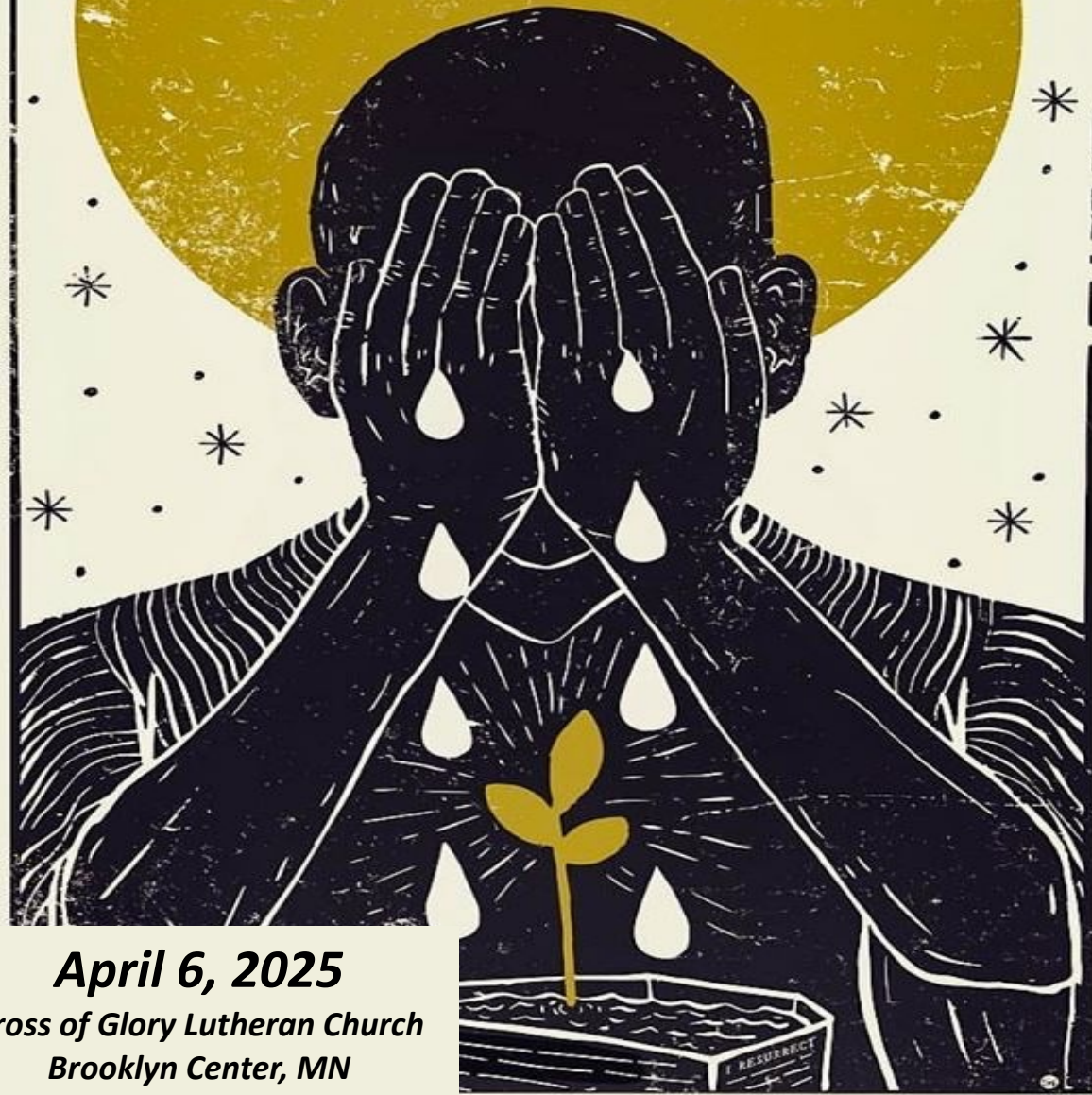


* The Fifth Sunday In Lent
L[am]ent: GATHERING



April 6, 2025
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

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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.
- Last Lenten Community Potluck Supper + Prayer THIS WED** - Join us at 5:30 pm this Wednesday for a short time of prayer and a meal in fellowship hall. This week's meal is a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share as you're able!
- Palm Sunday Breakfast**— Camp kids will be at the table selling "*Palm Sunday All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast*" tickets for only \$5 each! Bring your family and friends have great meal including pancakes, sausage, yogurt cups, fruit, and a few more goodies!
- Thank You Everyone Who Purchased Gertens** —The campers raised nearly \$900 for camp funds! Plants will be delivered and ready for pick up May 14th –18th during office hours or after church. They will be in the courtyard.
- Table Talks** - Mark your calendars for April 27 after worship, when we'll gather for our monthly education hour. This month, we look forward to welcoming Dr. Anna Marsh from Luther Seminary who will be talking about "Faith + Food: Eating as a spiritual practice."
- Grounds and Gardens** - Now that spring is here, we're beginning to think about our community gardening efforts for the summer ahead. If you're interested in taking part in any gardening at CoG this summer or are interested in claiming any garden beds, let Isak Tranvik know!
- 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HANDBELLS

In the Garden

Miles

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.



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*

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.

Turn us again to 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.

MUSIC

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

Verse 1

Come let us go
to the house of the Lord,
The Kingdom of God
And humanity.
A place for all races,
A place where Your graces
dwell in our hearts,
In the works of our hands.

Chorus

Come again.
Feed Your lambs.
We are Your hands.

Verse 2

And now we see as in a mirror
Reflections of You,
of what is to come.

Maranatha

A glorious cloud,
A beauty profound in the widow,
The orphan, the lame,
and the poor (*Chorus*)

Bridge

We are a broken world, oh Lord,
Not worthy for the call to love.
We're healed by grace
through faith in You,
A people truly set apart.
We are a broken world, oh Lord,
Not worthy to be set apart.
We die unto our selfish ways
And go unto Your sacred heart .
(*Chorus 2x*)

Maher

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

A: Holy God, we are your living body. Gather us together to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, who rejoiced and wept among us. Amen.

PSALM OF LAMENT

Psalm 130



Out | of the depths
 I cry to | you, O Lord;
O Lord, | hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.
 If you were to keep watch | over sins,
 O Lord, | who could stand?
Yet with you | is forgiveness,
in order that you | may be feared.
 I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;
 in your word | is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.
 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
 with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.
For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.

SILENCE

*** You're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection. ***

FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-16

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**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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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Generous Host,
Even as we fast, you prepare for us a feast.
Even as we weep, you offer us joy.
Even as we lament, you nourish us for the journey.
Filled with the gift of your body, send us now to set tables of hospitality
and love in our communities, that we might become your body, for the
sake of an aching world.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MUSIC **Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow** **#327**

Verse 1

Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.

Verse 4

Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

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.**

SILENCE

*** You're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection. ***

CHOIR ANTHEM **Be Still My Soul, Before the Lord** Haugen/Stuempfle

*Be still, My Soul, Before the Lord, for God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.
You need not multiply your words, nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands the hunger of your heart.
Wait, then, in quiet confidence, your anxious thoughts at rest,
God knows your needs before you ask and works for what is best.
Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord; on God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.*

CHILDRENS SERMON

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:36-46

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-sixth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

SILENCE

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REFLECTION I

MUSIC

Stay With Me

#348

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray.
Watch and pray. *repeat*

REFLECTION II

QUESTIONS FOR PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

When have you gathered with others to lament?
How might you gather (with) others as we continue to do the work of
lament--the remainder of this Lent, and beyond?

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.**

MUSIC

How Beautiful

Paris

Verse 1

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread
and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads
and the hill to the cross.

Chorus

How beautiful, how beautiful,
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

Verse 2

How beautiful the heart that bled,
That took all my sin
and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive
and never despise. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice

MUSIC

Bind Us Together

Gillman

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God,
There is only one king;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing: *(refrain)*

That we will live just as He died,
Willing to pay the price.
Willing to pay the price.

Verse 3

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom
with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful
when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives
so that others may live. *(Chorus)*

Verse 4

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news
and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread
and the sons of the earth. *(Chorus)*

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God,
Loved by his precious Son;
Called to life abundant,
Which has now begun. *(refrain)*

Verse 3

You are the family of God,
You are the body of Christ,
You are the bread that feeds,
You are the glorious new wine.
(refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

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: 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.

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

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ is shed for you.

All: Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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.



MUSIC

Come As You Are

Glover/ Crowder/ Maher

Verse 1

Come out of sadness
from wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted,
let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy.
O sinner, come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven can't heal.

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home,
You're not too far.
So, lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table.

Come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
Rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't cure.
(Chorus)

Bridge

Come as you are.
Fall in His arms.
Come as you are.

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning .
O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven can't heal.
(Chorus)

Ending

Come as you are.
Come as you are.
Come as you are.