

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preacher Next Sunday - We look forward to welcoming guest preacher, Jon V. Anderson, former bishop of the Southwestern MN Synod and current director of rural ministry at Luther Seminary, on Feb 12.

Childcare provided February 19 - Families with kids: confirmation students and adult helpers will be providing childcare throughout the service on Sunday, Feb 19!

Isaiah - Speaking of childcare...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.

Community Meals - On Wednesdays, starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in the 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 - Mark your calendars! On Wed, Feb 22, stop by CoG 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 by exploring stories of call in scripture and through various prayer practices. Join us on Sundays at 9:30 am and check out this month's Glory Banner for more info!

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

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).

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 5, 2023

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

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
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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

MUSIC

Gather Us In

#532

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

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Kim
Jacobson,
Guitar: Josh Smith
Greeters: Arlene Kosek, Barb Thomson

Reader: Kris Simon
Communion: Brenda Edstrom, Judy
Olson, Kris Simon
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dick Mero,
Don Halverson,
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:

*Lorraine Clinton
Don and Karen Earnest
Norma Gilbertson
Nancy Hengel
Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Shar Lauster
Rachel Marquardt
Laura McClanahan
Audrey Swanberg
Mavis Wold*

*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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

MUSIC Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin)

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
It all comes down to this,
What you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things.

Chorus
Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God.

Verse 2
It all comes down to this,
To be Your hands and feet,

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
A: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Good news to all the world,
The truth will set us free. (*Chorus*)

Bridge
It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven. (*Repeat*)

Verse 3
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith, just like a seed,
The only way it grows. (*Chorus*)

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.

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.
Pastor: Let us pray together...

O God, may our worship, our prayers, and our practices be not done for our own sake but our neighbors', that we do your justice and reflect your light in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC God, Whose Almighty Word #673

Verse 1
God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Verse 2
Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;

health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

Verse 3
Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

MUSIC The Table (Tomlin/Cash/Jolley)

Verse 1
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

Chorus
Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able. He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

Verse 2
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

Verse 3
There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table.

Verse 4
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come
just as you are to His table.

Bridge
I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart.
With the saints around the mercy
seat of God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, the kind of fast that you call us to is one in which we share your bread with the hungry. May this table be the starting place. Amen.

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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,

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 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 | When a Star is Shining | #915 |
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| Verse 1 (solo) When a star is shining over eastern hills, when the air is silent, and the clamor stills, when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise, then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise. | Verse 2 (solo) Where the world is waiting for an unknown day, where a voice forgotten cries, "Prepare the way!" Where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold, there the gifts are offered— Incense, myrrh, and gold. <i>Refrain</i> | |
| Refrain (all) Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines. Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines. | Verse 3 (solo) Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night; guide us through the shadow with your gentle light; show us in a manger our redemption's sign bring us to a morning where the promise shines. <i>Refrain</i> | |

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Light Everlasting (Olaf C. Christiansen)

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

P: The Gospel according to Matthew fifth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

**Kids are invited to meet our Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for “Godly Play,” a time of storytelling. We’ll regather in the sanctuary following the sermon.*

SERMON

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.*

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.**

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 Let Justice Roll Down (Gibson)

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| Chorus Let justice roll down like a river. Let justice roll down like a sea. Let justice roll down like a river. Let justice begin through me. | Verse 2 Justice for those who are homeless, Victims of warfare or need, Trapped on the borders of nowhere, Lost in the canyons of greed. |
| Verse 1 Justice for all who go hungry, Crying to God to be fed, Left in a world of abundance To beg for a morsel of bread. | Verse 3 Justice for all who are pow'rless, Yearning for freedom in vain, Plundered and robbed of their birthright, Silently bearing their pain. |

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

MUSIC Lord, Whose Love is Humble Service #712

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| Verse 1 Lord, whose love in Humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart. | still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole. |
| Verse 2 Still your children Wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; | Verse 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share. |

CONFESSIO 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