

# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



***February 2, 2025***

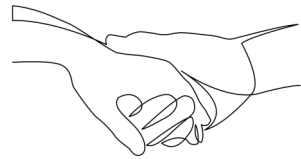
***Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN***



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.
- Art Gallery Talk TODAY** - Keith Williams will be leading an art talk about the new exhibit in our art gallery after worship today. Feel free to bring your coffee to the gallery and learn about our beautiful collection of prints from the Concordia University Art Department.
- Annual Reports Available** - Thanks to all for taking part in last Sunday's annual congregational meeting. If you haven't yet seen the annual report, let the office know and we'd be glad to get a copy to you.
- First Wednesday** - Join us this coming Wednesday for an evening of activities for all ages. Games for kids begin at 5 pm, there's a community meal at which all are welcome 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 is forthcoming.
- Welcoming Guest Preacher** - We look forward to welcoming Rev. Mary Halvorson as our guest preacher next Sunday.
- Year-End Statements & 2025 Envelopes** - Please stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up your end-of-year giving statement, and, if you requested them, your 2025 giving envelopes. Contact Rachel if you have any questions.
- Extra Warmth** - Thanks for the donations for WinterFest, and for your contributions to the Neighbor Care Kits. There are extra 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 until the end of February to distribute to the North Memorial Care Cart. A donation box can be found at the Welcome Desk. All socks must be new, and 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.



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  
Lois Tollefsrud*

*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.*

## **MUSIC Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin**

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

### **Verse 1**

It all comes down to this,  
What you require of me:  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And You above all things.

### **Chorus**

Act justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly with You, God.  
In all things, in all ways,  
walk humbly with You, God.

### **Verse 2**

It all comes down to this,  
To be Your hands and feet,

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together...

**A: Almighty and ever-living God, you extend your grace and shower your mercy upon all. Grant us wisdom and courage that we might do the same, lest we miss your kingdom's goal; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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

*Word*

## **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,

Good news to all the world,  
The truth will set us free. *(Chorus)*

### **Bridge**

It's beauty for ashes,  
It's mourning to dancing,  
It's closer and closer,  
The Kingdom of heaven. *(Repeat)*

### **Verse 3**

Years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown,  
Faith, just like a seed,  
The only way it grows. *(Chorus)*

‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’  
Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said  
to me,  
‘Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM From All That Dwell Below the Skies J.S. Bach**

*From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise.  
Through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue, let the Redeemer’s name be sung.  
Eternal are Thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word,  
Thy name from age to age endure.  
In ev’ry land begin the song, to ev’ry land the strains belong;  
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 4:21-30**

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

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

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he

**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.  
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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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing and the life that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**All: Amen.**

*Sending*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY SONG

**MUSIC**                      **God of Grace and God of Glory**                      **#705**

*\*\* 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**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

#### **Verse 2**

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long  
have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,

#### **Verse 3**

Cure your children's  
warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

#### **Verse 4**

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**MUSIC**    **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**    **#587**    **(Tune #712)**

#### **Verse 1**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where  
earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where  
earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

#### **Verse 2**

There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

#### **Verse 3**

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.

#### **Verse 4**

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*\*\* Please stand 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.**

## 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

How great the chasm,  
that lay between us  
How high the mountain

## Living Hope

I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name  
into the night.

## Apostles Creed

## MUSIC

### Verse 1

What love could remember no  
wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing,  
He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without  
bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many;  
His mercy is more.

### Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness,  
new every morn.  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.

## His Mercy is More

### Verse 2

What patience would wait as  
we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is  
calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

### Verse 3

What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment.  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

## Papa / Boswell

## MUSIC

### Verse 1

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

### Verse 2

The church from you, dear Jesus,  
received the gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.

## O Word of God Incarnate

#514

It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
mid mists and rocks  
and quick sands  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

### Verse 3

Oh, make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of burnished gold  
to bear before the nations  
your true light, as of old;  
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.



As we wonder where to find you, **surprise us.**  
Be our awakening. **Be our epiphany.**  
Form us as we pray. **Amen**

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

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

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 options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

L: The body of Christ is given for you.  
The blood of Christ is shed for you.

**All: Amen.**

Then through the darkness,  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows  
of my soul.  
The work is finished,  
the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

### Verse 2

Who could imagine  
so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
such boundless grace?  
The God of ages  
stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin  
and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken;  
I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

### 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.**

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

### Chorus

Hallelujah,  
praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its  
grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
(Repeat)

### Verse 3

Then came the morning  
that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave  
has no claim on me. (Repeat)  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!  
(Chorus 2x)