: As we journey, **A: guide us.**

As we struggle, **accompany us.**