

- **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 Third Sunday After Epiphany



TASTE

January 21, 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

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 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.
- **Site Visit TODAY** - As we work to further discern God's call, we're learning from neighboring churches who have reimagined 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!
- **Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch** - Next Sunday, Jan 28th, all CoG 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 to read ahead of time are now available electronically and at the Welcome Desk.
- **WinterFest** - Mark your calendars for this 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.
- **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.

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
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Greeters: Janet Parrish, Bob Wertz
Reader: Bob Wertz
Communion: Sherry Weko, Sharon Quick, Bob Wertz
Ushers: Steve Ferley, Don Halverson, Jeffline Tolbert, Josh Day
Fellowship: Gordy and Maggie Johnsrud
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



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
Dick and Melody Hoium*

*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

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

Verse 1

Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the
sound of our name.

Verse 2

We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.
Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.

Gather Us In

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Verse 3

Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.

Verse 4

Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away—
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love
in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: God of abundant grace and prodigal love, you provide us with more than we ever imagined. May the meal that we read about today, and the meal that we share at your table today, be a foretaste of your kingdom come; in the name of the one who pours himself out for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-8a

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world
that He gave us
His one and only Son to save.
(Chorus 2)

Verse 4

Bring all your failures.
Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down
at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting.
God so loved the world.

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... taste the Good News!
A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, at this table, we have heard, seen, smelled, touched, and tasted your presence in our midst. May our bodies, fed and nourished at this table, live now as the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

God So Loved

Cash/Bergthold

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

Verse 1

Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well
that never runs dry.
Drink of the water.
Come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come all you sinners,
Come find His mercy.
Come to the table He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures.
Bring your addictions.

Come lay them down
at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved
the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him
will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well.
I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved,
God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God,
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, praise God,
For the wonders of God's love.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

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

P: The Gospel according to John the second chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

REFLECTION

***Where/when have you tasted God? ***

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

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

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.



Apostles Creed

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC

Taste and See

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Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord,
of the Lord.

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.

Refrain

Verse 2

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise

MUSIC

Come Just As You Are

Sabolick

Verse 1

Come just as you are,
hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come and see,
Come receive,
Come and live forever.

Chorus

Life everlasting,
And strength for today;
Taste the Living Water,
And never thirst again.

God's name.

I called the Lord,
who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.

Refrain

Verse 3

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the
Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain

Verse 2

Come just as you are,
hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come receive,
Christ the King;
Come and live
Forevermore.

P: Let us pray:
God of light,
P: As we journey, **A: guide us.**
As we struggle, **accompany us.**
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.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Jesus invites you to the table. Come, taste and see.

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.

MUSIC

Verse 1

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
You've tried ev'rything
That you thought you could.
Taste and see that His love is real.
Open up right now,
Let your heart be filled. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

With peace overflowing,
Joy everlasting,
Love so amazing, Taste.
Life so exciting,
Hope so inviting.
All who are crying to be free,
Taste and see,
Taste and see,
Taste and see.

Taste and See

Verse 2

Taste and see that His Word is true.
You've been hurt before,
He won't lie to you.
Taste and see, never thirst again.
Ev'ry broken heart,
Jesus Christ will mend. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Never gonna know 'til you try,
You're never gonna
live until you die,
Yeah, die to yourself
And find for yourself
that He's good.
Never gonna see
Him with your eyes
Until your very soul and very heart
And mind realize
He's all that you need.
Taste and see. *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

Houghton

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 in your bulletin) 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!*