

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.
- **Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop TODAY** - After worship, join us in the fellowship hall for a funeral pre-planning workshop. All are encouraged to attend (even if you've taken part in a similar workshop at CoG in years past...we want to make sure our files are up to date and faithfully reflect your wishes).
- **Lenten Art Exhibit** - Throughout Lent, our gallery is hosting a new exhibit titled "Painted Prayer," which includes a variety of calligraphed prayers created by Gary Feyen, member at Faith Lilac Way in Robbinsdale. Stop by to view and pray through the exhibit before or after worship, or anytime during office hours (M-W 10-2).
- **Lenten Midweek Prayer** - On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 during Lent, join us on Zoom for a short time of prayer, where we'll explore prayers that have sustained those in the wilderness. These materials will also be made available for those who cannot take part in live-time via Zoom.
- **MN FoodShare March Food Collection** - This month, we're collecting non-perishable food items to share with our neighboring food shelves at CAPI and CEAP here in Brooklyn Center. All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk. *Please note, CEAP's food shelf is also in need of paper grocery bags with handles. Please feel free to donate any paper bags in cart as well! If you'd like to give a monetary donation, you're welcome to do so using an envelope located at the welcome desk.
- **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 worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

The Third Sunday In Lent



March 3, 2024

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



Lent is a wilderness season—a season of wandering and journeying, fasting and praying, confronting sin and struggle and embracing uncertainty. And yet the wilderness, despite its appearances, is not empty. It's a place where God dwells. It's a place where we are invited to be led by the wild stirring of the Spirit. It's a place where life together can happen. This Lent, we are grateful you're here we journey through scriptural stories of wilderness and through practices of prayer that invite us to encounter anew the God who meets us on the way.

Feb 18– God Forms us in the Wilderness

Feb 25– God Provides in the Wilderness

March 3– God Makes a way Out of No Way Out in the Wilderness

March 10- God Brings New Life in the Wilderness

March 17– God Calls Us to Life Together in the Wilderness

***If you're new to Cross of Glory, welcome! To learn more about our life together here, fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and place it in the offering basket located in the center aisle on your way out of worship so that we can be in touch!*

***Note to all worshippers: this season, offering plates will remain at a table in the center aisle and at the usher's table in the narthex. We invite you to share your offering there before or after the service. You may also give an online gift by scanning the QR code on page 6 of your bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!*

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who walks with us in the wilderness.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in the vastness of God's grace. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and repentance

MOTIO DIVINA

*** During the Prayer of Confession, you're invited to explore Motio Divina ("divine movement"), a simple physical posture of prayer. This could mean opening your hands, folding your hands, laying your hands across your heart, lifting your hands, bowing your head, lifting your eyes, closing your eyes, standing or kneeling. ***

DISMISSAL BLESSING

L: Go in peace...God makes a way out of no way out.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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
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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

Give Me Jesus

#770 vs 1, 2, 5

Verse 1

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Verse 2

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: You provide food and drink in the wilderness. May this meal strengthen and sustain our bodies and spirits for the journey ahead, that we might generously share the hospitality we've experienced here with others along the way. **All: Amen.**

Sending

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MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

(Gustavson)

Please rise as you're able. You're invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

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

O God, you have called us to
ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.
Give us good courage.

Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*
Amen!

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is abundant in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May God strengthen and sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit to journey onward together, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

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

MUSIC

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

#769

Verse 1

If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand
through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there
beside you

when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's
unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

Verse 3

The Lord our restless
hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.

We rest in God's
good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

Verse 4

Sing, pray, and keep
God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word;
though undeserving,
you'll find God's promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together...

A: O God, you breathe into the dusty wilderness, raising up our dry bones to new life. Send your Spirit among us now, and resurrect us to be your people in the world; in the name of Jesus, who makes a way out of no way. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

LECTIO DIVINA

***Lectio divina ("divine reading") is an ancient prayer practice that invites us to listen for how God may be speaking through the Living Word. As the passages are read, pay attention to a word, image, or phrase that jumps out at you. Afterwards, we'll have a few moments of extended silence to ponder what God might be speaking to you through this word, image, or phrase, and to respond to God in prayer.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for the hungry. Come, one and all.

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.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ is shed for you. **All: Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC

The Table

(Tomlin/ Cash/ Jolley)

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able. He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

Verse 2

There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

Verse 3

There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table. (Chorus)

Bridge

I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart.
With the saints around the mercy
seat of God. (Chorus)

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come just as you are
to His table.

glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning,
strength of wind,
depth of the sea to
soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 4

Verse 4

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above,
and all ways:

O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 5

Verse 5

Christ in the eyes of all
who see me,
Christ in the ears that
hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all
who know me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Table

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

P: 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.

say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

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

P: The Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated. At this time you're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection as part of our lectio divina practice. ***

CHOIR ANTHEM O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days Pelz

*O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal Word.
Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

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 Reflection.

REFLECTION

MUSIC

Freedom is Coming

#903

Verse 1

Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom.
Freedom is coming.
Oh, yes, I know. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes I know. *(Repeat)*

Verse 2

Oh, new life,
Oh, new life,
Oh, new life.
New life is coming.
Oh, yes, I know. *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

Verse 3

Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.
(Repeat) (Chorus)

VISIO DIVINA

***Visio Divina ("sacred seeing") is a prayer practice that invites us to meditate on an artistic depiction of God's Word. You're invited to ponder the image on the screen and prayerfully reflect: What catches your eye? What surprises you about the piece? What is most prominently depicted? What emotions, memories, reactions does the image evoke in you? What might the Holy Spirit be communicating to you through this piece? You may conclude with a prayer, giving thanks for God's presence, and for artists who help make it come alive in the world.*

Kids are invited to come forward during this time to get a closer look at the image.

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 season, we invite you to place your offering in the basket located in the center aisle before or after the service, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here. Thank you for your generous giving, which empowers us to share God's gift of life together, even in the wilderness.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between each petition

O Christ Surround Me

#1084

Petition 1

Verse 1

God, be the love to search
and keep me;
God, be the prayer to
move my voice;
God, be the strength to
now uphold me
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 2

Verse 2

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Petition 3

Verse 3

Brightness of sun and