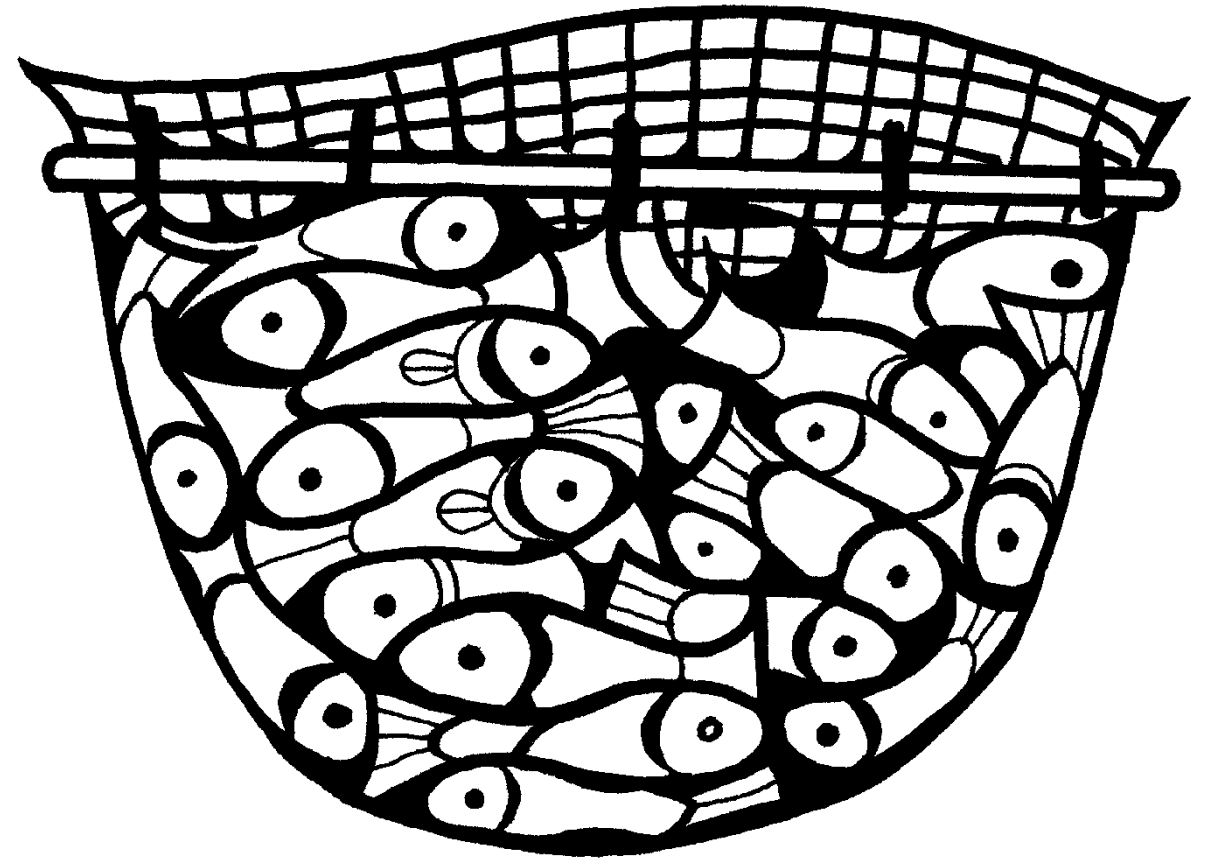


Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

The Third Sunday after Epiphany



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
January 25, 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

HANDBELL CHOIR

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

•**Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon** - Immediately following worship today, we will conduct our annual congregational meeting for all voting members. Please plan to stay, and join us for lunch to follow.

•**Community Support** - If you are interested supporting neighbors during these difficult days, stop by the table near the Welcome Desk to learn about a variety of ways you can help, on 1/23 (Day of Prayer and Fasting for Truth and Freedom), as well as before and beyond.

•**Household Items Collection** - CAPI is finding ways to get food and basic household items into the hands of those who need it right now. Let's help them out! Please bring: soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, soap detergent, and diapers to COG between now and Feb 15, when we'll join with them to have a packing event (stay tuned for more info).

•**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 (led by author).

•**2026 Giving Envelopes** - For those who requested giving envelopes, you can now pick those up at the Welcome Desk. All envelopes are completed. If you turned in a pledge card, and have not received your envelopes, please see Rachel.

•**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 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



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*

*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

***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: 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.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
 You have multiplied exultation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
 For the yoke of their burden
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

MUSIC **Here I Am To Worship** **Hughes**

Verse 1
 Light of the world,
 You stepped down into darkness,
 Opened my eyes, let me see.
 Beauty that made
 This heart adore You,
 Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus
 So here I am to worship,
 Here I am to bow down,
 Here I am to say that
 You're my God.
 And You're altogether lovely,
 Altogether worthy,
 Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2
 King of all days,
 Oh, so highly exalted,
 Glorious in heaven above.
 Humbly You came
 To the earth You created,
 All for love's sake became poor.
(Chorus x2)

Bridge
 And I'll never know
 how much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross.
 And I'll never know how
 much it cost
 To see my sin upon that cross .
(Chorus)

****All those who are members of Cross of Glory are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the annual congregational meeting, which will immediately follow worship. Members must sign-in on one of the sign-in sheets for the purposes of roll call. All other visitors and guests are welcome to head to the Fellowship Hall, where we will gather to break bread together after the meeting.****

MUSIC CREDITS

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC God of Grace and God of Glory #705

*** Please stand as you are able. Kids are invited to grab an instrument from the basket, return to your seat, and make a joyful noise as we sing.***

Verse 1
God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

Verse 2
Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long
have bound us

Verse 3
Cure your children's
warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

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.

POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Grant us Thy Holy Peace Palestrina/Morgan

*We pray to Thee, O Lord, our heav'nly father;
Hear Thou our pray'rs and grant us Thy holy peace.
Make us to love Thee, make us to love Thee as Thou loved us.
Make us to love our fellow men, our fellow men
Now and forevermore, forever more.
We pray to Thee, O Lord,
We pray to Thee to grant us Thy holy peace.
Thy holy peace.*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People:

1. *Take a paper star (located in your bulletin) 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 Epiphany 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: 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.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

#798

Verse 1

"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"

Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"

Verse 3

"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"

Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and
footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

MUSIC

Verse 1

Worthy is the
Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song
to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy,
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

Revelation Song

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning,
rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor strength, and
Glory and power be
to You, the only wise King.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Filled with wonder,
awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power,
breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.
(Chorus 2x)

Riddle

CONFESSIO 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,**