

•**A Word of Thanks** - To all those who lended a hand at WinterFest on Fri, thank you! It was a great time to gather with neighbors and celebrate being the Brooklyn Center community together.

•**Bible Study**– resumes this Tuesday January 14th at 9:30am. All are welcome, we will be studying the texts for the following Sunday. Join in person or via zoom.

•**55+ Game day**- The next 55+ afternoon of conversation and games will be January 16th weather permitting. School is in session, our time will be 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm.

•**Sock Drive** -Archer and Renee Dahl are collecting new socks now through the month of February to distribute to the North Memorial Care Cart. A donation box will be placed at the Welcome desk. All sizes welcomed.

•**Wildfire Youth Trip** - Wildfire churches are joining together for a high school youth summer trip to Lutheridge Camp in Asheville, NC July 20-25. Lutheridge is partnering with Lutheran Disaster Response to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene. If you are interested, please let Pastor Ali know by the end of the month.

•**Synod Youth Choir** -The Minneapolis Synod is excited to share a new opportunity for kids to connect through making music together. The synod youth choir will gather once a month between Jan and June to learn songs, meet other young people from local congregations, and prepare to sing with a larger youth choir at the Synod Assembly (May 2-3). All young people ages 5-18 are invited to take part, regardless of musical experience. If interested, let Pastor Ali know ASAP.

•**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 Baptism of our Lord



January 12, 2025

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



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our light, our love, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance

P: Merciful God,

A: You have come to live among us—Love made flesh—that we might love the flesh of ourselves, our neighbors, and all your creation. Yet we fail to care for the hungry and homeless in our midst. We are wasteful with the earth's resources, turning precious gifts into commodities for consumption. We are lured by glimmer of false gods, who promise love but leave us empty. Shine your light on us, reveal our sins, and forgive us, O God, for the sake of the One whose love continues, and whose presence is made manifest among us, Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, let us live anew as beloved children of God, and shine forth God's light before others.

A: Amen.



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

Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich

Eric Thompson & family
Luella Hinnenkamp
Sue Birch and Sharon Quick
Claudia Reitan

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- Welcoming Guest Preacher** - We look forward to welcoming Rev. Peter Schattauer as our guest preacher next Sunday, Jan 19. Pastor Peter serves as Associate Director of the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community at St. Olaf College.
- Annual Meeting and Reports** - On Sunday, Jan 26 after worship, all CoG members are invited and encouraged to take part in our annual congregational meeting. Stick afterwards for a potluck lunch as we break bread and celebrate the gift of being the church together. Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, Jan 19, or anytime during the week (M, W, Th 10-2) ahead of the meeting.

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PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please 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

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

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

Chorus

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the
robe and crown
Good Lord show me the way

Verse 1

Oh brothers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray (*chorus*)

Verse 2

Oh sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray (*chorus*)

Verse 3

Oh sinners let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh sinners let's go down
Down in the river to pray (*chorus*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.
 For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
 Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
 Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
 I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
 and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
 everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Arise My Soul, Arise!

*Arise, My Soul, Arise! Stretch forth to things eternal,
 And haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God.
 Though hid from mortal eyes, He dwells in light supernal,
 Yet worship Him in humbleness and own Him Lord.
 His banquet of love awaits thee above;
 Behold the marriage festal of the Lamb has come!
 Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heav'n lift up thy voice;
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 List to the harps of heav'n! Hark to the song victorious,
 The never-ending anthem sounding through the sky,
 To mortals is not given to chant its strains all glorious;
 Yet sing, my soul, the praise of Him who reigns on high.
 Who bought with His blood the ransomed of God;
 To Him be everlasting pow'r and victory.
 And let the great Amen resound through heav'n again.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Wood

MUSIC

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Verse 1

Children of the heav'nly Father
 safely in his bosom gather;
 nestling bird nor star in heaven
 such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2

God his own doth tend and nourish,
 in his holy courts they flourish.
 From all evil things he spares them,
 in his mighty arms he bears them.

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever
 from the Lord his children sever;
 unto them his grace he showeth,
 and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Verse 4

Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;
 his the loving purpose solely
 to preserve them pure and holy.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

This Little Gospel Light of Mine

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

Verse 1

This little Gospel light of mine,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 This little Gospel light of mine,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 This little Gospel light of mine,
 I'm going to let it shine;
 let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 2

All around Cross of Glory,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around Cross of Glory,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around Cross of Glory,
 I'm going to let it shine;
 let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 3

All around Brooklyn Center,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around Brooklyn Center,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around Brooklyn Center,
 I'm going to let it shine;
 let it shine, let it shine all the time.

Verse 4

All around this world God loves,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around this world God loves,
 I'm going to let it shine (hey, hey, hey)
 All around this world God loves,
 I'm going to let it shine;
 let it shine, let it shine all the time.

HOLY BAPTISM

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led you your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: Amen.

Leader: Simon Haber Tranvik I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Simon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Simon with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sponsors are invited to light the baptismal candle.

Leader: At this time, we present Simon with the baptismal candle.

Sponsors: Simon, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: And now we'd like to present to Simon a prayer shawl, knit by one of our members here at Cross of Glory, to signify that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ, and to remind him that he is wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Simon Tranvik:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

BAPTISMAL BLESSING

MUSIC

Wade in the Water

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Refrain

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Verse 1

(See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Refrain

Verse 2

(See that band all dressed in red,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 3

(Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Refrain

Verse 4
(If you don't believe
I've been redeemed,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water

(just follow me down to
Jordan's stream.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Refrain

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 Epiphany, as we continue to celebrate the Word made flesh, we seek to make material the words and the work of this church, sharing our gifts for the sake of the church, the neighborhood, and the world. At this time, we invite you to share an offering via the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code that will take you to Cross of Glory's online giving page.



MUSIC

All Who Are Thirsty

Brown/ Robertson

Verse

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
(repeat)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
(repeat)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Leader: Parents and sponsors, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, please respond by saying "we renounce them."

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

At this time, any kids worshipping with us today are invited to come gather around the front of the baptismal font for a close-up view!

BAPTISM OF SIMON TRANVIK

The baptismal family is invited to gather around the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to rise and face the font.

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Simon Tranvik. God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Simon baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Simon to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with Simon among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture his faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Simon grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Simon in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Sponsors: We do.

Leader: People of Cross of Glory, do you promise to support Simon and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People:

1. *Take a paper star (in your bulletin) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, creation, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*

2. *As the Spirit moves you, come hang your star on the Epiphany tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*

3. *Spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying. (Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer)*

**NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and we'll be glad to assist you.*

P: Let us pray:

God of light,

P: As we journey, **A: guide us.**

As we struggle, **accompany us.**

As we stray, **lead us home by another way.**

As we wonder where to find you, **surprise us.**

Be our awakening. **Be our epiphany.**

Form us as we pray...

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.