

musicianship, and in faith! Youth will gather at 10 AM on the last Sat of the month January-April 2026 (rotating location). They'll sing at Synod Assembly on May 2nd and have a spring concert on May 17th. Reach out to Pastor Ali to get involved!

•**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 Second Sunday after Epiphany



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
January 18, 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 we can further extend a welcome to you.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Congregation is invited to rise and 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)

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*)

Verse 3

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain
in my soul. (*repeat*)

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

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,

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

•**Monthly New Creation update TODAY during coffee hour** - 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). All meeting minutes are also available to everyone in the church office.

•**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

•**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!

•**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," which explores stories of migration and welcome in Scripture and in our current context. We'll gather 3x to discuss the book, facilitated by Vicar Karla Leitzman of Faith Lilac Way. The author will join us for the third. You can attend any or all of the gatherings: Thurs 1/15 at 6:30 pm at FLW and on Zoom (ch 1-4), Tues 2/10 at 6:30 pm at FLW and on Zoom (ch 5-8), Thurs 2/12 from 6-8 at House of Hope with pizza (entire book discussion led by author).

•**Path to Palm Sunday Leader Training** - Join the work of Isaiah (nonpartisan, multi-faith group that organizes around racial and economic justice in MN). A leader training ahead of the Palm Sunday march is scheduled for Thurs, Jan 22 at 6 pm (location TBD). Talk with Pastor Ali to learn more.

•**Synod Youth Choir** - Kids ages 5-18 are invited to take part in synod-wide choir. This is a great way to grow in relationship with one another, in



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

Norma Gilbertson
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Mark Trease
Becca and Donald Floyd
Josh Day

John Thomson
Marian Priest
Sherry Weko
Loved ones of Mavis Wold
Loved ones of Ardy Jereski

*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.*

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 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

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*)

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

All: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit, abide with us, that through your grace we may faithfully worship, courageously serve you, and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MUSIC

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

#314

Verse 1

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Verse 2

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Verse 3

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Verse 4

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

read responsively

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known
and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'** "

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your
steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**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.

POSTLUDE

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Glory

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Wilkinson

Verse 1

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

Verse 2

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r.

Verse 3

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

Verse 4

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

Verse 5

May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Holden/Dawson)

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown Him Lord of all!
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown Him Lord of all!
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

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

P: The Gospel according to John the first chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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: Let us 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Jesus shows up in a lowly manger, and in the simple gifts of bread and wine. Come, meet Christ in this meal.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

A: Amen.

P: The blood of Christ is shed for you.

A: Amen.

**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

Verse 1

Hide me now
Under Your wings.
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand.

Chorus

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar,
I will soar with You
Above the storm.

Still

Lord, You are King
Over the flood.
I will be still
and know You are God.

Verse 2

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone.
Know His pow'r
In quietness and trust.
(Chorus 2x)

Morgan

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.