

The  
Fifth  
Sunday  
of  
Easter



***May 18, 2025***

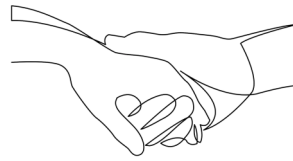
***Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN***



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**

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me  
Loosen**

**Traditional  
Halpert**

### **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 confess 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!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

•**Camp Fundraiser Update-** Thanks to you our campers have raised \$2,845.00 to off set the \$5,650.00 camp costs! Thank you for supporting our kids attend camp Wapo! We have one more project. On May 31st, stop over at Family of God Lutheran Church (8625 Zane Ave N Brooklyn Park) to shop for some crafts and direct sales vendors to help raise money for camp.

•**WELCA Summer Service Project-** WELCA is collecting personal care supplies for their summer project. Please see a list of supplies needed at the welcome desk, take one and shop for supplies, or make a donation to CEAP. (just note CEAP personal care in the memo line.)

•**Table Talks** - Mark your calendars for Sunday 5/25 after worship, when we'll be hearing from Keith Williams about our beautiful new art exhibit. This will be our last table talks before taking a break for summer.

•**Camp Wapo Orientation** - All camp families and kids are invited to a gathering on Sunday evening, June 1 at 7 pm at CoG. This is an opportunity to learn more about what kids' time at camp will entail, go over some logistics, and get to know fellow campers and their families. Please RSVP to Pastor Ali by May 25.

•**Golden Valley Pride Festival** - Mark your calendars for Sat, June 7 from 12 -6 pm at Brookview Park in Golden Valley. Wildfire has a joint table - let the office know if you're interested in taking part!

•**Vacation Bible School** - Save the dates! On Aug 11-14, kids preschool age through 6th grade from 7 Wildfire churches will join together for VBS hosted at Cross of Glory. This year's theme is "At the Table," with curriculum by ELCA World Hunger. Meals for kids and families begin at 5:15 pm, program (stories, crafts, games, worship) from 5:45pm-7:30pm. Registration \$25/child, scholarships available. Sign up through the church office by July 1.

•**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.

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Guest Musician: Rachel Kurtz

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey

Greeters: Bob Wertz and Linda Knudsen

Reader: Bob Wertz

Communion: Laura McClanahan, Arlene Kosek, Carolyn Davis

Ushers: Steve Ferley, Jeffline Tolbert, Don Halverson, Josh Day

Fellowship: Bob Wertz, Lois and Ron Tollefsrud

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



*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  
Kim & John Schoffstall

Ardis Fairchild  
Carol Stejskal  
Earl Simons  
Lori Kosek  
Harvey Johnson  
Marcy Hartlage  
Family and friends of Dick Hoium

*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

### Only By Our Lonesome

### Crary

*\*\*During this 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.\*\**

#### Verse 1

We confess that we cannot do it all  
Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome  
There is space between,  
where we put a wall  
Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome

#### Refrain

Won't you knock down all the walls  
That we've built stable?  
Tip them over and restore them  
To sturdy dinner tables

#### Verse 2

We confess that we  
cannot free ourselves

Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome  
And despite our best  
we get overwhelmed  
Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome *Refrain*

#### Verse 3

We confess that we  
cannot find our way  
Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome  
Please forgive our sins,  
reignite our flame  
Only by our lonesome,  
only by our lonesome *Refrain*

## 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 Christ, you are both lamb and shepherd. Meet us in our wants and our fears, in death and in life, in the darkest valleys and the greenest pastures, reminding us of the flock which we are a part of. In the name of our shepherding God, we pray, Amen.**

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

MUSIC

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#733

**Verse 1**  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow  
of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy  
compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been,  
thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain**  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;  
all I have needed  
thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

**Verse 2**  
Summer and winter and  
springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in  
their courses above  
join with all nature in  
manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness,  
mercy, and love. *Refrain*

**Verse 3**  
Pardon for sin and a  
peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and  
bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.

BLESSING

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

A: Amen

MUSIC

Go On Your Way In Joy

Meyer

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

**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!

**Verse 4**  
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 5**  
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 CREDITS

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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.

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 grape juice at the second station. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the juice. 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      **Plowshare Prayer**                      **LaJoy**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray:  
Living One, in this feast, you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and live out the good news of your resurrection.  
**A: Amen.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Sending* \_\_\_\_\_

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\*\*Kids are invited to come to the front at this time to prepare leading the last song . \*\**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CoG HANDBELL CHOIR**                      **Break Forth into Joy**                      **Hughes**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**                      **Rachel Kurtz**

**GOSPEL READING**                      **John 10:22-30**

*\*\* Please stand as you are able \*\**  
P: The Gospel according to John the tenth chapter.  
**A: Glory to you O Lord.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: Word of God, word of life.  
**A: Praise to you O Christ.**

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

REFECTION

MUSIC                      Just a Closer Walk with Thee                      #697

**Refrain**  
Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**Verse 1**  
I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to  
thee. *Refrain*

**Verse 2**  
Through this world of toil and  
snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none  
but thee. *Refrain*

**Verse 3**  
When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy  
shore. *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF FAITH                      Apostles Creed

*\*\* 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.

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                      Salvation Mountain                      Daigle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Shepherd me, O God,  
*\*\*sung between spoken petitions\*\**

All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from  
death in - to life.

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.