

Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

The Third Sunday of Easter



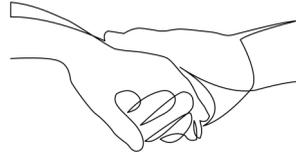
April 14, 2024
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Welcome

Welcome to Cross of Glory, where we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're visiting CoG, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates, so that we can further extend a welcome.

Looking for Life Together

This Easter season, we're invited to notice God's gift of life unfolding all around us. Throughout your week, we invite you to pay attention to where you see "life together" and take a picture when you see it. At any time, send photos to office@crossofglory.us, and as part of the Prayers of the People on Sundays, we'll show these images on the screen as a celebration of God's gift of life together.

*Kids - you're invited to draw pictures of where you see life--or life together--in the world around you! Get coloring supplies at the kids worship station just outside the sanctuary. If you want your artwork to be included in the Prayers of the People, bring it to the tech booth after the Gospel reading.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

All are invited to rise and turn toward the font. Kids are invited to come forward to the font for a close-up view!

Leader: We are here in the heart of God. **ALL: Echo**

God is here in the hearts of us. **Echo**

Like the waves in the water and the water in the waves. **Echo**

We are here in the heart of God. **Echo**

We are here as the body of God. **Echo**

God is here as the body of us. **Echo**

Like the earth in our bodies and our bodies on the earth. **Echo**

We are here as the body of God. **Echo**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

•**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 as part of the Prayers of the People each Sunday.

•**Discerning God's Call to Life Together TODAY** - As we continue to discern what God's call to life together means at 5929 Brooklyn Blvd, the CoG community is invited to a conversation after worship to reflect on what we've seen and heard in neighborhood listening sessions and site visits this winter, and look to next steps.

•**Gardening Meeting** - If you're interested in taking part in gardening at CoG this season, join in on a conversation during Coffee Hour after worship next Sunday, April 21.

•**Change in Office Hours** - Please note that starting this month, regular office hours are changing to M, W, Th from 10-2. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel.

•**55+ Game Day** - The next game day is scheduled for Thurs, April 18 from 1-3 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Treats will be provided. Our next gathering is scheduled for May 16 from 1-3 pm.

•**Thanks for Supporting CoG Campers** - A huge thanks to all who purchased cinnamon and caramel rolls to help CoG kids attend camp this summer, and to all those who helped bake them! Over \$900 dollars was raised for campers. Thank you for your generosity!

•**CoG Golf League** - The season begins this month! If you're interested in taking part or learning more about the league, reach out to Mike McClanahan (mikemc5751@outlook.com).

•**Save the date** for May Saturday 18th from 9am-4pm, a community-sponsored vendor fair that will help support campers. Flowers ordered through Gertens can also be picked up this date.

•**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

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Temple Talk: Gayle Merritt

Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland,

Laura McClanahan

Guitar: Josh Smith

Technical Team: Ryan, Dawn & Bill
Bailey

Greeters: Marcy Hartlage, Judy Lewis

Reader: Amanda Smith

Ushers: Gayle Merritt, Cheryl Anderson,
Don Halverson, Josh Day

Fellowship: Tom and Kris Simon

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
Audrey Pederson
Joe Balzer
John Thomson*

*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.*

We are here for the love of God. **Echo**

God is here for the love of us. **Echo**

Like the song we are singing and the song that's singing us. **Echo**

We are here for the love of God. **Echo**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism and refreshed by the resurrection we share in Christ Jesus, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life.

A: God of Life, we come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for trusting ourselves more than you, for poisoning water, land, and air with our carelessness, for cutting ourselves off from our neighbor in need, and for all the ways we cling to death even though you offer us the gift of life.

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 turn forward again and mark the sign of the cross † on your forehead, remembering the gift of baptism. Kids are invited to receive a baptismal blessing of water at the font before heading back to their seats.*

As we do so, we sing again the song on the previous page...

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

L: Let us pray...

A: Risen God, you meet in the sharing of peace, in the breaking of bread, in hands outstretched. Help us to be witnesses of these

things, that we might trust in and live out the power of the resurrection. In the name of the living God we pray. Amen.

MUSIC	He Lives	Skinner/McClarney/Smith
Verse 1 See the tomb where He laid; See the stone rolled away. He is risen, He is risen, He's alive. See His hands, see His feet, Touch His scars and believe. He is risen, He is risen, He's alive. He's alive.		He's alive. So take this freedom, take this love. Can you feel it rising up? He is here, He is here, He's alive. (Chorus x2)
Chorus He lives. All honor and power are His. All glory forever, amen. Jesus lives.		Bridge You took all our shame, Left it in the grave. We're forgiven, we're forgiven. The work forever done Only by the blood. It is finished, it is finished. (Repeat) (Chorus x2)
Verse 2 Hear the shackles breaking free; Hear the song of the redeemed. He is moving, He is moving,		Ending He is risen! He is risen! He's alive!

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 4

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.

**All: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

L: Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**A: Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-on your bed.**

L: Offer the appointed sacrifices,

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Gayle Merritt

MUSIC Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises #535

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

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled
with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled
with gladness. *Repeat*

Verse 1

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,

I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.
Refrain

Verse 2

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

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 BLESSING

L: Go in peace. Jesus is risen!
A: Thanks be to God.

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

God Is Here!

#526

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.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of Life,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

Table

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.

and put your trust in the Lord.

**A: Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

L: You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**A: In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Parker/Shaw

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36b-48

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I

was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated***

SERMON

Rev. Mark Tranvik

***Kids - if you have life together artwork you'd like included on the screen as part of today's Prayers of the People, bring it over to the tech booth at this time! ***

MUSIC

Living Hope

Wickham/Johnson

Verse 1

How great the chasm
that lay between us,
How high the mountain
I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name
into the night.
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows
of my soul.
The work is finished,
the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine

so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace?
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin
and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken;
I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah,
praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its
grip on me!

You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
(Repeat)

Verse 3

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise,

Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave
has no claim on me. (Repeat)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!
(Chorus 2x)

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you!

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***