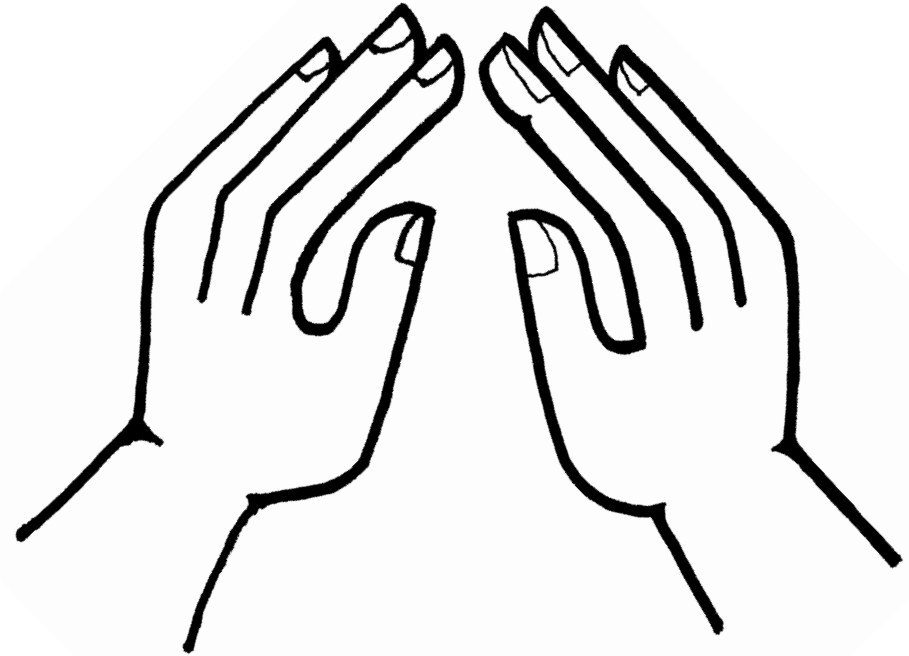


a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

- **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).

The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



TOUCH

February 4, 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 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.

A: Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.
- **Care & Visitation Team Meeting TODAY** - After worship, the care and visitation team will be gathering. 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!
- **First Wednesday** - This Wed, Feb 7th, kids and families are invited to an evening of food, games, stories, and study buddies. Games will begin at 5 pm. Community meal starts at 5:30. Confirmation will begin at 7 pm.
- **55+ Fellowship Thursday** - The next game day is scheduled for Thurs, Feb 15 from 1:15 to 3:15 in the fellowship hall. Treats will be provided and all are welcome.
- **Incarnation Art Exhibit Talk** - After worship next Sunday, 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 Visit** - 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 Faith Lilac Way in Robbinsdale Thurs, Feb 15 at 10 am. 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 who work along the Brooklyn Blvd corridor. As always, food is provided. RSVP to Isak Tranvik by Feb 19.
- **Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Jhonna Freeman, Kim Jacobson, Kris Simon
Guitars: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith
Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan & Bill Bailey

Greeters: Arlene Kosek, Chellie Sebald
Reader: Laura McClanahan
Communion: Laura McClanahan, Brenda Edstrom, Judy Olson
Ushers: Dan Aulwes, Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Josh Day
Fellowship: Laura and Mike McClanahan
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero*

*Martha Krueger
Dolores Narey
Julie Aulwes
Deb Olson
Dick and Melody Hoium*

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.

MUSIC

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#310

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

Verse 1

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Verse 2

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Verse 3

Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Verse 4

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: O God, take us by the hand, and hold us in your healing love, that we might hold one another in love. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:15-17

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Touch That Soothes and Heals

DeMaey

*Touch the sooths and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread,
Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,
Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."
Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."
Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,
Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.*

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

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,
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!**

DISMISSAL

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

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

Waymaker

Egbu

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

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst.
I worship You.
I worship You.
You are here working in this place.
I worship You.
I worship You. *(repeat)*

Chorus

You are
Way Maker,
Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.
Way Maker,
Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are.

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You.
I worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart.
I worship You.
I worship You.

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around.
I worship You.
I worship You.
You are here mending ev'ry heart.
I worship You.
I worship You. *(chorus)*

Tag

That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are.
That is who You are. *(repeat)*

Bridge

Even when I don't see it,
You're working.
Even when I don't feel it,
You're working.
You never stop,
You never stop working.
You never stop,
You never stop working. *(repeat)*

*“See my hands and feet,” said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.
“Be my hands and feet,” said Jesus, “live as ones I died to save.”*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

*** Kids are invited to meet Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for a time of storytelling. We'll return to the sanctuary following the sermon. ***

MUSIC

Hands of Healing

Webb

Hands of healing,
Jesus, lay on me;

Gentle hands of healing,
Jesus, lay on me.

REFLECTION

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

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 O God of Life, Your Healing Touch Winfrey/Gillette

Sung to the tune of "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" #502

Verse 1

O God of life, your healing touch
brings wholeness and salvation!
In you, this world you love so much
becomes a new creation.

Verse 2

Through Jesus Christ
you blessed the poor,
You shared your gifts of healing.
You gave new sight,
new strength, new life —
to all, your love revealing.

Verse 3

O Christ, the loving healer still,
you gather us for mission
To serve your people who are ill,
whatever their condition.

Verse 4

So open wide our hands anew
and show us, as we're giving,
Your life-long call to serving you
in daily, gen'rous living.

MUSIC

Your Name

Baloche/Packiam

Verse 1

As morning dawns
and evening fades,
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth
to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name.

Chorus

Your Name
is a strong and mighty tower.
Your Name
is a shelter like no other.

Your Name,
let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing
has the power to save
But Your Name,

Verse 2

Jesus, in Your Name we pray,
Come and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength
to live for You
And glorify Your Name.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O God, at this table, we have heard, seen, smelled, touched, and tasted your presence in our midst. May our bodies, fed and nourished at this table, live now as the body of Christ in the world.

All: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Jesus invites you to the table. Come, and taste and see.

HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and wine from the second server (grape juice option available). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

The body of Christ is given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ is shed for you. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Verse 1

I just want to speak
the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind,
'Cause I know there is peace
within Your presence.
I speak Jesus.

Verse 2

I just want to speak the
Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction
starts to break,
Declaring there is hope
and there is freedom.
I speak Jesus.

Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power.
Your Name is healing.
Your Name is life.

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 in your bulletin) 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, as we journey, **A: guide us.**
As we struggle, **accompany us.**

I Speak Jesus

Break ev'ry stronghold,
Shine through the shadows,
Burn like a fire.

Verse 3

I just want to speak the
Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety,
To ev'ry soul held
captive by depression.
I speak Jesus.

Verse 4

Shout Jesus from the mountains,
Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness,
over ev'ry enemy,
Jesus for my fam'ly.
I speak the holy Name, Jesus.