

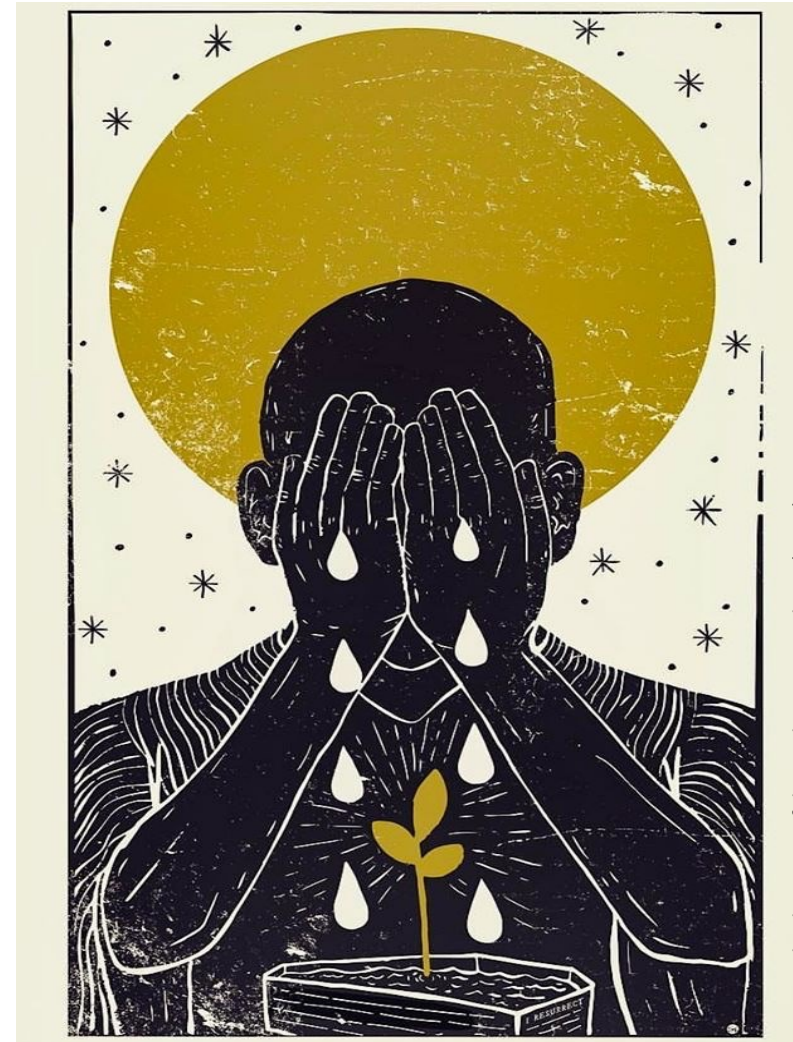
and CEAP here in Brooklyn Center. All donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, you're welcome to do so using an envelope at the Welcome Desk.

•**Thrivent Choice Dollars** - The deadline for Thrivent members to designate Choice Dollars is March 31. We invite you to consider directing your Choice Dollars to CoG. To do so, visit Thrivent www.thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836. Thanks for your consideration!

•**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 Fourth Sunday In Lent

L[am]ent: SINGING



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March 30, 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

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. We'll explore "liturgies of lament" that span time and tradition each Sunday in worship, including fasting, weeping, 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.
- Join Harvey Johnson and family**— in the fellowship hall as they cut cake and celebrate Harvey's 95th birthday with his church family!
- 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!
- 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.
- 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. You can take a card to order at home, or have one of our youth help you order online today! **THE WEBSITE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ORDER UNTIL 8PM APRIL 3RD.** 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 are on sale today and during office hours. Cost is \$5. Bring your friends and family!
- MN FoodShare March Challenge** - Today is the last day CoG is collecting non-perishable food items to share with our neighboring food shelves at CAPI

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CHOIR SINGING PRELUDE **Lead on Softly, Lord** **Posegate**

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



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
Kim & John Schoffstall
Ardis Fairchild
Gail and Cheryl Anderson*

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.

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 ***

SINGING I Want Jesus to Walk with Me #325

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

A: Holy Spirit, you breathe in us, and you give us voice to sing. Through our words and our melodies of lament, may our mouths proclaim your presence, which is ever at hand. In the name of the living God, we pray. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

CHILDRENS SERMON

SINGING

Over My Head

Traditional

Verse 1

Over my head,
I see trouble in the air.
Over my head,
I see trouble in the air.
Over my head,
I see trouble in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Verse 2

Over my head,
I hear music in the air.
Over my head,

I hear music in the air.
Over my head,
I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Verse 3

Over my head,
I hear singing in the air.
Over my head,
I hear singing in the air.
Over my head,
I hear singing in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Word

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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.

Sending

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
Movin' in my heart, I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
Movin' in my heart, I will pray.

Look'd all around me.
It look'd so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all were mine.
(Chorus)

Verse 2

O, I have sorrows and I have woe
And I have heartache here below.
But while God leads me,
I'll never fear,
For I am sheltered by God's care.
(Chorus)

Verse 1

Upon the mountain,
when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came
fire and smoke.

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!**

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

REFLECTION

SINGING

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

#333

Refrain

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in a time of storm.

Verse 2

When Jesus was on earth,
the flesh was very weak;
he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet.

Refrain

Verse 1

No one can do like Jesus,
not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down
to Lazarus' grave,
and he raised him from the dead.

Verse 3

Yonder comes my Savior,
him whom I love so well;
he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell.

Refrain

Refrain

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 61

Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
From the end of the earth I call to you,
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I;
for you are my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.
Let me abide in your tent for ever,
find refuge under the shelter of your wings.
For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!
May he be enthroned for ever before God;

appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
So I will always sing praises to your name,
as I pay my vows day after day.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

REFLECTION

CHOIR SINGING Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child Lantz

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
a long ways from home, a long ways from home.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone.
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,
a long ways from home, a long ways from home.
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child...*

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 42:7-11

Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God, my rock,
'Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?'
As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,

**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

We invite you to place your offering in the basket located in the center aisle before or after the service, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here. Thank you for your generous giving.



SINGING DURING OFFERING Solo There is a Balm in Gilead

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

you know my way.
In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.
Look on my right hand and see—
there is no one who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for me.
I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, 'You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living.'
Give heed to my cry,
for I am brought very low.
Save me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me.
Bring me out of prison,
so that I may give thanks to your name.
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

How has/how can singing been a part of expressing lament in your life?
What might the spirituals and blues teach us about lament this Lent?

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,**

'Where is your God?'
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SILENCE

*** Silent prayerful reflection. ***

REFLECTION

SINGING

Give Me Jesus

#770

Verse 1

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

Verse 2

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

PSALM OF LAMENT

With my voice I cry to the LORD;
with my voice I make supplication to the LORD.
I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.
When my spirit is faint,

Verse 3

Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *(Refrain)*

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