

welcoming back Pastor Peter Samuelson during this time! Pastor Peter will be serving in a part-time capacity assisting with worship, leadership, and pastoral care. His first Sunday is next Sunday, May 17.

•**Wildfire Bfast + Meal Packing Project** - Members of all 8 Wildfire churches are invited for a morning of fellowship and service at Faith-Lilac Way on Sat, May 16 at 9 AM. The morning begins with a pancake breakfast (food provided - free will offering collected), followed by a service project: meal-packing for unsheltered neighbors through Agate Housing and Services.

•**Vacation Bible School** - Summer is just around the corner! Know any kids (ages 3-12) who might be interested in taking part in VBS? COG is joining together with Wildfire churches in our community to host "ReNew: the Green VBS," drawing from the parable of the sower and our call to care for God's creation. Mark your calendars for the evenings of Aug 10-13 and pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table to learn more!

•**Pastoral Care & Visitation** - If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

New Creation Joint Summer Worship Services on First Sundays

This summer, we are experimenting with a once-a-month shared Sunday service with our neighbors at Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran with whom we're exploring a new creation. These will be joint services, meaning that members from all three congregations are invited to worship at the one site (there will not be worship that morning at the other two sites).

Join us for these services, with a potluck to follow, as we join together to be God's church!

June 7: First Lutheran of Crystal 9:30 AM Worship

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (Bring a dish to share.)

July 5: Faith-Lilac Way 9:30 AM

5530 N 42nd Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422 (Bring a dish to share.)

August 2: First Lutheran of Crystal 9:30 AM

7708 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (Bring a dish to share.)

Sept 6: Cross of Glory 9:30 AM

5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 (Bring a dish to share.)

**If you need transportation for the services hosted at First or FLW, please let the office know ASAP, and we'd be glad to help coordinate.*





We are **CALLED**

Welcome to Cross of Glory where we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so that we can further extend a welcome.



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

***Congregation is invited to rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.
Children are invited to gather around the font.*

P: Ever-creating God, whose life and love flow throughout all creation, we thank you for the waters of this earth: gentle rains, rushing rivers, roaring waves, and for the still waters that you lead us beside. We praise you for the waters that nourish and sustain us here, including the Mississippi River and Basset Creek Watershed. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life among us, your death, and your resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gift of baptism, for your mercy showered upon us, for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

A: Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Vocalists: Erik Haugland, Kim

Jacobson, Laura McClanahan

Guitar: Josh Smith, Steve Sebald

Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and

Bill Bailey

Greeters: Linda Knudsen

Reader: Abby Kelley

Ushers: Kim Schoffstall, Cheryl

Anderson, Jeffline Tolbert, Don

Halverson

Fellowship: Dave Hengel, Dan

Jacobson

Bulletin Art: Archer Dahl

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



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

Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Don Earnest

Denia Bokai
Kris Simon
Loved ones of 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Mortgage Burning Celebration TODAY** - At our annual meeting in January, Council shared that our mortgage has been paid off. After today's service, we will gather outdoors for a brief liturgy (including the "burning of the mortgage"), followed by cake in the Fellowship Hall as part of coffee hour.

•**Camp Wapo Welcome/Orientation TONIGHT** - All camp families and kids are invited to a gathering with s'mores tonight at 7 pm at CoG. This is an opportunity to learn more about what kids' time at camp will entail, go over some logistics, and get to know fellow campers and their families.

•**Pastoral Sabbatical + Coverage Pastor** - This is Pastor Ali's last Sunday before her pastoral sabbatical (May 11-Aug 10). She is grateful for prayers ahead of this time of reflection, rest, and renewal. We look forward to

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

MUSIC Behold, I Make All Things New



DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC AND ART CREDITS

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This season's bulletin covers celebrate the artwork of COG kids, whose trees help us remember the God in whom new life is always springing forth. This week, we're grateful to Archer Dahl, age 13, for our bulletin cover.



During the next song, we will “asperge” the congregation, an ancient ritual that entails a light sprinkling of holy water, a reminder of our baptism. Children will assist by making the sign of the cross, which you are invited to trace on your forehead.

MUSIC

Verse 1

L: Do you feel the world is broken?

All: We do.

L: Do you feel the shadows deepen?

All: We do.

L: But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting
through?

All: We do.

L: Do you wish that you
could see it all made new?

All: We do.

Verse 2

L: Is all creation groaning?

All: It is.

L: Is a new creation coming?

All: It is.

L: Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst?

All: It is.

L: Is it good that we
remind ourselves of this?

All: It is.

Chorus

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy

Is He Worthy?

Peterson/ Shive

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

All: He is.

Verse 3

L: Does the Father truly love us?

All: He does.

L: Does the Spirit move among us?

All: He does.

L: And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves?

All: He does.

L: Does our God intend to dwell again
with us?

All: He does.

Chorus 2

All: Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and
open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died
From ev'ry people and tribe,
every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and
Priests to God to reign with the Son.

All: Is He worthy?

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

L: Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

All: He is! He is!

Ending
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!
He is! He is!

*** Please be seated ***

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

All: Living God, through your resurrection, you call us into a new life and make us into a new people. Empower your church to be living stones, with you as our cornerstone. In the name of the risen God, we pray; Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 43:1-7a

Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east, the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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.

Sending

MUSIC

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy
compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is
thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in
their courses above
join with all nature in
manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a
peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids are invited to come to the front to help lead the final blessing.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: Amen.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** The following song is sung at the beginning and the end of the prayers ***

MUSIC To You All Hearts Are Open #1012

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom

CHOIR ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Watts/Coggin

*My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah in His name.
In pastures green, he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways.
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in spite of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia Duncan IV

*** Please stand as you are able. The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the spoken gospel***

P: The Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Part I
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Part II
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Part III
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REPRISE **Alleluia** **Duncan IV**
(words and music on page 5)

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC **God With Us** **Ingram / Jordan**

Verse 1 Oh, You've come to bring peace, to be Love, To be nearer to us. You've come to bring life, to be Light, To shine brighter in us. Oh Emmanuel, God with us.	Verse 2 Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world, For Your honor and name. And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, And to conquer the grave. Oh Emmanuel, God with us. <i>(Chorus 2x)</i>
Chorus Our Deliverer, You are Savior. In Your presence we find our strength Over ev'rything, our Redeemer, God with us. You are God with us.	Ending Oh God with us. You are God with us.

CONFESSON OF FAITH **Apostles Creed**

*** Please rise as you are able***
**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you!
A: And also with you.
P: Let’s share a sign of God’s peace with one another.
You may be seated

OFFERING
*Our “alleluias” continue through the offering we joyfully share.
Offerings can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or
given online at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing
generously for the sake of God’s gift of life together!*

MUSIC **Be Thou My Vision**

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.
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