



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

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*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office
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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.

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



SMELL

January 28, 2024

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

EPIPHANY: A SEASON FOR ALL OUR SENSES

Epiphany is a season in which we're called to pay attention to the God who's alive among us, a season of exclaiming "aha" (having epiphanies!) as we discover God's presence made manifest in the world. And we're called to tend to that divine presence with all our senses--to listen for God, look for God, even smell God and taste God, to touch God. Through different scriptural stories, we're exploring one sense each week in Epiphany, reflecting on how we may use it as we seek to witness God in and all around us:

Jan 7: Hear | Jan 14: See | Jan 21: Taste | Jan 28: Smell | Feb 4: Touch

God's presence, born to us in Jesus Christ on Christmas, continues to dwell in our midst. We're grateful for your presence in worship as we seek to encounter the living God together!

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh.

All: Amen.

L: Trusting the grace and goodness of our embodied God, let us confess our sin:

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance

L: God of life,

A: You call us to bear witness to your presence with our whole being. Yet our ears refuse to hear your voice in the cries of the poor and hungry in our midst, our eyes are fixated on our own gain rather than the needs of our neighbor, our noses fail to smell the sweetness and abundance of your creation, our mouths refuse to speak words of truth and justice in the face of indifference and cruelty, our hands are afraid to extend to the wounded, and our feet, to venture into places of uncertainty. Forgive us, gracious God, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might encounter your life-giving presence made manifest all around us.

L: Hear this good news of great joy: out of God's boundless love and compassion, God has become human, to be with us in this wounded world, so that we can love it with everything we've got. In the name of Jesus Christ † you are forgiven and freed to live in the light of God. Amen.

who work along the Brooklyn Blvd corridor. As always, good food is provided. RSVP to Isak Tranvik by Feb 19.

- **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.
- **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).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch TODAY** - Please stick around in the sanctuary after worship today for our annual congregational meeting, and after that, you're invited into the fellowship for a potluck lunch!
- **Care & Visitation Team Meeting** - Next Sunday, Feb 4, the care and visitation team will be gathering after worship. If you're interested in taking part in the holy work of caring for our community (via phone calls, calls, or visits) or learning more about it, reach out to Pastor Ali or simply come to the gathering on the 4th!
- **CoG Kids** - Kids are invited next Sunday, Feb 4th to Godly Play story time during the sermon. And next Wed, Feb 7th at 5:30 pm, kids and families are invited to an evening of food, games, stories, and study buddies. Confirmation will begin at 7 pm.
- **55+ Fellowship Thursday**-The next game day is scheduled for Thursday February 15, 2024, from 1:15 to 3:15, in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Treats will be provided. The next game day will be in March. Weather permitting.
- **Incarnation Art Exhibit Talk** - After worship on Feb 11, you're invited into the hallway art gallery, currently displaying an exhibit titled "Incarnation," where Keith Williams will be leading a brief talk about the pieces currently on display.
- **Ash Wednesday** - Join us as we begin the Lenten season on Ash Wed, Feb 14. Brief worship services will be held at 12 pm and 6:30 pm (same service), which will include the imposition of ashes.
- **Upcoming Site Visits** - As we work to further discern God's call, we're learning from neighboring churches who have reimagined ways to share space for the sake of God's work. Our next visit is scheduled at Salem Lutheran on Tues, Jan 30 at 5 pm. The next will be at Faith Lilac Way in Robbinsdale on Thurs, Feb 8 at 1 pm. RSVP to Kris Simon if you plan to take part!
- **Upcoming Neighborhood Listening Session** - Part of our discernment also entails hearing from neighbors throughout Brooklyn Center about their hopes and dreams for our community. Mark your calendars for the third Wed in Feb--the 21st--from 5:30-6:30 pm. This month we'll hear from those

MUSIC

May the Fragrance

Kendrick

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

Verse 1

May the fragrance of Jesus
fill this place

May the fragrance of Jesus
fill this place

Lovely fragrance of Jesus
Rising from the sacrifice
Of lives laid down in adoration

Verse 2

May the glory of Jesus
fill His church

May the glory of Jesus

fill His church

Radiant glory of Jesus
Shining from our faces
As we gaze in adoration

Verse 3

May the beauty of Jesus fill my life
May the beauty of Jesus fill my life
Perfect beauty of Jesus
Fill my thoughts
my words my deeds
My all I give in adoration

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

**A: O God, you call us to follow you and become fishers of people.
Help us spread the aroma of you, the aroma that brings life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*** Please be seated ***

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 2:14-16a

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Walk In Love

Sitton

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us;
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
A fragrant, a fragrant offering and sacrifice, sacrifice to God.
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

REFLECTION

***Where/when have you smelled God? ***

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!

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MUSIC**God Is Here!**

#526

*** Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...smell the Good News!

A: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNUAL MEETING

We invite you to remain seated as we move into our annual congregational meeting, which will take place right here in the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

To be prayed at the end of the Annual Meeting

Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, By paths as yet untrodden,

MUSIC**Holy Spirit****Getty Townsend****Verse 1**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart
and make me whole.
Cause Your word to
come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Verse 2

Holy Spirit, come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed
and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest
and the least,

Gentleness that sows
the path of peace.
Turn my strivings
into works of grace.
Breath of God,
show Christ in all I do.

Verse 3

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power
once again on earth.
Cause Your church
to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance
of our pray'rs arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear
for all the world to see.

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

CONFESSION 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**

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

This Epiphany, as we continue to celebrate the Word made flesh, we seek to make material the words and the work of this church, sharing our gifts for the sake of the church, the neighborhood, and the world. We invite you to share an offering via the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code that will take you to Cross of Glory's online giving page. Thank you for empowering us to live out God's call to life together.



MUSIC **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore** #817

Verse 1

You have come down
to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise
nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked
Into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called
Out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned
my small boat;
now with you, I will seek
Other seas.

Verse 2

You know full well what I have,
Lord: neither treasure nor
weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will
for working. *Refrain*

Verse 3

You need my hands, my
exhaustion,
working love for the rest
of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on
loving. *Refrain*

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 time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer from the tree.*
- 4. You may take the star home with you to continue praying this week.*

Tip: Keep it in a place where you'll see it often--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's request in prayer!

P: Let us pray:

God of light,

P: As we journey, **A: guide us.**

As we struggle, **accompany us.**

As we stray, **lead us home by another way.**

As we wonder where to find you, **surprise us.**

Be our awakening. **Be our epiphany.**

Form us as we pray:

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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