

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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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 about 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

During the Prayer of Confession, you're invited to explore Motio Divina ("divine movement") - a physical posture of prayer. You may open or fold your hands, lay your hands across your heart, lift your hands, bow your head, lift or close your eyes, stand or kneel in the aisle.



Holy Week at Cross of Glory



**Palm
Sunday**

9:30 am - Worship onsite + online

*Deadline to place carmel roll orders for youth camp fundraiser



**Maundy
Thursday**

6:30 pm - Worship with communion
onsite + online



**Good
Friday**

6:30 pm - Tenebrae worship onsite + online



**Easter
Sunday**

9:30 am - Worship onsite + online

10:30 am - Fellowship & treats

*Carmel roll pick-up and time of fellowship with Easter treats

•**Youth Camp Fundraiser** - Visit the table today to order your cinnamon or caramel rolls for Easter Sunday! Also, check out the Gertens spring flowers for you to support campers too.

•**BC Prayer Breakfast** - Churches in BC are gathering on Sat April 27 at 9 am at LCM for a community prayer breakfast. If you are interested in learning more or taking part, let Pastor Ali know ASAP!

•**W/ELCA Bible Study**— This Wednesday at 1pm W/ELCA “Gather” Bible study resumes. All are women and friends of CoG are welcome to attend.

•**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 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:

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

*Dick Mero
Martha Krueger
Dolores Narey
Julie Aulwes
Audrey Pederson*

*Joe Balzer
Maggie Johnsrud
The Hengel family
Cheryl Anderson*

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.

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

Spirit of Gentleness

#396

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

Verse 1

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." *(Refrain)*

Verse 2

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your
prophets to open their eyes.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you
called once again,

when you blew through your
people on the rush of the wind.
(Refrain)

Verse 4

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.

*** Please be seated ***

From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)

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, your Spirit meets us on the bumpy roads of our wilderness journeys, and draws us into life together with those we'd rather avoid. Through the power of your boundary-breaking love, move us into acts of neighborliness, that in our neighbor we might encounter You. In the name of Jesus, our Rabbi, we pray, Amen.

Word

LECTIO DIVINA

***Lectio divina ("divine reading") is a prayer practice that invites us to listen for how God may be speaking through the Living Word. As the passages are read, notice a word, image, or phrase. Afterwards, we'll have a few moments of extended silence to ponder what God might be speaking to you through this word, image, or phrase, and to respond to God in prayer.*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

•**Lenten Midweek Prayer** - This Wed morning at 9:30 will be our final midweek Lenten prayer. 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.

•**Neighborhood Listening Session THIS WEEK** - As we work to discern what God's call to life together looks like at CoG, we've spent the past few months breaking bread with and listening to neighbors across the BC community. Join us for our last meal and conversation this Wed, March 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm. This month's session will feature BC city staff. Please come as you're able, and RSVP to Isak by March 18.

•**Holy Week Worship** - Our wilderness journey continues as we walk toward the cross and empty tomb. Join us for worship on Palm Sunday (March 24) at 9:30, on Maundy Thurs (March 28) at 6:30 pm, Good Friday (March 29) at 6:30 pm, and Easter Sunday (March 31) at 9:30 am. All neighbors warmly welcome.

•**Lenten Art Exhibit Gallery Talk TODAY** - immediately following g worship. 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).

•**Funeral Pre-Planning Follow-Up** - If you didn't have the chance to take part in the funeral pre-planning workshop last week, we invite you to grab some materials from the church bulletin board and/or meet with Pastor Ali to review them. This is an opportunity to reflect on your own funeral, and having these plans at the church will assist loved ones in honoring your wishes.

•**MN FoodShare March Food Collection** - This month, we're collecting non-perishable food items to share with our neighboring food shelves at CAPI and CEAP here in BC. All donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. *Please note, CEAP's food shelf is also in need of paper grocery bags with handles.* If you'd like to give a monetary donation, you're welcome to do so using the envelopes at the Welcome Desk.

that we might generously share the hospitality we've experienced here with others along the way. **All: 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!

DISMISSAL BLESSING

L: Go in peace...God calls us to life together in the wilderness.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

P: The Gospel according to Luke the tenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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**Psalm 130****Manz**

*Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
 If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand?
 But there is forgiveness in Thee that you may be honored.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in your word do I hope;
 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.
 Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy,
 And with God is redemption,
 And God shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.*

REFLECTION**MUSIC****Bind Us Together****Refrain**

Bind us together, Lord,
 bind us together
 With cords that cannot be broken.
 Bind us together, Lord,
 bind us together,
 Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God,
 There is only one King;
 There is only one body,
 That is why we sing: *Refrain*.

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God,
 Loved by his precious Son;
 Called to life together,
 Which has now begun. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Called to be neighbors to all,
 Friend and enemy,
 Sharing across divides,
 Called to be family. *Refrain*

VISIO DIVINA

***Visio Divina ("sacred seeing") is a prayer practice that invites us to meditate on God's Word through an artistic depiction of it. You're invited to ponder the image on the screen and prayerfully reflect: What catches your eye? What surprises you about the piece? What is 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? Conclude with a*

MUSIC**We Come To You****Blakesley****Verse 1**

By Your body and blood,
 By Your life and Your love;
 Renew us.
 May Your sacrifice be
 Forgiveness in me;
 Heal us

Chorus

We come to You.
 We come to You broken, hungry.
 We come to You.
 We come to You.
 Make us whole again.

Verse 2

In the body of Christ
 We are brought to new life;
 Restore us.
 May the flesh that we eat
 And the blood that we drink
 save us. (*Chorus*)

Bridge

By Your love,
 By Your grace,
 We are one. (*Chorus*)

Ending

We come,
 We come to You.

MUSIC**Remembrance****Maher/ Redman****Verse 1**

Oh, how could it be
 That my God would welcome me
 Into this mystery,
 Say, "Take this bread,
 take this wine?"
 Now the simple made divine
 For any to receive.

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy
 we come to Your table.
 By Your grace
 You are making us faithful.

Chorus

Lord, we remember You,
 And remembrance
 leads us to worship.
 And as we worship You,

Our worship leads to communion.
 We respond to Your invitation.
 We remember You.

Verse 2

See his body, his blood;
 Know that he has overcome
 Ev'ry trial we will face.
 And none too lost to be saved,
 None too broken or ashamed.
 All are welcome in this place. *choruses*

Bridge

Dying, You destroyed our death.
 Rising You restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory. *chorus*

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,

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.

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.

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

prayer, giving thanks for God's presence, and for artists who help make it come alive in the world.

***Kids are invited to come forward to get a closer look at the image*

HANDBELL CHOIR

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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,