

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- 2026 Giving Envelopes** - For those who requested giving envelopes, you can now pick those up at the Welcome Desk. Please contact Rachel if you have any questions or need anything else! All envelopes will be completed by Jan. 25. Thank you for your patience!
- Monthly Third Sunday New Creation Update Next Week** - The New Creation team will continue to share monthly updates during coffee hour after worship on third Sundays. All continue to be welcome to attend and listen in on biweekly meetings as well: first Thursdays and third Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (contact a team member for rotating location info). Otherwise, the team will continue to bring everyone thorough updates on third Sundays during coffee hour. All meeting minutes are also available to everyone in the church office.
- Third Wed New Creation Meal** - Our monthly rotating potluck meal shared with friends from Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran will take place this month at FLW on Wed, Jan 21 at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for this time of food and fellowship.
- Wildfire Book Club** - Join Wildfire siblings in Jan and Feb for a communal reading and study of Julia Lambert Fogg's "Finding Jesus at the Border." The book explores stories of migration and welcome throughout Scripture and in our current contexts. Facilitated by Vicar Karla Leitzman of Faith Lilac Way. You can attend any or all of the gatherings: Thurs 1/15 at 6:30 pm at FLW and on Zoom (chap. 1-4), Tues 2/10 at 6:30 pm at FLW and on Zoom (chap. 5-8), Thurs 2/12 from 6-8 at House of Hope with pizza (entire book discussion led by author). Reach out to Karla at vicar@faithlilacway.org to receive the zoom link if you plan to join any of these gatherings virtually.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: Jan 25** - Mark your calendars and plan to join us immediately after worship on Sunday, Jan 25 for our annual meeting. Stick around after that for a community meal (Council will provide a baked potato bar, side up to bring a side at the Welcome Desk!)
- Guest Preacher Next Sunday** - We are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders as our guest preacher next Sunday, Jan 18th! Cody is Associate Professor of Congregational & Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary, and an ordained pastor in the Alliance of Baptists and American Baptist Churches U.S.A. tradition.

The Baptism of our Lord



Art by Flora Wong

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
January 11, 2026



Welcome to worship! In this season of Epiphany, as we read scriptural stories that reveal the kind of kingdom Jesus has taken on flesh to bring about, we glimpse God who meets us in the ordinary stuff of our world--flesh, bread, wine, water--and who invites us to help make God's kingdom manifest in our world today. And it all begins in baptism. This is why our services this season begin at the font. As we're splashed with the waters of baptism, we remember our call to boldly live out our baptisms in the ordinariness of our lives, and to do so with extraordinary love.

We're glad you're here to take part in this holy work! If you're visiting Cross of Glory, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pews, so that we can further extend the welcome.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

MUSIC

I've Got Peace Like a River

#159

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river
in my soul (repeat)

Verse 2

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean
in my soul. (repeat)

** Please rise as you are able **

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*Congregation is invited to turn toward the font where we confess our sins, receive the gift of God's grace, and remember the gift of our baptisms. Kids are invited to come toward the font and make waves with the blue linen, a reminder of the ever-moving waters of baptism).

Pastor: Called to live the baptized life, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life...

P: God of life,

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

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Greeters: Gary Jacobson, Kirsten Edstrom

Readers: Pam Gilbert

Ushers: Don Halverson Cheryl Anerson, Kim Schoffstall, Gordy Johnsrud

Fellowship: Dan and Julie Aulwes

Tech Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey

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
Mark Trease

Becca and Donald Floyd
Sharon Quick
Josh Day
John Thomson
Marian Priest
Sherry Weko

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (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

Living Waters

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Verse 1

Are you thirsty?
 Are you empty?
 Come and drink these living waters.
 Tired and broken,
 Peace unspoken,
 Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling,
 Find refreshing
 At the cross of living waters.
 Lay your life down,
 All the old gone,
 Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows
 With mercy and love,
 Bringing joy to the city of our God.
 There our hope is secure.
 Do not fear anymore.
 Praise the Lord of living waters.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

We invite you to face the back doors, link hands or arms with someone near you, an embodied reminder that we go forth not only with the presence of God, but also in the company of one another

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!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
 A: Thanks be to God.

Verse 3

Spirit moving,
 Mercy washing,
 Healing in these living waters.
 Lead your children
 To the shoreline,
 Life is in these living waters.
 (Chorus)

Verse 4

Are you thirsty?
 Are you empty?
 Come and drink these living waters.
 Love, forgiveness,
 Vast and boundless,
 Christ He is our living waters.
 (Chorus)

Ending

There our hope is secure,
 Do not fear anymore.
 Praise the Lord of living waters.

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 prefer to live in darkness rather than in the light of your presence. 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. God showers us, morning by morning, with grace and mercy, freeing us to live as God's new creation.

A: Amen!

MUSIC

I've Got Peace Like a River

Reprise

*** see lyrics on page 2 ***

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

All: God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. May your love, your grace, and your power wash over us anew today, that all your beloved children would be enlivened to live out our baptismal callings; in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
 a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
 He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
 Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
 I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
 I am the Lord; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC Down to the River to Pray Traditional

Chorus
 As I went down in the river to pray
 Studying about that good ol' way
 And who shall wear the
 robe and crown
 Good Lord show me the way

Verse 1
 Oh sinners let's go down
 Let's go down come on down
 Oh sinners let's go down
 Down in the river to pray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how:

1. *Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*
2. *Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*
3. *Return to your seat, and spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.*
4. *You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying.*

Tip: keep it in a place where you'll see it often -- fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.-- and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!

P: And now let us pray:

God of light, we commend all these prayers before you, trusting in your abundant mercy, and in your light, which shines in our darkness.

All: Amen.

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Our prayers continue as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

ALL: 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.

Sending

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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.

OFFERING

As part of our baptismal lives we are called to joyfully share our gifts. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates as they are being passed or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift, so that we might share God's love here in our congregation and throughout the wider community. Thank you!



MUSIC

All Who Are Thirsty

Brown/ Robertson

Verse

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy,
As deep cries out to deep.
(We sing)

Chorus 1

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. *(repeat)*

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come. *(repeat)*

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Verse 2

Oh sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

Verse 3

Oh brothers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

SCRIPTURE READING

read responsively

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;

give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

CHOIR ANTHEM All Who Believe and are Baptized Weber

*All Who Believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation.
Baptized into the death of Christ, they are a new creation.
Though Christ's redemption they shall stand among the glorious heav'nly
band of ev'ry tribe and nation.
With one accord O God we pray grant us your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day that by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.
Alleluia. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-17

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated** Kids are invited to meet our Kids Ministry Leaders in the back of the sanctuary for "Godly Play," a time of storytelling. We'll regather in the sanctuary following the sermon.

SERMON

BAPTISMAL BLESSING

MUSIC Wade in the Water #459

Refrain (1st time solo)

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Verse 1

(See that host all dressed in white,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 2

(See that band all dressed in red,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 3

(Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Refrain

Verse 4

(If you don't believe
I've been redeemed,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water
(just follow me down to
Jordan's stream.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

Refrain

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** 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,
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,**