

be sharing the Good News, and a LCM board member who will be giving a Temple Talk to share more about this ministry. A special offering will be collected that Sunday for LCMTTC.

•**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.



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

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

Claudia Reitan  
Kim & John Schoffstall  
Ardis Fairchild  
Carol Stejskal  
Earl Simons  
Lori Kosek

*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.*

# The Second Sunday of Easter



**April 27, 2025**

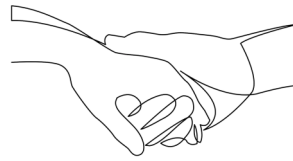
**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN**



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 here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates, so that we can further extend a welcome.*

## *Gathering*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT**

*\*\*Please stand and face the baptismal font.\*\**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life...

P: God of life,

**ALL: We come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for our sins—known and unknown, of things done and left undone. For our carelessness with the gifts of your creation, our indifference toward our neighbor in need, for the ways we cling to death even though you offer us life. And for all the sins we now confess silently in our hearts before you now...**

*\*\*Silence for reflection and repentance\*\**

P: In these baptismal waters, God calls us by name. In these baptismal waters, we are made new. By the power of the risen Christ, your sins are forgiven. Like rain that falls on our thirsting earth, God showers us, morning by morning, with grace and mercy, freeing us to live as God's new creation.

**A: Amen!**

*\*\*During this next song, as the Spirit moves you, you're invited to come to the font and mark the sign of the cross on your forehead with water, remembering the gift of baptism, and our call to die and rise each day in Christ.\*\**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

•**Table Talks TODAY** - Join us after worship for Table Talks, our monthly education hour. Today, we're excited to welcome Dr. Anna Marsh from Luther Seminary as our guest speaker, who will be talking about eating as a spiritual practice.

•**Synod Assembly** - Minneapolis ELCA churches will be gathering for this year's synod assembly May 2-3. On Friday 5/2, ALL are welcome to take part in a lively public worship service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis at 6:30 pm. Carolyn Davis, Cheryl Anderson, and Pastor Ali will take part in the meeting the following day on behalf of CoG.

•**Spring Luncheon**— Ladies' luncheon is Saturday, May 3. Sign up on the poster by the information desk. If you plan to attend but cannot sign up in person, call the church office. Your name, number of guests, and food allergies/restrictions will be added to the poster. If you don't drive, your chauffeur, male or female, is welcome to be an invited guest. Last day to sign up is today, TODAY. Our program will be Alan Mahnke playing the organ.

•**Grounds and Gardens** - If you're interested in taking part in gardening at CoG this summer, let Isak Tranvik know. And mark your calendars for our church-wide Spring Clean-Up Day on Sat, May 10 from 9-12. Reach out to Gayle Merritt with any questions.

•**Unity in Motion 5K** - Get your walking/running shoes laced up! On Sat, May 10 at 9 am at Palmer Lake Park, you're invited to take part in CAPI's Unity in Motion 5k in support of our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Registration and more info at [www.capiusa.org/unity-in-motion/](http://www.capiusa.org/unity-in-motion/).

•**Upcoming events for CoG kids** - Our final First Sunday gathering before summer is Sunday 5/4. During part of worship, kids of all ages will be invited to hear the Godly Play story of the "Parable of the Sower," plant their own flowers, and help paint signs for our community garden. And on Wed 5/7, we'll gather for our final First Wednesday: games begin at 5, a community meal (at which all are welcome!) is at 5:30. Activities go from 6-7. Confirmation begins at 7.

•**Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday** - We look forward to welcoming folks from Lutheran Campus Ministry Twin Cities (LCMTC) on May 11 to help lead our worship service, including a student preacher who will (continued)

**Verse 3**

Go on your way in love my friends,  
Go on your way in love my friends,  
Go on your way in love my friends.  
Let your left foot say glory and  
Your right say Amen!

**Verse 4**

Go on your way in joy my friends,  
Go on your way in joy my friends,  
Go on your way in joy my friends.  
Let your left foot say glory and  
Your right say Amen!

**DISMISSAL**

P: Christ is risen. Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**A: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**MUSIC AND ART CREDITS**

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**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
Guest Preacher: Rev. Bonnie Wilcox  
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams  
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
Vocalists: Johnetta Freeman, Kris Simon  
Guitar: Josh Smith  
Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey

Greeters: Dan and Julie Aulwes  
Reader: Pam Gilbert  
Ushers: Tom Simon, Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Josh Day  
Fellowship: Julie and Dan Aulwes  
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

**MUSIC**

**Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light,  
my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone,  
this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

**Verse 2**

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**A: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together:  
**All: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**In Christ Alone**

**Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world  
by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth  
in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious  
blood of Christ.

**Verse 4**

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell,  
no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ  
I'll stand.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:14-29

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.  
Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.  
“This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”  
I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Hosanna! O Lord, save us!  
We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God and has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes  
with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death,  
shall never die.

Verse 3

In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn,  
or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still,  
yet loves the more,  
and lives,  
where even hope has died.

Christ is Alive

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Verse 4

Women and men,  
in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice,  
love, and praise.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*\*Kids are invited to come to the front at this time to prepare leading the Sending Song.\*\**

BLESSING

L: May God the Creator, Jesus the Christ, and the ever-moving Spirit  
bless you now and forever.

**A: Amen**

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

MUSIC

Go On Your Way In Joy

Meyer

Verse 1

Go on your way in joy my friends,  
Go on your way in joy my friends,  
Go on your way in joy my friends.  
Let your left foot say glory and  
Your right say Amen!

Verse 2

Go on your way in peace  
my friends,  
Go on your way in peace  
my friends,  
Go on your way in peace  
my friends.  
Let your left foot say glory and  
Your right say Amen!



SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you!

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*\*\*You may be seated\*\**

OFFERING

Our "alleluias" continue through the offering we joyfully share. Offering can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or given online via our secure giving page found at [www.crossofglory.us](http://www.crossofglory.us). Thank you for sharing generously for the sake of God's gift of life together!



SPECIAL MUSIC

Touch that Soothes and Heals

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Shepherd us O God,

*\*\*sung between spoken petitions\*\**

Sheet music for the song "Touch that Soothes and Heals". The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled "All" and the second staff is labeled "Table". The lyrics are: "Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in - to life."

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing Jubilate Deo

Estes

*Sing Jubilate Deo, come and rejoice with gladness.  
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and sing with a joyful song!  
Oh, how can my heart keep silent when there is music in my soul?  
We will rejoice and let praises flow.  
You have arisen. We all rejoice.  
You came and made us whole.  
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and rejoice with gladness.  
Sing Jubilate Deo, come and sing with a joyful song!  
Sing Jubilate Deo!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Duncan IV

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

P: The Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

Sheet music for the Alleluia. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three parts: Part I, Part II, and Part III. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Duncan IV

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

SERMON

Rev. Bonnie Willcox

MUSIC

Scars

Hein/McConnel/  
Armstrong/Hulse

**Verse 1**  
Waking up to a new sunrise,  
Looking back from the other side,  
I can see now with open eyes.  
Darkest water and deepest pain,  
I wouldn't trade it for anything,  
'Cause my brokenness

brought me to You.  
And these wounds  
are a story You'll use.

**Chorus 1**  
(So) I'm thankful for the scars,  
'Cause without them I wouldn't  
know Your heart.  
And I know they'll always  
tell of who You are,  
So forever I am thankful  
for the scars.

**Verse 2**  
Now I'm standing in confidence  
With the strength  
Of Your faithfulness  
And I'm not who I was before;  
No, I don't have to fear anymore.  
(Chorus 1)

CONFESSON OF FAITH

*\*\* Please rise 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.**

**Bridge**  
I can see,  
I can see  
How You delivered me.  
In Your hands,  
In Your feet  
I am now set free. (Repeat)

**Chorus 2**  
I'm thankful for Your scars,  
'Cause without them I wouldn't  
know Your heart.  
And with my life I'll tell  
of who You are,  
So forever I am thankful. (Chorus 1)

Apostles Creed