

•**Gardening at COG** - From the garden beds out back to the courtyard, there are a variety of ways to take part in doing the holy work of tending God's creation at COG. If you're interested in lending a hand with any gardening projects, let Isak Tranvik know.

•**55+ Fellowship** - The next game day is scheduled for Thursday May 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. Treats will be provided. A summer game day schedule will be discussed at that time.

•**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 for pick 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.

Embodying God's Hospitality

We are thrilled to share that we are nearing our goal of raising \$15,000 for the Embodying God's Hospitality Campaign. Just a few more thousand dollars will help ensure that our facilities reflect our call to "Embody God's Hospitality," as our Everyday Liturgy calls of us. These funds will go toward the installation of automatic door openers on the front doors, and repairs and updates to the Bethel lift, both of which ensure that all can move around the building with increased accessibility and ease. Thanks to all those who have already given toward these important efforts. If you haven't yet made a gift, we invite you to do so by May 26th, using one of the special envelopes near the Welcome Desk, or by visiting the website and clicking on "Give." Thank you for your generosity!



The Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 5, 2024

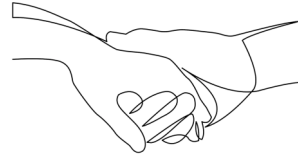
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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.

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, 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.
- Spring Clean-Up Day** - Come and help care for the grounds on Sat, May 11th between 9am-12pm. Snacks, gloves, and good company provided!
- 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>.
- Upcoming Special Worship Services** - On May 12, we look forward to being led by the Dixieland Band, *BUT COME EARLY!* (*The Land O' Dixie Rented Mules Band will start playing at 9AM. That's a half hour prelude of music to set up the joyous day.*) Bring your coffee and some friends! We're looking forward to welcoming guest preacher Rev. Laurie Eaton that day as well. And on May 19th, we're excited to welcome back singer/songwriter Rachel Kurtz. Share the word, invite some neighbors, and join us as you're able!
- On-Call Pastor**- Pastor Ali will be away May 7-10. Should you need emergency pastoral care during that time, please reach out to the office to be connected to an on-call pastor.
- Synod Assembly** - The Minneapolis Area Synod hosted its annual assembly Thurs-Sat of this past week. Check in with CoG delegates Carolyn Davis, Judy Lewis, and Pastor Ali to learn more about the assembly and the synod's new bishop elect!
- CAPI Food Shelf** - CAPI is in need of hands to help in their food shelf. If you're able to be onsite Tues. between 1-4 pm, or Wed and Thursday between 9-12 or 1-4 to bag groceries, help neighbors shop and unload at their cars, or help unload food shipments and restock shelves, contact Alexi Kleinschmidt at 651-472-6610 or email: volunteer@capiusa.org.

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

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Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Eric Thompson & family
Dick Mero
Martha Krueger
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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.

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: Creator God, you have crafted all life in your love. May our songs of praise join the shouting lands, the roaring seas, the clapping rivers, and the ringing hills, that together with creation we might give you all glory, Amen.

MUSIC

Morning Has Broken

#556

Verse 1

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh
From the Word!

Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall

on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
Where God's feet pass.

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Word

FIRST READING

read responsively

L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**ALL: O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 98

Chorus 1

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing, God;
All powerful, untamable.
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the
coolness of night?
None can fathom. (*Chorus 1*)

Chorus 2

Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same.
You are amazing, God.
You are amazing, God.

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

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy,
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

Verse 2
Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning,
rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor strength, and
Glory and power be

to You, the only wise King.
(Chorus)

Verse 3
Filled with wonder,
awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.
(Chorus 2x)

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

MUSIC

Indescribable

Story/Reeves

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

Verse 1
From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall

to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique
in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

An Easter Carol

Nicholson/Holler

*Easter flow'rs are blooming bright, Easter skies pour radiant light,
Christ our Lord is ris'n in might, Glory in the highest!
Angel's caroled this sweet lay, When in manger rude he lay,
Now once more cast grief away, Glory in the highest!
He, then born to grief and pain, now to glory, born again,
Calleth forth our gladest strain, Glory in the highest!
As he riseth, rise we too, tune we heart and voice anew,
Offering homage, glad and true, Glory in the highest!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory in the highest!*

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

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

P: The Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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! And then meet Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for a time of storytelling. We'll return to the sanctuary following the sermon.

MUSIC All Creatures, Worship God Most High! #835

Verse 1

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

Sing, brother wind;
with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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,**

Verse 3

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 6

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Apostles Creed

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 Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom #1064

Verse 1

Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
sounding God's delighted laugh,
from the tiny roly-poly
to the treetop-tall giraffe.
All creation sings in wonder;
even rocks and trees rejoice
as they join the ringing chorus:
echoes of our Maker's voice.

Verse 2

Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
woven into harmony.
Ev'ry creature has a purpose,
ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.

MUSIC

Verse 1

Worthy is the
Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.

Spider, human, redwood, gecko,
monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
live within a single fabric:
cloth that only God could make.

Verse 3

Earth is full of wit and wisdom:
penguin, platypus, and snail,
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae,
from the microbe to the whale.
In this great and strange creation,
with a breath God gives us birth:
born of soil to live as stewards,
called to love and serve the earth.

Revelation Song

Sing a new song
to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat. *(Repeat)*

Riddle

Bridge

Hallelujah
to the Lord of heaven and earth.
(Repeat 2 times)

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy,
Precious Lord,
reveal Your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe
declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy, holy, holy.
(Bridge 4x)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of Life,
ALL: Hear our prayer.

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

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.

**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

God of Wonders

Byrd/Hindalong

Verse 1

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe
declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth.
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night .
(Chorus 1)