

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!
- Table Talks TODAY** - Join us after worship TODAY, 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.
- 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 and we'll include images as part of the Prayers of the People.
- Discerning God's Call** - If you weren't able 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 as we discern 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>.
- First Wednesday** - On Wed, May 1, all are welcome for Wednesday night festivities. Games for kids begin at 5 pm in the gym. At 5:30 pm is a community meal. From 6-7, CoG kids leaders offer study buddies, story time, and crafts. Confirmation begins at 7 pm.
- WELCA Luncheon** – The last day to register is TODAY. The Women of the ELCA are welcoming all women of Cross of Glory and their friends (and drivers) to a luncheon on May 4. Sign up on the form by the Welcome Desk.
- Community Event** - On Sat, May 18 from 9am-4pm, 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 to be picked up.
- 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.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



April 28, 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, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so 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, pay attention to where you see "life together" and take a picture of it. Send your photos to office@crossofglory.us to be included as part of the Prayers of the People on Sundays, in celebration of God's gift of life together.

***Kids - you're invited to draw pictures today 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

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

All are invited to rise and turn toward the font. Kids are invited to come 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**

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.



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
Carol Sjoquist

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.

Embodying God's Hospitality

"As our Everyday Liturgy claims, we are called to embody God's hospitality by generously sharing space, time, gifts, and resources, and by meeting neighbors on their terms." To ensure our facilities reflect this hospitality, we are planning to install automatic door openers on the front doors and to repair/update the Bethel lift. These projects will greatly help our friends and neighbors. We need your help with funding these projects. Please prayerfully consider a donation as you are able. You are invited to use one of the special envelopes near the Welcome Desk for this purpose or use the "Give" button on our website. We invite you to make your donation by the end of May. Thank you so much!



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.

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Bailey

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Reader: Dawn Bailey

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Tom Simon,

Don Halverson, Josh Day

Fellowship: Dan and Julie Aulwes

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

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!

As we finish the song, you're invited to turn forward and mark the sign of the cross † on your forehead, remembering the gift of baptism. Kids are invited to receive a baptismal blessing at the font before returning to their seats.

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**

*** 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 God, you are love alive. Help us to abide in your love, regardless of how powerful the forces of hatred and pain, in and around us, that we would bear fruit. In the name of the risen and living God, we pray, Amen.

MUSIC

How God Loves

McMillian

Verse 1

You are jealous for me,
love like a hurricane.
I am a tree, bending beneath
The weight of Your wind and mercy.
When all of a sudden,
I am unaware of these afflictions
eclipsed by glory.
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections
are for me.

Pre-Chorus

Oh, how God loves us so;
Oh, how God loves us.
How God loves us so.

Chorus

God loves us;
Oh, how God loves us.
Oh, how God loves us.
Oh, how God loves .

Verse 2

We are Your portion
And You are our prize,
Drawn to redemption
by the grace in Your eyes.
If grace is an ocean ,
we're all sinking.
So Heaven meets earth
Like a creator's kiss,
And my heart turns
violently inside of my chest,
I don't have time to
maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that
(Chorus)

Word

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

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.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#631

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

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy
loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee
without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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

Abide With Me

#629

Verse 1

Abide with me,
fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail
and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh,
abide with me.

Verse 2

Swift to its close ebbs
out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim,
its glories pass away;
change and decay
in all around I see;
O thou who changes not,
abide with me.

Verse 4

I fear no foe, with thee
at hand to bless;
ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Verse 5

Not a brief glance, I beg,
a passing word,
But as thy dwelled with thy
disciples, Lord,
Familiar, gentle, life-giving,
and free.
Come not to sojourn,
but abide with me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of Life,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM**Tell It Out, He is Risen****GOSPEL READING****John 15:1-8***** Please stand as you are able ***

P: The Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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****Oh, I Woke Up this Morning****(Gospel)****Verse 1**

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Verse 2

I'm walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I'm walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I'm walkin' and talkin' with my mind

stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah .

Verse 3

I'm singing and praising with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I'm singing and praising with my mind stayed on Jesus.

I'm singing and praising with my mind stayed on Jesus.

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

*(Repeat Verse 1)***CONFESSON 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.**