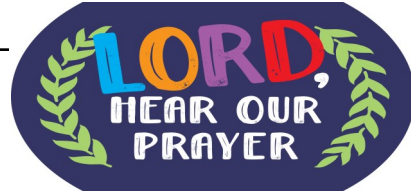


*Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:*



*Norma Gilbertson  
Jeannie Kuzmich  
Eric Thompson & family  
Becca and Donald Floyd  
Jackie Fryhling  
Iva Stockdill*

*Lois Tollefsrud  
Marian Priest  
Don Earnest  
Loved ones of Arlene Finke*

*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.*



# Ash Wednesday

**February 18, 2026**

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## INVITATION TO LENT

## LENTEN CONFESSION

ELW

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most holy and merciful God,

**All: we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our past unfaithfulness, pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.



Each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening this Lenten season, we'll explore stories that invite us more deeply into the Lenten journey. In this season of reflection and repentance, prayer and fasting, we'll be reminded that we do not journey alone. God walks with us. And we walk with each other. Join us for the journey.

New Creation Midweek Lenten Rotation: 5:15 pm soup supper, 6 pm worship: \*Soup provided. Bring bread/salad/sides to share.\*

- Feb 25: First
- Mar 4: COG
- Mar 11: FLW
- Mar 18: First
- Mar 25: COG

## BLESSING

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

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC

### Nothing Can Trouble

ACS #1033

#### Verse 1

Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God

shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us. *(repeat)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## MUSIC CREDITS

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Technical Team: Mike McClanahan  
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**A: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**A: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## MUSIC

### Bless Now, O God the Journey

#326

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

#### Verse 1

Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,  
the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.

#### Verse 2

Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way;  
your hope burns through the  
terrors,

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

## LESSON

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound;  
together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

#### Verse 3

Divine eternal lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for land of promise  
where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

Psalms 51:1-17

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.  
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*\*\* 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,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer,  
*(Sung response between petitions: #751)*  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come, and listen to me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION + PRAYER STATIONS

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Beauty for Ashes**

**Mark Trease**

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those wishing to receive ashes are invited to come forward when an usher dismisses your row. For those wishing to receive a blessing only, you may come forward and cross your arms across your chest. For those who would like an assistant to come to their pew for the imposition of ashes, simply cue an usher.*

Pastor: You are dust and to dust you shall return.

### SPECIAL MUSIC DURING ASHES

**Beautiful Things**

**Mark Trease**

## MUSIC

### Verse 1

A sacrifice pleasing to God  
Is a broken spirit.  
You'll not despise a humble heart.  
You will hold and heal it.

### Pre-Chorus

Renew, restore,  
Remember me my Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together...

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us for love. Continue creating in us today new and honest hearts, that we may walk this Lenten road drawing ever nearer to You. In the name of the Triune One who accompanies us on the journey--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## MUSIC

### Verse 1

"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;  
drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to me and live."

### Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.

## Create In Me

### Chorus

Create in me a new heart  
After Yours, after Yours.  
Create in me a new heart  
After Yours, after Yours,  
My Lord.

### Verse 2

Come purify and I will be clean.  
Wash away all my shame.  
O, let me hear gladness and joy.  
Let my mouth sing Your praise.

## Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

#777

### Verse 3

"Come to me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
turn to me and seek my face."

### Refrain

### Verse 4

"Come to me, repentant sinners;  
leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion,  
turn to me, I call your name."

### Refrain

**Verse 5**  
"Come to me,  
distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.

Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend."  
*Refrain*

## LESSON

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains,  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.  
Yet even now, says the Lord,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
    rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the Lord your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
    slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relenting from punishment.  
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the Lord your God?  
Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    consecrate a fast;  
all a solemn assembly;  
    gather the people.  
Consecrate the congregation;  
    assemble the aged;  
    gather the children,  
    even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room

and the bride her canopy.  
Between the vestibule and the altar,  
    let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,  
    and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
    a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
    'Where is their God?' "

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSIC

**At the Foot of the Cross**

**K. Scott**

### *Verse 1*

At the foot of the cross  
Where grace and suffering meet,  
You have shown me Your love  
Through the judgment  
You received.  
And You've won my heart.  
Yes, You've won my heart.

### *Chorus*

Now I can  
trade these ashes in for beauty  
And wear forgiveness  
like a crown.  
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy  
I lay ev'ry burden down  
At the foot of the cross.

### *Verse 2*

At the foot of the cross  
Where I am made complete,  
You have given me life  
Through the death  
You bore for me.  
And You've won my heart.  
Yes, You've won my heart.  
(Chorus 2x)

### *Ending*

I lay ev'ry burden down.  
I lay ev'ry burden down  
At the foot of the cross.

## LESSON

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Jesus said to the disciples: 'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.  
'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their