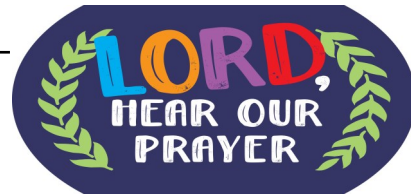


•**Synod Youth Choir** - Kids ages 5-18 are invited to take part in synod-wide choir. This is a great way to grow in relationship with one another, in musicianship, and in faith! Youth will gather at 10 AM on the last Sat of the month January-April 2026 (rotating location). They'll sing at Synod Assembly 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 Wall located just outside the sanctuary.



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
Loved ones of Doris Swanson*

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.

The
First
Sunday
In Lent

JOURNEYING
WITH

JESUS

LENT 2026

JOIN US ON THE ROAD...

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

February 22, 2026



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

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

A: Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection and repentance.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For relying on ourselves instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your presence in our midst, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Fellowship Hour** - Join us after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

•**Art Gallery Talk TODAY** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a gallery talk with Tony Pollock, the artist/photographer of our new art exhibit that explores themes of place and calling.

•**Resource Table** - Stop by our resource table near the Welcome Desk to learn more about ways you can support our neighbors at this time.

•**Donation Collection** - For the rest of the month, COG will be collecting new/gently used toys and learning materials (puzzles, coloring books, crayons, blocks, art supplies, etc.) for children who need extra support right now. Drop donations off at the Welcome Desk.

•**Support Kids Heading to Camp Wapo** - Camp youth will be at the front doors after worship beginning today with Gertens plant sale information for you. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards will be used to support our campers this summer. You can take a card to order at home, or have one of our youth help you order online with you today! Your support goes a long way to help offset the cost of camp.

•**Bonhoeffer Class** - Mark your calendars for Wed, March 11 and 18 at 7 pm (after Lenten worship), when Rev. Dr. Mark Tranvik--Professor of Reformation History and Theology at Luther Seminary--will teach a two-session class exploring Bonhoeffer and what his witness means for us as people of faith today. These will take place at the church hosting each Lenten service see below for schedule.

•**New Creation Lenten Soup Suppers & Evening Prayer** - COG, FLW, and First are hosting rotating midweek Lenten gatherings as we move more deeply into the theme of "Journeying with Jesus." Each Wednesday during Lent, come anytime after 5:15 for soup supper, bring side to share. Worship is at 6 pm, and will conclude in time for music rehearsals at 7 pm. Feb 25th will take place at First Lutheran. Free will offering goes toward helping kids go to Camp Wapo this summer!

•Mar 4: COG

•Mar 11: FLW (Bonhoeffer class at 7 pm)

•Mar 18: First (Bonhoeffer class at 7 pm)

•Mar 25: COG

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for resorting to our own comforts and conveniences regardless of
the cost to others:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to heed the voices from the margins, for neglecting to share
our bread:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the
free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In
the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One
who raised Christ from the dead dwells with you, pours God's love into
your hearts, and gives you strength and sustenance for the journey.

Amen.

MUSIC

O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days

#319

Verse 1

O Lord,
throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

Verse 2

You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve,
your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.

Verse 3

Though parched and hungry,
yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

Verse 4

Be with us through this season,
Lord, and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

A: God of all goodness, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*** You're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection. ***

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC

Verse 1

The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
God wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at God's voice,
And trembles at God's voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

How Great is Our God

Verse 2

And age to age God stands,
And time is in God's hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing
How great is our God. *(Repeat)*
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please turn to face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

**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!**

MUSIC

How Great is the Greatness of God

Papa, Boswell,
Fowler

Chorus

How faithful the Father above.
How wondrous the work of the Son.
How sweet is the Spirit given to us.
How great is the greatness of God.

Verse 1

Morning by morning
with every dawn
My soul with a new song awaits.
Still in the evening
my praise goes on.
Forever my God is the same.
(chorus)

Verse 2

When my heart gazes on Calvary,
At all of your mercies arrayed,
Oh, that my Savior would die for me,
I sing out with infinite thanks.
(chorus)

Verse 3

Oh, what a comfort in every trial;
His presence is all that I need.
Power that brought resurrection life,
That power is living in me.
That power is living in me.
(Chorus x2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...



God bless ev-'ry step that I am tak-ing and bless the earth be-neath my feet.(repeat)

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Keesecker

*God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world; He gave his only Son.
A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair.
He comes to take away evil, and in his light, we have life!
God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world; He gave his only Son.
And everyone who believes will have eternal life.
Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks and praise.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
God so loved the world; He gave his only Son.
Thank you Lord, for your steadfast love,
Let all who seek you rejoice.
Deliver us from distress and lead us forth in joy.
Don not live in fear. Called to life, arise!
Turn away from sin. Oh come, Lord, enter in.
Lifted up upon a cross, for God so loved the world he gave his only Son.
Lifted up upon a cross, for God so loved the world he gave his only Son.*

CHILDRENS SERMON

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

***Please be seated. You're invited into a time of silent prayerful reflection. ***

SERMON

MUSIC

When We are Tested

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Verse 1

When we are tested and
wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the
world offers stone,
nourish us, God,
by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by
night and by day.

Verse 2

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked
by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond
sign and test,
trusting your presence,
our only true rest.

Verse 3

When we are tempted to barter our
souls,
trading the truth for the
pow'r to control,
teach us to worship
and praise only you,
seeking your will in the
work that we do.

Verse 4

When we have struggled and
searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the
wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with
circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope,
and of prayer.

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.**

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.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

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passed around, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here.
Thank you for your generosity.*

