
The Glory Banner

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (ELCA), a Wildfire Congregation

April 2019



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 14

9:30 a.m. Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY

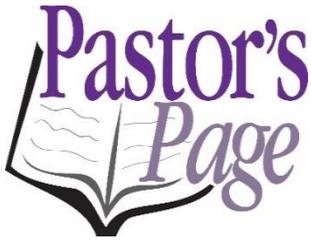
April 18

7:00 p.m. Worship

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19

*12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.
Worship*



Dear Friends in Christ,

There was a man named Nikolai Bukharin. Early in the last century he was considered one of the most powerful men on earth. He was a Russian Communist leader, and editor of the Soviet newspaper "Pravda." His works on economics and political science were widely read. In 1930, he went from Moscow to Kiev to address a huge assembly on the subject of atheism. He was a powerful speaker. He hurled insult after insult, argument after argument against the Christian faith...for a full hour.

When he was finished, he was certain that he'd crushed the faith that was remaining in these people...that he'd once and for all put away the notion of Jesus Christ being the Son of God. He looked out on the quiet crowd and demanded, "Are there any questions?" Deafening silence filled the auditorium. Then, one man stood up, and came over to the lectern. Standing next to the Communist leader, he looked out on the crowd. Finally, he shouted the ancient greeting, known well in the Russian Orthodox Church: "Christ is risen!" The huge crowd got to their feet and with one voice shouted, "He is risen indeed!"

This month, on Sunday, April 21, we will join with Christians all over the world in proclaiming the Easter Good News: "Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed." These powerful words express the most incredible thing that has ever happened on this planet! He who died is UP...not dead anymore...back to life, walking, talking. And not only is the miracle of Easter the empty tomb of 2,000 years ago. The miracle of Easter is also that Jesus is alive now - that there exists the possibility of resurrection in YOUR life...the possibility of hope...a new beginning.

Because Jesus lives and is out in our world, you and I can be people who seek to make a difference in our families, in our communities and in our world. We can be

people of prayer, people of hope, making a difference in peoples' hearts and lives. Because he lives, we can start tearing down the grip that sin has on us...the violence in our world, the anger, the negativity, the illnesses, the pain...and we can know that there is a God who is with us every day who can transform our lives, our churches, and our communities.

“Christ IS Risen. He IS Risen Indeed!” I look forward to sharing this ancient greeting with you this Easter. May this message renew our faith and fill our hearts with great joy and peace in believing!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lee

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AND EASTER MORNING

-PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (April 14)

9:30 a.m. Worship. You will receive a palm as you come to worship. Please be seated in the Sanctuary. The choir and worship team will process in on the opening hymn. You are invited to wave your palm as we remember our Lord's triumphant entry into the old city of Jerusalem.

-MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 18)

7:00 p.m. Worship. This service will include holy communion, the laying on of hands for absolution (if you choose) and the stripping of the altar. The sermon title is: “Contagious Compassion” and you will receive another item for your CROSS/PEACE Display.

-GOOD FRIDAY (April 19)

12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship. At worship on this most solemn day, you will receive the last item for your Lenten CROSS/PEACE display. The Worship Team will share an anthem and the Choir will sing the Benediction. The title for the message is: “Cross of Glory.”

-EASTER SUNDAY (April 21)

9:30 a.m. Worship. “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!



CONFIRMATION FOR APRIL ~ 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday

April 3- “The Word”

April 10- “The Bondage of the Will”

April 17- NO CLASS, HOLY WEEK-participate in Maundy
Thursday and Good Friday

April 18- Maundy Thursday Worship- 7:00 p.m.

April 19- Good Friday Worship- 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

April 24- “Vocation”



APRIL

**Sunday Morning
Ministers**

Ushers:

Dick Mero Cheryl Anderson
Don Halverson John Rowley
Gordy Johnsrud

Communion Servers:

4/07 Carol Stejskal
Judy Olson
Judy Lewis
Sue Vukelich
Paul & Gale Geske

4/14 Lois Tollefsrud
Arlene Kosek
Gayle Merritt

4/21 Verle Smith
Kris Simon
Judy Lewis

4/28 Dan & Julie Aulwes
Sharon Quick

Lay Lectors:

4/07 Merle Solie
4/14 Sharon Quick
4/21 Steve Ferley
4/28 Julie Aulwes

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Articles for the May 2019
Glory Banner should to be turned
in to Sue Vukelich by April 9th.



Friends of Penny Lindblom
are invited to her 90th birthday
celebration at Cross of Glory on
**Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-
4:00pm.** Lunch will be served.
No gifts please.



SENIORS ON THE GO

50 + and Friends

Spring is here! At least that's what the calendar says. We will be going to the Old Log Theater on Wednesday, April 24 to see the story of Rosemary Clooney's life in the play "Tenderly." Our lunch choices are short rib, pork chop, tilapia, chicken or pasta with marinara sauce. Be sure to check your choice on the sign-up sheet.

On **Thursday, May 16** (notice the date change!) we will go out to the Ives Theater in the Masonic Museum. We'll see the play "Red Herring." Three love stories, a murder mystery and nuclear espionage make this a comedy. The buffet lunch of creamed chicken, salad,

potatoes, carrots, and dessert is sure to be delicious.

I've added a concert on Wednesday, November 6 at the Paramount Theater. It's Shoki Tabuki, the Japanese violinist from Branson. He puts on a great show. We will have steak or chicken at the Texas Roadhouse.

We need to have more people in order to be able to afford our bus. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances to come with you!

There's information on the two-day trip to Pella, Iowa for their tulip festival. There's a street washing and parade and other activities. We stay at Meskwaki Casino. As before, we will meet on Thursday, April 4 to put together our forms and checks and send them in by registered mail.

Sign up and join us as often as you can!

Marian Priest



People Needed to Serve on the Transition Team

This is a team of (5-7) people to equip and assist Cross of Glory in its transitional interim tasks. As interim pastor, Pastor Lee will help to equip the leadership and to assist, guide and facilitate the process and the team. The length of service on this team will be for a period of months. This team is different than the Call Committee. Some of the important tasks of the Transition Team include:

- a) To work with the interim pastor on concerns and issues within the congregation.
- b) To conduct an analysis (assessment) of the congregation's ministry and mission within the congregation and to the community.
- c) To provide opportunities, such as possible surveys, listening posts, or forums, where members can share the personal and professional qualities they would like to see in the next pastor.
- d) To take the information gathered and compose the Mobility Site Profile.
- e) To meet (at least once) with the call committee when it is established and to share all pertinent information.

The work of this team is very exciting and renewing. If you are willing to serve God and the congregation in this way, please contact Dan Aulwes or Pastor Lee.

BIBLE STUDY

**Just a Reminder:
Our Tuesday Bible will study resume
on April 23rd at 9:30am!**

Cross of Glory Women of the ELCA

All women of Cross of Glory are warmly invited to visit or join a circle. We have three circles: Community Needs, Glory and Mission. We all meet the third Tuesday of the month.

We will be meeting on April 16th. Community Needs Circle meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall; the Glory Circle meets at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall; and the Mission Circle meets at 12:30pm in a member's home. All circles have a Bible study, fellowship, coffee and treats. There will be the Bible study leaders and hostesses in the next *Happenings*.

In April we will finish our four-month study in the Gospel of John. Our theme verse is "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:29b



Our Spring Luncheon will be **Saturday, April 27th**. We will serve punch at 11:30am, lunch at 12:00pm and our entertainment will be at 1:00pm. Carol Knutson will cater. There is no charge for this luncheon but there will be a basket for a free will offering to help with the expenses. A poster will be up near the Welcome Center to sign up if you are attending. Be sure to indicate if you are inviting guests so Carol will know how much to prepare.

Our entertainment is award winning guitarist Bill Cagley. He plays guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica and he has a clear, stout-hearted voice. Bill delights audiences with folk, country and old-time tunes.

Something to think about . . .

If God doesn't remove an obstacle, He will help you find a way around it. *Jackie*

This letter was received from the ELCA:



Dear Cross of Glory Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$260.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty: access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Together, we are creatively and courageously working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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Change Service Requested

Worship at Cross of Glory on Sundays
9:30 a.m. ~ Worship
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee Fellowship
10:45 a.m. ~ Small Group Studies
To watch worship services: www.vimeo.com/cogtv
[Facebook.com/crossofglorymn](https://www.facebook.com/crossofglorymn)

Cross of Glory Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday, 8:00am ~ 4:00pm
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