

Embodying God's Hospitality

As part of being called to life together, we at Cross of Glory are "called to" embody God's hospitality by generously sharing space, time, gifts, and resources, and by meeting neighbors on their terms, open to what we can both give and receive," as our Everyday Liturgy claims.

As we seek to embody God's hospitality by welcoming neighbors of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, we want to make sure our facilities reflect this welcome. Currently, our front doors are not handicapped accessible. To address this concern, we'd like to install automatic door openers on the front entry vestibule doors. This will allow people to simply push a button for entry during church worship hours.

Another accessibility concern is the lift that runs between our main level narthex area to the Bethel Room below the sanctuary. It is in need of several repairs and updates.

The total cost of these projects is approximately \$15,000. Given the many ongoing building maintenance needs the church budget needs to address, these two projects are not included in the 2024 budget. We are inviting you to make a donation toward them. We are so grateful for your pledged and regular giving, and invite you to consider making a gift above and beyond that commitment, as you are able. We are called to continue to care for each person who to come through our doors. We are grateful for your help in making these important updates so that we might "embody God's hospitality," and our building reflects this as well.

You are invited to use the special envelopes near the Welcome kiosk for your donation and place in an offering plate. You may also use the "Give" button on the CoG website. We ask that donations are made by May 26. Thank you!



The Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024

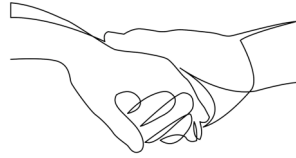
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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/HANDBELL CHOIR

Joyful, Joyful

Bach

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!
- **Gardening Meeting TODAY** - If you're interested in taking part in gardening at Cross of Glory this summer, stick around for a gardening meeting after coffee today.
- **Looking for Life Together** - During the Easter season, you're invited to look for glimpses of God's gift of life together in the world around you. When you do, 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** - If you didn't have the chance to take part in the conversation on April 14 and are interested in learning more about where we've been and where we're headed in our discernment of what God's call to life together means at 5929, reach out to Pastor Ali. All neighborhood listening session and site visit summaries can be found at <http://crossofglory.us/newsandevents/lifetogether.html>.
- **Table Talks** - Join us after worship next Sunday, April 28, for our monthly Table Talks session. This month, we're exploring Faith + Housing, and we'll be joined by a guest speaker from Agate Housing. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud for more info.
- **Reminder: Change in Office Hours** - Please note that regular office hours are now M, W, Th from 10-2. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel.
- **Community Event** - On Sat, May 18 from 9-4, vendors across the metro will be hosting a community-wide vendor fair at CoG. Rental fees for this event will go toward CoG youth attending Camp Wapo. This is also the day that any plants ordered from Gertens as part of the youth camp fundraiser will be available for pick up.
- **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).
- **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.

DISMISSAL BLESSING

L: Go in peace. Jesus is risen!

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

*Mavis Wold
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Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger
Dolores Narey*

*Julie Aulwes
Audrey Pederson
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: O Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you have laid down your life as a lamb. Meet us in the valleys of this world and lead us beyond

our wants, beyond our fears, into life. In the name of the Good Shepherd we pray, Amen.

FIRST READING The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502

Psalm 23, Sung

Verse 1

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant
pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Verse 3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Verse 5

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Verse 6

And so, through all the
length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Word

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what

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.

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 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 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!**

The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast
of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival.
You have no equal.

Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of Life, at your table, you have renewed our bodies and enlivened our spirits. Send us forth to the tables of our lives to love one another and share your gift of life together. **All: Amen.**

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

MUSIC

This is Amazing Grace Riddle/Farrow/Wickham

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

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.

pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Easter Carol

Leavitt

*Spring has now unwrapped the flow'rs; Day is fast reviving.
Life in all its fertile pow'rs toward the light is striving.
Herb and plant that winter long slumber at their leisure,
Now bestirring green and strong find in growth their pleasure!
All the world has come alive, all the earth is budding.
Bees are humming round the hive, done with winter's brooding.
Snow and frost have been undone, winds are soft and tender.
High above the regal sun shines in all its splendor!
All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, O praise Him!
This our joy and this our feast, this our great surprising:
Young and old and best and least see their own arising.
We, the newborn patterns are of our God and Maker:
Christ, our spring beyond compare! Christ, our good creator!
Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia*

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

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

P: The Gospel according to John the tenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to

this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated***

SERMON

***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 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd #954

Verse 1

You, Lord, are both
Lamb and Shepherd.
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Verse 3

Worthy is the earthly Jesus!
Worthy is the cosmic Christ!
Worthy is the Lamb and Shepherd.
worthy still your peace and strife.

Verse 2

You, who humbly walk beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way

You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

CONFESSION 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,**

**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

P: 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

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Taizé Chant

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. *(Repeat)*

MUSIC

What a Beautiful Name

Fielding/Ligertwood

Verse 1

You were the Word
at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought
heaven down.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this,

My sin was great,
Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,

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*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between spoken petitions:

Refrain
 All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from
 death in - to life. life.

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

**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 ***

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

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.