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The Third Sunday In Lent

L[am]ent: PROTEST



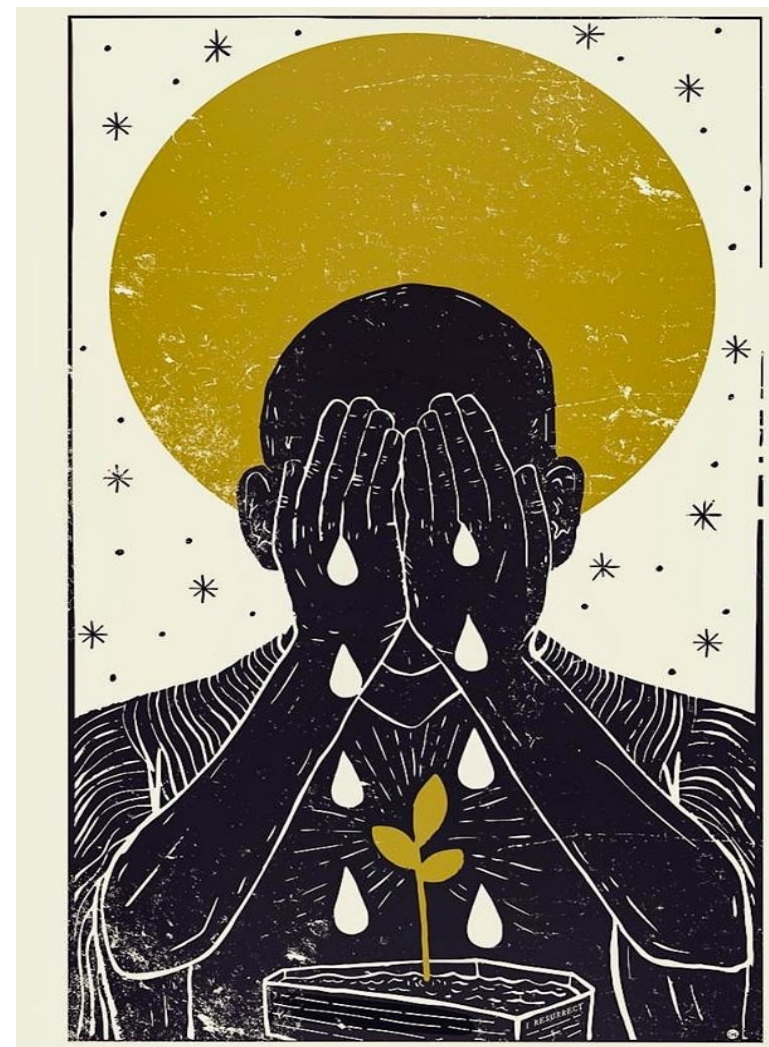
Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family

Claudia Reitan
Josh Day
Arlene Finke
Kim & John Schoffstall
Lois Tollefsrud
Ardis Fairchild

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

This Lenten season, we also invite you to regularly stop by our Community Prayer Wall, located just outside the sanctuary. Inspired by the wailing wall in Jerusalem, where our Jewish brothers and sisters gather to publicly lament, grieve, and mourn, the Cross of Glory prayer wall seeks to be a place where we can lift our laments before God. You are invited to write a prayer petition--either one that will be shared among the Cross of Glory community in our worship life, or one intended only for God--and place it in the prayer wall. All prayers are prayed for regularly by Pastor Ali. Prayers intended to be shared are lifted up on occasion in worship--the next date being March 30th. We are grateful to Grant Dossett, who crafted this prayer wall in 2021 as part of his Eagle Scout Project.



Artwork: The Sorrowful Saint by Scott Erickson (2016)

March 23, 2025

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

L[am]ent

A Lenten Journey at Cross of Glory
Join us this Lenten season as we explore the ancient practice--and enduring power--of lament. Through exploring "liturgies of lament" that span time and tradition each Sunday in worship, we will lament the sin and suffering of ourselves and of our world--and through it, will encounter a God who hears our cries.

Gathering

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM

March 9: Fasting

Learning lament from the Desert Fathers & Mothers

March 16: Groaning

Learning lament from the land

March 23: Protest

Learning lament from the Madres de la Plaza

March 30: Singing

Learning lament from the spirituals & the blues

April 6: Gathering

Learning lament from German Political Evensongs

Wednesdays
5:30 PM
Community Meal + Prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kids are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary and prepare to process in with crosses during the first song.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God † who hears our laments, who laments with us, and who promises that lament is not the end of the story.

All: Amen.

P: Let us take a moment of silence now to confess, repent, and lament our sins in the presence of God and one another...

Silence for reflection and repentance

P: Gracious God,

A: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to

•**Praying Psalms of Lament** - The book of Psalms gives voice to some of our deepest sorrows and griefs. Throughout Lent, we invite you into a communal spiritual practice of praying a psalm of lament each day. Please help yourself to the devotional resource on the Welcome Desk.

•**Easter Garden**—TODAY is the last day to order your Easter flowers to adorn the sanctuary for the Easter season. You can make payments on line on the CoG website or by check or cash. If you have questions, please reach out to Julie Aulwes.

•**Please Join Us**—next Sunday, March 30th as we celebrate Harvey Johnson's 95th birthday. His family will be here to serve cake and coffee to celebrate with his church family.

•**Support Kids Heading to Camp Wapo** - Camp youth will be at the front doors after worship with Gertens plant sale information for you. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards will be used to support our campers this summer. Place your orders by April 3rd at 8pm. You can take a card to order at home, or have one of our youth help you order online today! Your support goes a long way to help offset the cost of camp.

•**Palm Sunday Breakfast**—Camp kids will be hosting an ALL YOU CAN EAT breakfast on Palm Sunday. Tickets will be on sale beginning next Sunday and during office hours. Cost will be \$5. Bring your friends and family!

•**MN FoodShare March Challenge** - Throughout the month of March, CoG is collecting food to share with our neighboring food shelves at CAPI and CEAP here in Brooklyn Center. All donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, you're welcome to do so using an envelope at the Welcome Desk.

•**Table Talks** - TODAY after worship, we look forward to welcoming Rev. Colin Grangaard, pastor at fellow Wildfire church, First Lutheran of Crystal, who will be speaking about the geography of the Holy Land and sharing stories of his time living in Israel and Palestine as part of Young Adults in Global Mission.

•**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - The deadline for Thrivent members to designate

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•**L[am]ent:** Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am this Lenten season as we explore the ancient practice--and enduring power--of lament. Our theme is "liturgies of lament" that span time and tradition, including: fasting, groaning, protest, singing, and gathering. We will lament the sin and suffering of ourselves and of our world--and through it, we will encounter a God who hears our cries.

•**Lenten Community Supper + Prayer** - Come at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays for a short time of prayer and a meal in the fellowship hall this Lenten season. We thank our camp families for hosting these meals. If you have any dietary restrictions, please reach out to the office so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

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you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

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

MUSIC

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

#1015

As a mother comforts her child,
so God will comfort you.

As a hen gathers her brood,
so Christ will gather you.

As a wise one counsels her friend,
so the Spirit will counsel you.

The Trinity of love will be with you. *(Repeat)*

BAPTISM OF YAFFA, YAFFIR, ZAAYA AND ZACHARIAH CUADRADO

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 Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya, and Zachariah Cuadrado. 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 these children baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

Parents: We do.

L: As you bring Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya and Zachariah to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with these children among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they 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 Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya and Zachariah 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 them in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them 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 Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya and Zachariah and pray for them in their 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.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** Kids are invited to meet at the front of the sanctuary and prepare to recess with crosses***

MUSIC

God of Grace and God of Glory

#705

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 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.

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!**

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

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,

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)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...
All: Hear our prayer.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.

**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.**

HOLY BAPTISM

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!

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

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Yaffir Jr, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

All: Amen.

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

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

All: Amen.

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

Zachariah, 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 Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya, and Zachariah 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 each child with a baptismal candle.

Sponsors: 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 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 them that they are

MUSIC

We Shall Not Be Moved

Traditional

Verse 1

We shall not,
we shall not be moved.

We shall not,
we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree
that's planted by the water.

We shall not be moved.

Verse 2

I am right beside you,
we shall not be moved.

I am right beside you,
we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree
that's planted by the water.

We shall not be moved.

Verse 3

God is right beside us,
we shall not be moved.

God is right beside us,
we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree
that's planted by the water.

We shall not be moved.

Verse 4

We shall not,
we shall not be moved.

We shall not,
we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree
that's planted by the water.

We shall not be moved. *(Repeat)*

REFLECTION II

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

How might you explore lament as protest this Lent?

What does our faith compel us to protest in the world today?

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

We invite you to place your offering in the in the plates as they are passed around, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here. Thank you for your generosity.



*Your love alone will set me free! O Lamb of God I come, I come.
I am not worthy but still You forgive, teaching me patiently how to live.
Humble and thankful, I come to You with love so faithful and true.
Just as I am without one plea, for You, O Lord, will comfort me.
Your love alone will set me free! O Lamb of God I come, I come.*

CHILDRENS SERMON

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

REFLECTION I

wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Yaffa, Yaffir, Zaaya and Zachariah Cuadrado:

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 ***

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Pastor: We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new members: Elba and Yaffir Cuadrado Sr. and Karla and Katherine Otero-Sarmiento into our life together here at Cross of Glory! New members, please join Pastor Ali up front as we officially welcome you...

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations as God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond " we will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

New members: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support these new members in our faith community and share with them God's wide welcome in our shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray: We thank you, God, for these new members of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you, and empower us for service, that together we would be witnesses to your love in the world.

ALL: Amen.

*** New members can return to their seats, the congregation is invited to welcome our newest members with a round of applause ***

MUSIC

I Speak Jesus

(Smith/Reeves et al)

Verse 1

I just want to speak
 the Name of Jesus
 Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind.
 'Cause I know there is peace
 within Your presence.
 I speak Jesus.

Verse 2

I just want to speak the
 Name of Jesus
 'Til ev'ry dark addiction
 starts to break,
 Declaring there is hope
 and there is freedom.
 I speak Jesus.

Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power,
 Your Name is healing,
 Your Name is life.
 Break ev'ry stronghold.
 Shine through the shadows.
 Burn like a fire.

Verse 3

I just want to speak the
 Name of Jesus
 Over fear and all anxiety.
 To ev'ry soul held
 captive by depression,
 I speak Jesus.

Verse 4

Shout Jesus from the mountains,
 Jesus in the streets,
 Jesus in the darkness
 over ev'ry enemy,
 Jesus for my fam'ly,
 I speak the holy Name Jesus.
 (Repeat)
 (Chorus 2x)
 (Verse 1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

A: **Mothering God, you stand against the powers of this world that seek to destroy us. Gather us into your loving arms, and teach us your life-giving ways, for the sake of the most vulnerable among us; we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Word

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 10



Why do you stand so far | off, O Lord,
 and hide yourself in | time of trouble?

**The wicked arrogantly perse- | cute the poor,
 but they are trapped in the schemes they | have devised.**

Rise up, O Lord; lift up your | hand, O God;
 do not forget | the afflicted.

Why should the wicked | revile God?

Why should they say in their heart, "You | do not care"?

Surely, you behold trouble and misery; you see it and take
 it into | your own hand.

The helpless commit themselves to you,
 for you are the help- | er of orphans.

**Break the power of the wick- | ed and evil;
 search out their wickedness until | you find none.**

O Lord, you rule forev- | er and ever;
 the nations have vanished | from your land.

**You have heard the desire of | the afflicted;
 you strengthen their heart and you listen | with your ear,**

to give justice to the orphan | and oppressed,
 so that mere mortals may strike ter- | ror no more.

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

CHOIR ANTHEM

Just As I Am

Price/Besig

*Through all the trials which life sends my way,
 Through all the troubles I face each day;
 Shadows and clouds may bring doubt and fear,
 But Lord, I know you are near.*

*Sometimes the darkness seems empty and cold,
 Sometimes I search for a hand to hold.*

Lost and uncertain of what to do, I find my courage in You.

Just as I am without one plea, for You, O Lord, will comfort me.