

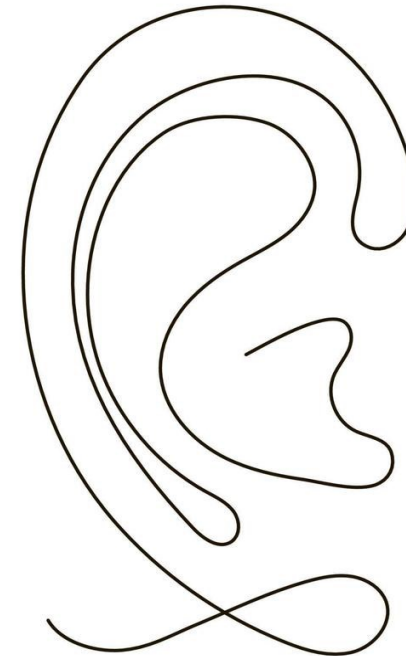
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The Third Sunday in Lent

Stories of Call:
A Season of Prayerful Listening



March 12, 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

These forty days, as we gather together for worship with our neighbors,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our singing and our praying,

we listen for the Spirit.

At the font and at the table,

we listen for the Spirit.

As God's Word is shared,

we listen for the Spirit.

In our coming in and our going out,

we listen for the Spirit.

We listen for the Spirit who has called Moses and Samuel and Esther,
who has called Mary and Paul, who has called our many ancestors in the
faith,

who is speaking to us still.

Amen.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins before God and
neighbor.

Silence for repentance and reflection

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings.

**Too often we neglect your holy calling—
we take for ourselves rather than giving to others;**

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause harm in our relationships rather than healing;

we live in fear rather than in good courage.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to open ourselves to your call

to life—and life together.

Amen.

Stories of Call: A Season of Holy Listening

Lenten Prayer Stations

For Printed instructions on how to take part in these stations from your seat, visit the ushers table or raise a hand to cue an usher to bring you the information.



Lectio Divina Prayer

Lectio Divina is Latin for "sacred reading." It's an ancient prayer practice that's been used across Christian traditions for centuries. It invites us to listen for God's voice through repetitively reading and praying through scripture.



Visio Divina Prayer

Visio Divina is Latin for "sacred seeing." Also an ancient form of prayer, this practice invites us to meditate on God's word through artistic depictions of it. At this station, you'll find different pieces of art that span place and time, and a series of reflection questions that prompt us to wonder how God might be speaking through the artistic expressions of the biblical story.



Breathing Prayer

If we are to "pray without ceasing," as Paul writes, breathing prayers can be a helpful place to start. This station invites us to pray through a portion of the scriptural story of the day according to the rhythm of our breath.



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Prayers for the Neighborhood

In Jeremiah, we're invited to "pray to God on behalf of the city we find ourselves, for in its welfare we find our own." As such, at this station, you'll find a map of Brooklyn Center, the city where we find ourselves here at Cross of Glory. You'll be invited to prayerfully reflect on our neighborhood--and the people, institutions, and creation within it--write a prayer on a post-it note, and stick it on the city map.

- **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
Rachel Marquardt
Audrey Swanberg*

*Jeannie Kuzmich
Nancy Hengel
Loved ones of Eilert Pederson
Clarice Zirkle
Harold Rorem*

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.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive this gift of life.
Beloveds of God, this gift is for you!
God calls us now to live in this love
for the sake of our neighbors.
Amen.

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC

Called Me Higher

Jordan

Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay,
I could just stay
Right where I am and
hope to feel You,
Hope to feel something again.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.

Chorus 1

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,

Where You lead me, Lord.

Bridge

I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.
I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.
I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.
I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.

Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

Ending

Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

O God, help us listen for your voice in the Word, that we might listen for your voice in the world. We pray in the name of the Creator who spoke us into being, the Son who spoke among us, and the Spirit who speaks to us still. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies) Tomlin/ Cash

Verse 1

You hear me when I call.
You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy
underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

I know Who goes before me.
I know Who stands behind.
The God of angel armies
is always by my side.
The One who reigns for ever,
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
is always by my side.

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save.
You will deliver me.
Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear? *(Chorus)*

Bridge

And nothing formed against me
shall stand.
You hold the whole world
in Your hands.
I'm holding on to Your promises.
You are faithful.
You are faithful.
(Repeat)
(Chorus 2x)

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship. There are still a few open dates in March and April that we need hands to help host. If you're able to help with set-up or clean-up, please sign up at the welcome desk. Thanks!
- **Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful Listening** - This Lent, we're listening for God's voice through stories of call in scripture and through various prayer practices. Join us Sundays at 9:30 am for worship, midweek prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom, and check out this month's Glory Banner for more info!
- **Discernment Dialogues** - You're invited and your voice is needed as we discern God's call together! Join the Vision + Vocation team for discernment dialogues, an opportunity to hear about what we've been up to and take part in the conversation! For more info and to sign up, visit www.crossofglory.us, call the church office, or see the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk.
- **Shoe and Sock Drive** - CAPI and CoG are hosting Community Health Fest on April 6 from 4-7, before our Maundy Thursday worship service. There will be a variety of health care resources, free food, and a sock and shoe distribution. Donate any gently used shoes and/or new socks between now and April 6th in the bin located by the Welcome Desk, and join us on the 6th as you're able!
- **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. And on March 15 at 1pm, join WELCA for a study on "The Ten Commandments" by Rev. Christa Von Zychlin.
- **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).

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MUSIC CREDITS

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SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:4-17

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, 'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.' When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Jesu, Thou My Heart's Delight

BAPTISM OF MIA AND JORDAN BOURNE

The baptismal family is invited to gather around the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to rise and face the font.

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Mia and Jordan Bourne, daughters of Shadlyn and David Bourne. God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mia and Jordan baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Mia and Jordan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with Mia and Jordan among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture their faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Mia and Jordan grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsor(s), do you promise to nurture Mia and Jordan in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Sponsor(s): We do.

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!

MUSIC

Lord, Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

#808

Verse 1

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God calls you!
A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

Verse 4

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

MUSIC

In Christ Called to Baptize

#575

Verse 1

In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

Verse 3

In Christ called to witness,
by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.

By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ's ways.

Verse 4

Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.
Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.
In Christ may we grow.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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!



FINANCIAL OFFERING

MINISTRY OFFERING (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

Leader: People of Cross of Glory, do you promise to support Mia and Jordan and pray for them in their new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

Leader: Parents and sponsor(s), I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, please respond by saying "we renounce them."

Parents and Sponsor(s): We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsor(s): We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsor(s): We renounce them.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

At this time, any kids worshipping with us today are invited to come gather around the front of the baptismal font for a close-up view!

HOLY BAPTISM

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led you your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: Amen.

Leader: Mia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Mia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Jordan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Jordan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Mia and Jordan with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sponsor(s) are invited to light the baptismal candle.

Leader: At this time, we present Mia and Jordan with the baptismal candle.

Sponsor(s): Mia and Jordan, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: And now we'd like to present to Mia and Jordan a prayer shawl, knit by one of our members here at Cross of Glory, to signify that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ, and to remind them that they are wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Mia Bourne and Jordan Bourne:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Garden

Shadlyn Bourne

REFLECTION

PRAYER STATIONS

We now invite you into a time prayer, listening for the ways God may be calling you/us in light of today's call story. There are five prayer stations present, each of which invites you into a different prayer practice. For the next ten minutes while music plays in the background, we invite you to silently pray, beginning and ending with the sound of a chime.

For those onsite:

Prayer stations are set up at five tables throughout the sanctuary. We invite you to visit them as the Spirit moves you (each week, you may choose to visit one station, or a couple, or all of them--the rhythm of these prayers is up to you). At each station, you'll find some brief instructions and corresponding materials. If you'd like to linger at a station for prayer, we invite you to find a spot in a pew nearby, making space for others to move around the tables.

For those online and those who prefer to remain in their seats onsite:

During this time, the slideshow will rotate through invitations to take part in various prayer stations. You may follow along as cued.

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 our neighbors.

*** Please be seated ***