

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Sharing Life Together at Cross of Glory**—Welcome to Cross of Glory, where we work to live out God’s call to life together. This entails worshiping, breaking bread, praying with and for one another, gardening, quilting, making music, tutoring, and working together with neighbors in the Brooklyn Center community for the sake of justice and peace. We give God thanks for the nearly 70 years of life together we’ve already shared, and we continue to discern new ways of being the church as we seek to be guided by God’s ever-moving Spirit. We welcome you to join us as we witness and share the gift of life made manifest all around us!

•**Worship**—Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am onsite and online. Video recordings of all worship services are also posted to our website each Sunday.

•**Looking for Life Together**—During the Easter season, we invite you to look for glimpses of God’s gift of life together in the world around you. When you see an image of life [together], take a picture and send it to office@crossofglory.us anytime throughout the week, and we’ll include images on the screen as part of the Prayers of the People each Sunday.

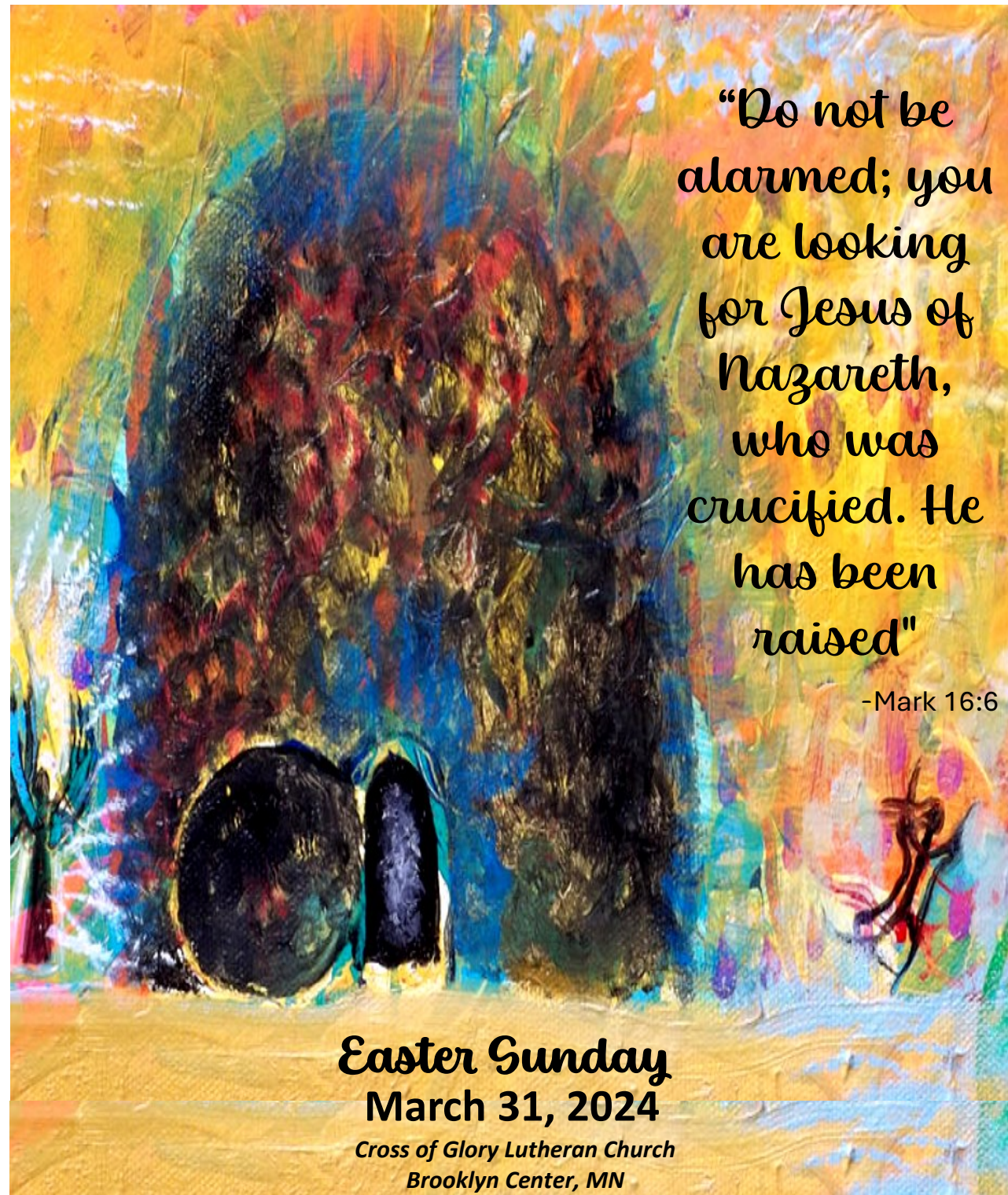
•**Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday - April 7**—We’re excited to welcome a student preacher from Lutheran Campus Ministry Twin Cities next Sunday, April 7 as we continue to tell the Easter story. A special offering will be collected to support LCMTC. And a board member will be giving a brief forum after the service to share more. Join us in supporting this important ministry!

•**Next Steps in Discernment - April 14**—As we continue to discern what God’s call to life together means at 5929 Brooklyn Blvd, the CoG community is welcome to a congregational conversation after worship on Sunday, April 14. We’ll be reflecting on what we’ve seen and heard in neighborhood listening sessions and site visits this winter, and beginning to prayerfully ponder next steps.

•**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.

•**Make a Gift**—Your Easter offering empowers us to share God’s gift of life together in our congregation and in the Brooklyn Center community. To make a contribution today, leave an offering in the plates, mail a check to the church, or scan the QR code on page 7 to give a secure online gift. Thank you for your generosity!

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive! Today we gather to witness the good news of Jesus' resurrection, to proclaim that life cannot be stopped--not even by death. In Word and sacrament, we celebrate God's gift of life, and are sent into the world to live out this good news in our lives. Alleluia!

If you're worshiping online, please prepare a bowl of water for the remembrance of baptism, and bread/crackers and wine/juice for Holy Communion. However you are joining us, we are glad you're with us, and we welcome you in the name of the risen Christ.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

MUSIC Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365

Please rise as you are able

Verse 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!

Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!

Verse 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!

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

Please remain standing and turn to face the baptismal font.

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

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. Go now and live!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Please join us immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments. Good food and fellowship abounds and all are welcome!

Verse 4

And on that morning
they came to find Him,
That tomb was empty
'cause He is alive.
That tomb was empty
'cause He is alive. (chorus)

Bridge

(Jesus) Christ crucified,
Through His death there is life.
By the blood of the Lamb
We have been forgiven.
Our debt has been paid.
There is grace upon grace.
Only one name that saves
And His name is Jesus. (repeat)
(chorus)

P: God of life,

ALL: We come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for our sins of greed, self-centeredness, indifference, the ways we cling to death even though you offer us life, and for all the sins we now confess in our hearts before you now...

Silence for reflection and repentance

P: In these baptismal waters, we are made new. Through the power of the risen Christ, your sins are forgiven. Like rain that falls on our thirsting earth, God showers us, day by day, with the gift of new life, that we may live it together.

A: Amen!

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

You may be seated

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: O God, at this table, you have fed us with the gift of life. May this meal empower us to go forth and share it, in all we say and do, through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**



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BLESSING

***Please rise as you're able. Kids are welcome to grab an instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

The God of Life, Father and Mother, † risen Son, and ever-moving Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Christ is Alive

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Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes
with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death,
shall never die.

Christ suffers still,
yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope
has died.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice,
love, and praise.

Verse 3

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn,
or wealth divide,

MUSIC

This is Amazing Grace

Riddle/Farrow/Wickham

Verse 1

Who breaks the power
of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty
and so much stronger?
The King of Glory.
The King above all kings.

Chorus

This is amazing grace.
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
all that You've done for me.

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth
with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory .
The King above all kings.

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos
back into order?
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter?
The King of Glory. The King of
Glory.

Verse 4

Who rules the nations
with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in
all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory.
The King above all kings. (chorus)

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy, worthy (Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

All: God of Life, your story of resurrection is unending. Empower us to see the ways that your gift of new life continues to unfold all around us; through the power of the one who rose from the dead and who lives among us now, we pray. Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
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.
It 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.

MUSIC

Savior of the World

Wickham, Smith, Brock

Verse 1

Have you heard?
Death has been conquered.
The night is gone,
The morning has come.
Every fear
Has been stripped of its power.
Jesus Christ, Lord of life,
You've already won.

Chorus

From a throne in heaven
to a sinner's cross,
You bought our freedom
with Your outstretched arms.
We praise
the Savior of the world.
Jesus is alive!
The stone was rolled away.

Our hope is built upon
an empty grave.
We praise
the Savior of the world.

Verse 2

Come and see,
There is hope from the ashes.
The risen king
Will break every chain.
Lift your voice
And shout hallelujah!
All the glory and honor
Forever to His name. (Chorus)

Bridge

Worthy is the lamb
Who gave His life for me.
Glory to the king
Who rose in victory. (repeat, chorus)

MUSIC

Yes He Lives

**Pappas, Feilding,
Hobbs, Hunt**

Verse 1

On a hill for sinners,
His body broken,
A King forsaken,
as He hung on that cross.

Verse 2

The veil in pieces,
the temple shaken,
They mourned the Saviour,
but it wasn't for long.

Chorus

Oh, He lives!
He's risen from the grave.
Victorious, our Savior reigns.
Oh, yes, He reigns.
He rose. The stone is rolled away.
Forever, our Redeemer lives!
Oh, yes, He lives!

Verse 3

There in the silence, it wasn't over.
Oh, our Redeemer
was getting ready to rise.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM **I Know That My Redeemer Lives** **Traditional**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amanda Smith

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

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

P: The Gospel according to Mark the sixteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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.' So 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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC **My Life Flows on in Endless Song** **#763**

Verse 1
My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet,
though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain
No storm can shake
my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Verse 2
Through all the tumult
and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Verse 3
What though my joys
and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness
gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.

Refrain

Verse 4
The peace of Christ
makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Apostles Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*** 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of Life,
All: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Our "alleluias" continue through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



MUSIC **Now The Green Blade Rises** **#379**

Verse 1
Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again,
that with the dead has been;
love is come again like
wheat arising green.

Verse 2
In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would
never wake again;
laid in the earth like
grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

Verse 3
Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead,
my living Lord is seen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

Verse 4
When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.