

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 – 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive! With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel afraid and amazed, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and are sent into the world to live out this good news in our lives. Alleluia!

If you're worshipping with us from home today, please prepare a bowl of water for the Thanksgiving for baptism, and bread/crackers and wine/juice for Holy Communion. If you are worshipping with us in-person, communion elements will be blessed during the service and distributed on your way out of the sanctuary.

Prelude

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please rise and face the baptismal font.

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

We come to the water, O God, thirsting for you. We are sinners, and are in constant need of your grace. Make us die to our sins of self-sufficiency, greed, pride, self-centeredness, indifference, our sin of separating ourselves from you, from creation, and for our neighbors. *Silence for reflection.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in these grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups

of cool water shared with strangers. We praise you, risen Christ, for giving us the gift of your grace in these waters and for showering us, day by day, with the gift of new life. **Amen!**

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

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365 vs 1, 2, 4

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

You may be seated.

Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: O God, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection, delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live anew in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Worship Song: He Lives – Worship Team

1	See the tomb where He laid See the stone rolled away He is risen He is risen He's alive See His hands see His feet Touch His scars and believe He is risen He is risen He's alive Oh He's alive	He lives All honor and power are His All glory forever amen Jesus (lives) (Jesus lives)
2	Hear the shackles breaking free Hear the song of the redeemed He is moving He is moving He's alive So take this freedom take this love Can you feel it rising up He is here He is here He's alive	You took all our shame Left it in the grave We're forgiven we're forgiven The work forever done Only by the blood It is finished it is finished
	He is risen He is risen He's alive	

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one

another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Ali Tranvik

Worship Song: It is Finished – Worship Team

1 The cross is my beginning
The line drawn in the sand
The end of all my striving
Now I am born again

2 There Jesus was forsaken
So I will never be
His grace is my salvation
The gift of God
The work of Calvary

Chorus 1 It is done it is finished
Christ has won He is risen
Grace is here
Love has triumphed over death
Forever

3 The cross needs no addition
His mercy is complete
His love is not in question
The Son of God
Has spoken over me

Strongholds
Bowing to the Savior
Resurrection power
Over ev'ry circumstance
His word stands

It is done it is finished
Mercy won I'm forgiven
Sing His name
He is worthy of our praise
Jesus

Final and forever
It will not be shaken
He alone has won it all

Confession of Faith

Please rise as we confess our faith together through the words of the Apostle's 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.

You may be seated.

Prayers of the People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to live out the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill all communities with your peace. Draw together peoples of all nationalities and languages, races and religions, classes and creeds; and renew our broken relationships with land and sea. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope, especially Gil Hartlage, Mavis Wold, Vicky Jacobson, Jeannie Kuzmich, Brenda Edstrom, Bill Bailey, and other loved ones in our community: Trevor, Kevin, Eva, and Rick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Be with all those experiencing fear, grief, loneliness, addiction, depression, hunger, homelessness, imprisonment, and violence. May your joy pierce through our deepest pain, O God, that together, we might boldly proclaim “Alleluia anyway!” Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We raise our prayers to you, those spoken and those that remain in the silence of our hearts, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion: A Blessing of the Elements

As we continue to discern the most care-filled and safe way to partake of our holy sacrament in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, Communion will function slightly differently for the time being. We will bless the bread and wine during the service, and we invite you to partake of the meal following worship, either outdoors or at home. An usher will distribute Communion to you as you leave the sanctuary. We will adapt our practices in the coming weeks and months as we are able. Today, we trust that the Spirit still draws us together as one body through this sacrament, and are grateful for your understanding at this time.

Just days before his death and resurrection, our Lord Jesus gathered in the upper room with his disciples. There he took bread, and 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 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.

You will receive Communion upon leaving the sanctuary today. When you partake in this meal, remember these words: The body of Christ is given for you, and the blood of Christ is shed for you.

Let us pray: God of the table, you fill us not only with bread of your body but with the joy of your presence. Send us forth from this feast nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and extend this table hospitality to all who are hungry. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn – Lift High the Cross #660 vs 1, 3, 4

Please rise for our Sending Hymn.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1** Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. ***Refrain***

- 3** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. ***Refrain***

- 4** So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! ***Refrain***

Blessing

The God of life, Father and Mother, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever. **Amen**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You may be seated. Thanks for waiting in your seats until an usher comes to dismiss you.

If you're worshipping in-person, please join us for a brief time of fellowship following today's service outdoors in the parking lot. In the case of bad weather, the Fellowship Hall will remain available for masked and distanced fellowship. If you're worshipping with us on Zoom, you are welcome to stick around for Virtual Coffee Hour. This time will not be structured as it has been in recent months (there will not be small groups assigned). Simply stay for fellowship and conversation for as long as you'd like!

Postlude

Community Announcements

- We are excited to welcome Linqing Chu as our guest preacher next Sunday, April 11.
- Cross of Glory is now operating under Level 3 of our Covid Preparedness & Response Plan, allowing for an in-person worship option on Sundays and expanded on-site gatherings during the week. On March 17, a congregational letter was sent out detailing more information about this Level. If you did not receive a copy, please let the church office know. If you'd like to host an on-site gathering, please call or email the office for scheduling. If you have a question, suggestion, or idea, please reach out to the Covid Task Force.
- With in-person worship now being offered, please contact the church office if you'd no longer like to receive mailed or email bulletins. Please note: If you plan to attend in-person and would like a printed bulletin, please bring the copy mailed to you. All bulletin information will be projected on the screen; a limited supply of printed bulletins will be available at this time.
- If you're interested in joining with other Cross of Glory members, students at Progeny, and other Brooklyn Center neighbors for community gardening this spring & summer in the plots in our church's backyard, please contact Pastor Ali.

- The April Glory Banner, our monthly newsletter, was sent out this past week. If you did not receive it and would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us).
- Pastor Ali will be on vacation April 5-10. If you are in need of care during that time, please reach out to Lois Tollefsrud (763-218-0811) who leads the COG Prayer Chain or Vicar Kristin Dybdal at Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church (651-269-0556).
- Bible Studies continues on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am via Zoom (for the time being). Please note: there will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, April 6.
- If you have any other announcements that you'd like to lift up, or any pastoral care requests or needs, please reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us, 763-533-8602).

Easter Lily Celebration Garden

Cheryl and Gail Anderson in memory of our parents Sidney and Marian Anderson and our loving pets.

Larry and Judy Bertelsen in memory of loved ones.

Milo and Arlene Carlson in memory of son, Mark Edward Carlson.

Ardis Fairchild in memory of Neil Fairchild and Beth Caswell.

Norma Gilbertson in memory of sister-in-law Marion Gilbertson.

Deb Groettum and Family in memory of John Groettum.

Gil and Marcy Hartlage in memory of Joanne Nelson.

The Richard Hoium Family in memory of Bev Hoium.

Abby Simon Kelley in celebration of my daughter Isabelle's first Easter.

Marie King, Jason and Beth McGrew-King in memory of Donald D. King.

Judy Lewis in honor of our devoted Cross of Glory Family.

Don and Gayle Merritt in memory of our parents.

Marian Priest in memory of Bruce and Katy Priest.

Tom and Kris Simon in celebration of Cross of Glory and Mother Fran Simon.

Tom and Kris Simon in honor of our grandchildren Milo, Theo and Isabelle.

Tom and Kris Simon in memory of parents Helen and Clint Lomis and Arnie Simon.

Earl Simons and Bill, Dawn, Ryan and Chad Bailey in memory of Ruthanne Simons.

Earl Simons and Bill, Dawn, Ryan and Chad Bailey in memory of Edith and Marie Nelson.

Lois and Ron Tollefsrud in memory of loved ones.

Pastor Ali Tranvik in honor of her parents.

Mark Trease in memory of Markus J. Wuollet and Scott A. Wells.

Bruce and Sue Vukelich in honor of our parents and friends from Cross of Glory.

In honor of our Volunteers and Staff of Cross of Glory.

Offering

If you are worshipping with us in-person today, please note that offering plates are located on the usher's table in the narthex. If you are worshipping with us virtually today, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page which can be found at the bottom of our home page: www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for your generosity!

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Worship Leadership

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director: Mark Trease

Vocalist, choir director: Keith Williams

Organist: Gavin Berg

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Mike Edstrom, Erik Haugland

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory