

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY** - All CoG members, please stick around for the annual meeting after worship today as we give thanks for God's gift of life together. Then we'll break bread at a potluck luncheon to follow!

•**Art Gallery Talk** - Keith Williams will be leading another art talk about the exhibit in our art gallery after worship next Sunday, Feb 2. The new exhibition is a collection of prints produced by the Concordia University Art Department made over the last 35 years. Cross of Glory owns this collection of about 20 fine art prints due to a donation from a member.

•**Godly Play First Sunday** - CoG kids of all ages - join us for a Godly Play story next Sunday, Feb 2.

•**First Wednesday** - First Wednesday activities will be on Feb 5th. Kids' games begin at 5 pm, all are welcome for a community meal at 5:30, kids activities are at 6, and confirmation begins at 7 pm.

•**Camp Registration due by Feb 15** - Registration for Camp Wapo is now open and summer dates are set! Kids grades K-9 are invited to take part. Dates, registration link, and further info can be found at the Welcome Desk. Further info regarding scholarships and fundraising will be forthcoming.

•**Extra Warmth** - Thanks again for all the donations shared for WinterFest, and for your contributions to the Neighbor Care Kits. We've got a couple additional winter clothing items and care kits available if you'd like to distribute them. Inquire at the office.

•**Sock Drive** - Renee and Archer Dahl are collecting socks through February to distribute to the North Memorial Care Cart. A donation box is at the Welcome Desk. Socks must be new—all sizes are welcomed.

•**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 Third Sunday after Epiphany



January 26, 2025

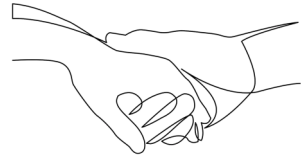
*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*



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

HANDBELLS

All Glory, Laud and Honor

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

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 for reflection and repentance

P: Merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God



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
Josh Day
Harvey Johnson*

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.

**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

****All those who are members of Cross of Glory are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the annual congregational meeting, which will immediately follow worship. Members must sign-in on one of the sign-in sheets for the purposes of roll call. All other visitors and guests are welcome to head to the Fellowship Hall, where we will gather to break bread together after the meeting.****

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith
Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan & Bill Bailey

Greeters: Angela Dahl, Judy Olson
Reader: Joe Balzer
Ushers: Don Halverson, Cheryl Anderson, Tom Simon, Gayle Merritt
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

MUSIC

Bind Us Together

#748

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

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God,
There is only one king;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

**A: O God, you call the church to be your living body in the world.
Bind us together, that each of us members would suffer together,
rejoice together, and share our gifts, for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen**

BAPTISM OF ELLIE SCHNEIDER

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

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Ellie Schneider. 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 Ellie baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

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

To live with Ellie among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her faith and prayer life, so that she 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 Ellie 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 Ellie in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her 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 Ellie and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

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.

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

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MUSIC

Guide My Feet

Graves

*** Please rise as you are able. Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back, return to your seats and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

Verse 1

Guide my feet
while I run this race,
guide my feet
while I run this race,
guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want
To run this race in vain!

Verse 2

Hold my hand
while I run this race,
Hold my hand
while I run this race,
Hold my hand
while I run this race,
for I don't want
to run this race in vain!

Chorus

Lord, guide my feet
And keep my way,
Can't make a step without you,
I don't want
to run this race in vain.
(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 3

I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want
to run this race in vain! (Chorus)

Verse 4

Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want
to run this race in vain! (Chorus)

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please turn to 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,**

Bridge

I will be Yours,
I will be Yours for all my life.
(repeat x3)

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord. *(Repeat)*

Chorus 2

'Cause You have called me
higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.

Ending

Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

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. (*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

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!

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: Ellie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Ellie, 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 Ellie 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 Ellie with the baptismal candle.

Sponsors: Ellie, 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 Ellie, 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 her that she is wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Ellie Schneider:

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.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say,

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Verse 3

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel

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

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

Verse 1

I could just sit, I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness,
Hope to feel Your presence.
And I could just stay,
I could just stay
Right where I am and
hope to feel You,
Hope to feel something again.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms and
never leave home,
Never let these walls down.

Called Me Higher

Chorus 1

You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord.
You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where
You will lead me, Lord,
Where You lead me,
Where You lead me, Lord.

Verse 2

I could hold on, I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside,
I could be safe, I could be safe
Here in Your arms
and never leave home,
Never let these walls down. (Chorus 1)

Jordan

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

MUSIC

We Are all One In Mission

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Verse 1

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

Verse 2

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Evermore His Praises Sing

Goss/Rice

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to God's feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise God for all grace and favor, to our parents in distress;
Praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in God's faithfulness.*

*Parentlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;
In Thy hand you gently bear us, rescue us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet, God's mercy flows.*