

Transfiguration Sunday



February 19, 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in this mercy, let us take a moment of silence to confess our
sins, both individual and collective...

Silence for reflection and repentance.

**Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have prioritized our own wants over the needs of our
neighbors.**

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass

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

MUSIC **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** **ELW #834**
Verse 1 Most blessed, most glorious,

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise, The ancient of days,
In light inaccessible Almighty, victorious,
Hid from our eyes, Thy great name we praise!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Fellowship - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship. If you're able to help with set-up or clean-up in coming weeks, please sign up at the welcome desk. We're grateful for the hands that make this time together possible!

Camp Info Session - Families with kids in 1st-8th grade are invited to a short gathering in Fellowship Hall after worship today to learn about Camp Wapo with Wapo Staffer Breanna Peterson. CoG will be headed to camp in late June!

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 the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online. Note: We will not gather on Tues, Jan 31.

Ash Wednesday - This Wed, Feb 22, stop by between 12-2 pm for individual imposition of ashes and a blessing with Pastor Ali. And/or join us at 7 pm for Ash Wednesday worship onsite + online.

Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful Listening - This Lent, we will be listening for God's voice speaking to us through exploring stories of call in scripture and through various prayer practices. Join us on Sundays at 9:30 am, midweek prayer on Wednesdays at noon, and check out this month's Glory Banner for more info!

Table Talks - Join us on Feb 26th to hear from Mark Tranvik of Luther Seminary teach about our Lenten theme of "Call."

Isaiah - On Feb 21-24, Isaiah--a nonpartisan coalition of faith communities & others working for racial and economic justice in MN--is hosting a week of action at the capitol, guided by a vision of a childcare system where care is affordable for families, regardless of where they live or how much money they make, and where teachers receive the liveable wages and benefits. If you're interested in taking part or learning more, reach out to Pastor Ali.

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 (office@crossofglory.us).

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).

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Kim Jacobson, Eric Thompson
Greeters: Carol Stejskal, Kathy Swendiman
Children's Message: Breanna Peterson

Reader: Carol Stejskal
Communion: Arlene Kosek, Carol Stejskal, Kathy Swendiman
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dick Mero, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Don and Karen Earnest
Nancy Hengel
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eilert Pederson
Clarice Zirkle
Rachel Marquardt*

*Audrey Swanberg
Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson*

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.

Verse 3

To all, life thou givest,
To both great and small;
In all life thou livest,
The true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
Like leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish,
But naught changeth thee.

Verse 4

Thou reignest in glory;
Thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee,
All veiling their sight;
All laud we would render;
Oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

O God, transfigure our eyes, that we might see your light, and transfigure our hearts, that we might be your light,. In the name of the one who shines among us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Verse 1

This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;

This Little Light of Mine

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ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3

Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Breanna Peterson

After the message we invite kids to join confirmation students and Children's Ministry adult leaders for childcare. Kids will return at the end of the service for the sending song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own

MUSIC

We are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866

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

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.

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

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 living....

Verse 4

We are dancing . . .

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Dance in God's light.

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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grace you've shown
I just want to say, that I

Chorus

Thank you,
Thank you, dear Lord.
Thank you
from the bottom of my heart.

Verse 2

At the cross you gave
your life for me
As a gift of your great love.
It was the gift of everlasting

life from above.
I can boldly come
before your throne
Through your love and suffering.
I'm going to shout it
to the heavens,
I've been redeemed (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending

Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we thank you for the life that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew us here to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you're able.

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!**

interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the seventeenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

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 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.

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**

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. If you're worshiping online, we invite you to have bread or a cracker and wine or juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body even across time and space.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**MUSIC****His Mercy is More****Papa / Boswell****Verse 1**

What love could remember
 no wrongs we have done?
 Omniscient, all knowing,
 He counts not their sum.
 Thrown into a sea
 without bottom or shore,
 Our sins they are many;
 His mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord,
 His mercy is more.
 Stronger than darkness,
 new every morn.
 Our sins they are many, His
 mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait
 as we constantly roam?
 What Father so tender
 is calling us home?
 He welcomes the weakest,
 the vilest, the poor.
 Our sins they are many,
 His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
 He lavished on us.
 His blood was the payment.
 His life was the cost.
 We stood 'neath a debt
 we could never afford.
 Our sins they are many,
 His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

MUSIC**Thank You****(Witt)****Verse 1**

Lord, you took me into your arms.
 You have shown me truest love.
 You have given me such mercy

I'm not worthy of.
 Lord your mercy everlasting
 I could never understand
 For all the love and

P: And now let us pray:
God of light, as we journey through the wilderness, you are our bright star,

All: guide us.

As we navigate rough terrain, as we struggle to find our footing,

All: accompany us.

As we stumble and stray, searching for life in all the wrong places,

All: lead us home by another way.

As we wonder where to find you,

All: surprise us.

Be our awakening.

All: Be our epiphany.

Form us as we pray,

All: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us... **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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to partake in this holy meal at God's table, where Christ is the host and we are the guests. 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 options

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

Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC

Verse

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted,
And I will praise His name.

He Is Exalted

Chorus

He is the Lord.
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted.
The King is exalted on high!

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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 the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.*
- 4. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying. Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!*

**NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and we'll be glad to assist you.*