• 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).



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold Shar Lauster Norma Gilbertson Audrey Swanberg Jeannie Kuzmich Dick Mero Debbie Sjoquist Karen Earnest

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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 7, 2023
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

Please rise as you are able and face the baptismal font

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection we share in Christ Jesus, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life.

All: God of Life, we come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for our greed, our fear, our self-centeredness, our indifference, and for all the ways we cling to death even though you offer us life.

Silence for reflection and repentance.

P: We thank you, O God, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life. We bless you, O God, that your Spirit comes to us like rains to our thirsting earth. We praise you, O God, for giving us the gift of your grace in these waters, and for showering us, day by day, with the gift of life. Empower us now live it together.

All: Amen!

You're invited to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead, remembering the gift of baptism.

MUSIC Kyrie Haugen

Leader: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship Join us after worship to share in food and fellowship! And sign up to help host fellowship hour next month so we can continue to offer this time together.
- Table Talks: Today! This month's 4th Sunday education hour, on the topic of "Life," is scheduled for TODAY at 11 am. We are excited to welcome guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, "freelance theologian" out of Two Harbors, MN, and author of "Joyful Defiance: Death Does Not Win the Day." Join us!
- **Community Meals** On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.
- **Bible Study** Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 onsite or online as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday! WELCA also invites all women to come to bible study Wednesday May 17th at 1pm
- Wildfire Household Helpers Need a hand with non-professionalized household chores? First Lutheran of Crystal, one of our Wildfire partners, has a pool of helpers ready to assist anyone needing a hand with household chores, and one to help with personal needs. Call Jackie at 763 535 2797 to see if your chore fits our abilities.
- Gardening Meeting Next Sunday If you're interested in taking part in any gardening projects at COG this summer, join us after worship next Sunday 4/30 as we share ideas and discuss next steps!
- **CPR Training** –At this time the church is looking to update its CPR/AED capabilities. We are looking for people who would be willing to do the training for this program (cost covered). If anyone is interested, we are especially encouraging ushers, please notify the church office. Information will follow as interest becomes known.
- Care & 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.

^{**}You may be seated**

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

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!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Bailey & Bill Bailey

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

MUSIC Now the Feast and Celebration Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory for evermore.

Verse 1

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

Verse 3

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God, to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. P: Let us pray together:

All: O God, because you live, we can live in hope. Catch us off guard with your presence on whatever roads we are walking, and fill our whole flesh with the hope we only find in you; in the name of the risen Christ we pray, Amen.

MUSIC We are Part of His Family Jonas

Chorus

We are part of His family
Called to give Him praise
We are children of blessing
Celebrate His grace (repeat)
hallelujah
With my brothers I'll praise Him

hallelujah With my sisters I'll sing hallelujah With my brothers I'll praise Him hallelujah With my sisters I'll sing

Verse

We are His adopted family
Chosen from iniquity
We've been made
His sons and daughters
We are children of the King (chorus)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36b-48

** Please stand as you are able **

P: The Gospel according to Luke the twenty fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything

COMMUNION PRAYER

Risen God, at the table you feed us with the gift of your very body. Help us to not hold on to it, but to go to our brother and sisters--sharing bread and proclaiming good news to a hungry world. Amen!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

P: Even in a Good Friday world, the gift of Easter can't be stopped. The same Spirit that has called our sisters and brothers through the centuries is calling us today to life--

Life joyful. Life hopeful. Life abundant. Life together.

And so we go, proclaiming our alleluias, for Christ lives; and so do we.

ALL: Alleluia and Amen!

MUSIC Earth and All Stars

Please rise as you're able. Kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service. Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!

Verse 1

Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

Verse 2

Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

Verse 3

Engines and steel!
Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

Verse 5

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son!
Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC **Bind Us Together** #748

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together With cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together. Called to life abundant, 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; Which has now begun. (refrain)

Verse 3

You are the family of God, You are the body of Christ, You are the bread that feeds. You are the glorious new wine. (refrain)

MUSIC

The Wonderful Cross

Tomlin/ Watts/ Walt/ Reeves/ Mason

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross

O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSIC	Love One Another	Detweiler

Descant

Love one another For love is of God He who loves is born of God And knows God He who does not love Does not know God For God is love God is love

Apostles Creed

Love bears all things

Love hopes all things

Believe all things

Endures all things

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;

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^{**} Please be seated **

CONFESSION OF FAITH ** Please rise as you are able**

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 the risen Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

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

OFFERING

Our "alleluias" continue through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



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MUSIC Hope of the Nations

Verse

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's
hope on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of
heaven's light on earth

Pre-Chorus

In history You lived and died You broke the chains

You rose to life

Chorus

You are the hope living in us
You are the Rock
in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all
the world to see
You rose from the dead
conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace
drawing us near
Jesus our hope

living for all who will receive (Lord we believe)

Tag

Lord we believe Lord we believe Lord we believe (choruses)

Ending

Lord we believe

(Jesus hope of the nations)
Lord we believe
(Jesus hope of the nations)
Lord we believe
(Jesus hope of the nations)
Lord we believe
(Jesus)

Lord we believe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of life All: Move us in prayer.

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

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.

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 (glutenfree options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you.

^{**} Please be seated **