

•**On-call Pastoral Care** - Pastor Ali will be out of town Feb 27-March 3. If any emergency pastoral care needs arise during that time, please be in touch with our office to be connected with an on-call pastor.

•**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 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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  
Family of Sharon Quick  
Claudia Reitan  
Josh Day*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office  
([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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.*



**February 23, 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 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 strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**A: Amen.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Fellowship** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

•**Table Talks TODAY** - Join us after worship for Table Talks, our monthly education hour. Today we're excited to welcome Rev. Jon Anderson, Director of Rural Ministry at Luther Seminary who will be speaking about Faith + the Rural Church.

•**Ash Wednesday Worship & Community Meal** - Ash Wednesday worship will take place at noon and at 6:30 pm (same service) on Wed, March 5. We'll gather for a "Shrove Wednesday" community meal before the evening service. Join us for pancakes, sausage, & homemade cinnamon rolls at 5:30 pm. CoG Kids Leaders will be leading a First Wednesday kids activity during that hour as well. Confirmation will meet at 7:30 pm that evening.

•**Jazz Worship Next Sunday** - Join us for a jazz-themed worship service led by the Dixieland Band next Sunday, March 2. Keith Williams will be the guest preacher for the day. *\*Please note: Communion will take place on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of March.*

•**Support Kids Heading to Camp Wapo** - Camp youth will be at the front doors after worship with plant sale information for you. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards will be used to support our campers this summer. You can take a card to order at home, or have one of our youth help you order online with you today! Your support goes a long way to help offset the cost of camp. We look forward to sharing more info about other upcoming fundraisers this spring!

•**Sock Drive** - Thank you so much for the support with the sock drive collection. Renee and Archer are happy to report they well exceeded their goal and will be delivering socks to the North Memorial Care Cart tomorrow! Your support of the CoG Confirmation kids and community are great signs of your love. Thank you!

•**50 Mile Dog Walk Challenge** - This month, Becca Floyd is sharing an invite for the CoG community to take part in a 50 dog walk challenge through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. You can take part by walking your dog (or borrowing Becca's for a walk!), sharing the word, or donating to the AFSP. To learn more, talk to Becca or check out the flyer at the Usher's Table.

*(Continued)*

**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**

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### **MUSIC CREDITS**

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### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

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Guitar: Steve Sebald, Josh Smith

Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan & Bill Bailey

Greeters: Wendy and Bryan Toenies

Reader: Bob Wertz

Ushers: Don Halverson, Tom Simon, Cheryl Anderson, Gayle Merritt

Fellowship: Bob Wertz, Ron and Lois Tollefsrud

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

### **MUSIC**

### **I Love to Tell the Story**

**#661**

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

#### **Verse 1**

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

#### **Refrain**

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

#### **Verse 2**

I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

#### **Verse 3**

I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together...

**A: O, Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may show love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

**FIRST READING**

**Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.  
Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.  
He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.  
Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.  
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.  
Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.  
But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight in abundant prosperity.  
The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.  
The Lord helps them and rescues them;  
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC**

**Raise a Hallelujah**

**Helser/Skaggs/Stevens**

*\*\* 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**

I raise a hallelujah  
in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah  
louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
My weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.

**Chorus**

I'm gonna sing  
in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're  
gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.  
Death is defeated.  
The King is alive!

**Verse 2**

I raise a hallelujah  
with everything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah

In the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Fear, you lost your hold on me.  
*(Chorus)*

**Bridge 1**

Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.

**Bridge 2**

Sing a little louder  
in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder  
louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder.  
My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.  
*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus 2x)*

**Ending**

I raise a hallelujah...

**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,  
Through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People:*

- 1. Write a prayer request on a paper star**--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, creation, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous. Then hang it on the tree at the front of the sanctuary.
- 2. Take a prayer request of someone else** from the tree as you return to your seat.
- 3. Lift up a silent prayer to God about the prayer request of your neighbor.** You may take the star home with you to continue praying this week.  
(\*NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and they'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...

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Table

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## 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.**

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHOIR ANTHEM

**Touch that Soothes and Heals**

**Bringle/DeMey**

*Touch the soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread,  
Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:  
Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,  
Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."  
Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness, hope and wholeness are increased.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."  
Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.  
"See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."*

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 6:27-38**

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the sixth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.



'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

## SERMON

**MUSIC**                      **Spirit, Open My Heart**                      **#1043**

### **Refrain**

Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

### **Verse 2**

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.  
(Refrain)

### **Verse 1**

God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.  
(Refrain)

### **Verse 3**

May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor.  
(Refrain)

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

## Apostles Creed

**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.**

## 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 work of this church, sharing our gifts for the sake of the church, the neighborhood, and the world. 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**

Open my eyes, Lord.  
Help me to see Your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord.  
Help me to see.

### **Verse 2**

Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to hear Your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to hear.

### **Verse 3**

Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love like You.

## Open My Eyes

Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love.

### **Bridge**

And the first shall be last,  
And our eyes are opened,  
And we'll hear like never before.  
And we'll speak in new ways,  
And we'll see God's face  
In places we've never known.

### **Verse 4**

I live within you.  
Deep in your heart, O love,  
I live within you.  
Rest now in me.

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