

Easter Garden
To celebrate, honor and remember

Worship, Music and Arts Committee invites you to honor loved ones, both living and passed, with sanctuary flowers for the Easter service. This year we are pleased to have choices of flowers for the garden. **Last day to order is March 8.**

Given by _____
Phone # _____

Please circle one:
In Celebration of In Honor of In Memory of
Name(s) _____

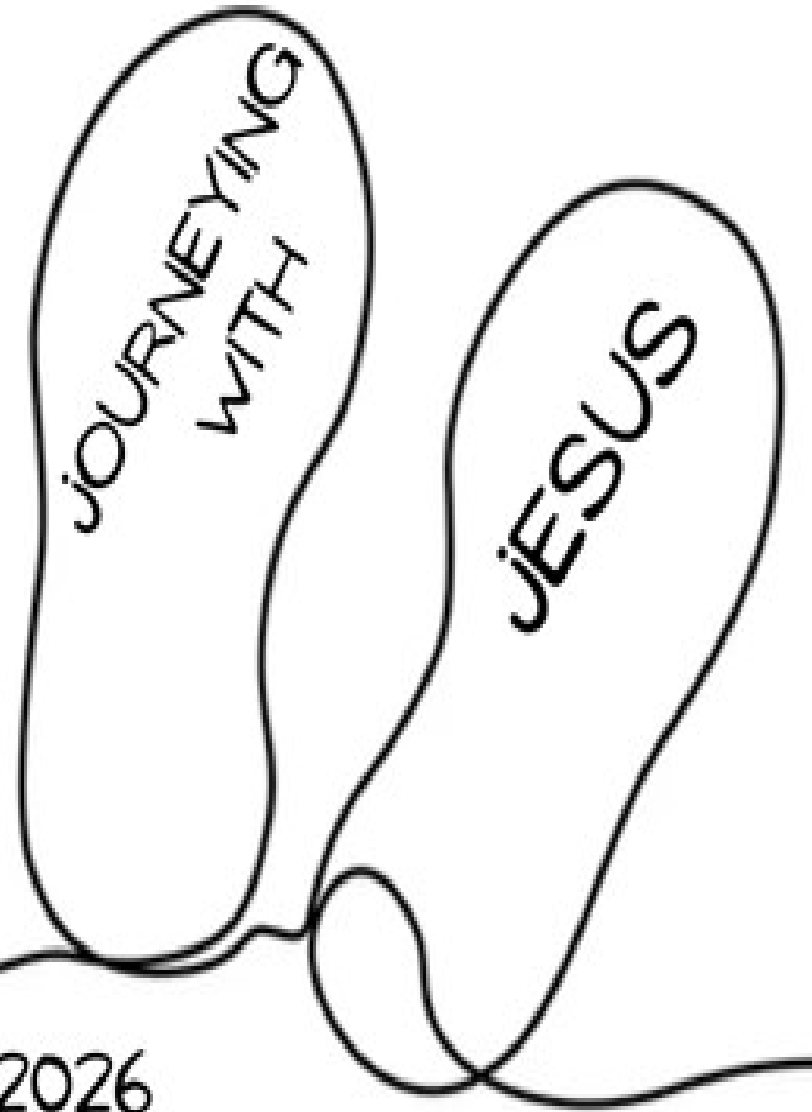
Indicate HOW MANY of each plant you would like.
Lily _____
Mum _____
These are \$16.00 per plant OR 2 for \$28

Hydrangea _____
Pansy Bowl (12.5") _____
These are \$26 per plant OR 2 for \$45

My check/cash is attached _____
- Or -
I paid by credit card on COG Website _____

____ I will pick up my flowers after service on Easter Sunday April 5th.
____ Please adorn the sanctuary for the Easter season.

The
Second
Sunday
In Lent



LENT 2026
JOIN US ON THE ROAD...

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
March 1, 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.

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HANDBELL CHOIR

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

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.

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 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.*

faith today. These will take place at the church hosting each Lenten service (see below for schedule).

•**Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers + Worship with New Creation Churches** 5:15 pm soup supper (soup provided, bring a side to share), 6 pm worship

- Mar 4: CoG
- Mar 11: FLW (Bonhoeffer class at 7 pm)
- Mar 18: First (Bonhoeffer class at 7 pm)
- Mar 25: CoG

•**Path to Palm Sunday** - As we continue to reflect on journeying with Jesus this Lent, we invite you to join neighbors from across MN at the capitol building on the afternoon of Palm Sunday as we join together for a public procession and a worship service. We will highlight our Christian call to love the neighbor, heal the sick, feed the hungry, and welcome the stranger, processing through the streets in a way that harkens back to Jesus' Palm Sunday march over 2000 years ago. We will meet at 2pm at the St. Paul Cathedral and process to the Capitol from there. Reach out to Chellie Sebald to learn more and join us!

•**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.

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.

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

MUSIC

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait
upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait
upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord.

Pre-Chorus

Our God, You reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer,

Chorus

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God.
You do not faint.
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak.
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

A: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: O God, you are with us in our beginnings, in our ends, and as we journey between them. Help us to awaken to your presence, and to love the world as you so love it, 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.

*** Please be seated ***

Word

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;
he Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will | keep your life.
The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

•**Lenten Friday Dinners & Prayer Vigils** - Each Friday evening during Lent, you're invited to a short gathering at COG. At 6 pm, we'll share food from a local restaurant that has been particularly impacted by ICE raids. At 6:30, we'll host a 20-minute prayer vigil for our disappeared neighbors. If you plan to eat, please RSVP each week here: <https://tinyurl.com/4tsxxzpz> (free will offering will be collected to cover costs). You're welcome to share the invite with friends and neighbors for time of breaking bread, grieving, and praying together.

•**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 supper. Worship is at 6 pm, with a pop-up choir for anyone who wants to jump in and sing (rehearsal at 5:40 night of). March 4 will take place here at COG. Free will offering goes toward helping kids go to Camp Wapo this summer!

•**Wildfire Contemplative Prayer** - In the midst of the uncertainties and griefs of our world, we are invited to lean deeply into the traditions and rhythms of our faith. To that end, there is a new Wildfire Contemplative Community being formed to support one another in contemplative prayer practices. On Thurs 3/5 from 7-9 pm at House of Hope, all those who are interested in learning more can come hear Rev. Emily Meyer, Ministry Lab Executive Director, teach a session on what contemplative Christian prayer is and how we can practice it in our lives. RSVP to Ben Allen (member of House of Hope) at bgallen@carleton.edu ASAP.

•**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--will teach a two-session class exploring Bonhoeffer and what his witness means for us as people of

MUSIC CREDITS

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHOIR ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison

Unruh

Kyrie eleison, eleison, eleison.

(Lord, have mercy, mercy, mercy.)

Christe eleison, Christe, eleison, eleison.

(Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

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

P: The Gospel according to John the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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. ***

*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

MUSIC

O Christ Surround Me

#1084

Verse 1

God, be the love to search
and keep me;
God, be the prayer to
move my voice;
God, be the strength to
now uphold me:

Refrain

O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Verse 2

Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
(Refrain)

Verse 3

Brightness of sun and
glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning,
strength of wind,
depth of the sea to
soil of planet: (Refrain)

Verse 4

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above,
and all ways: (Refrain)

Verse 5

Christ in the eyes
of all who see me,
Christ in the ears
that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts
of all who know me: (Refrain)

MUSIC

Bless Now, O God the Journey

#326

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,

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.

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!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC

Come to the Table

Cloninger/ Nystrom

Verse

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine
and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come, and your souls will be fed.

Chorus

Come at the Lord's invitation.
Receive from His nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation.
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

MUSIC

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#325

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble,
Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Generous Host, Even as we fast, you prepare for us a feast. Even as we weep, you offer us joy. Even as we grow weary, you empower us for the journey. Filled with the gift of your body, send us now to set tables of hospitality and love in our communities, that we might become your body, for the sake of an aching world. In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY SONG

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,

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

We invite you to place your offering in the in the plates as they are passed around, or to make a gift using the QR code provided here. Thank you for your generosity.



MUSIC

Verse 1

Come all you weary,
 Come all you thirsty.
 Come to the well
 that never runs dry.
 Drink of the water.
 Come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come all you sinners,
 Come find God's mercy.
 Come to the table, God will satisfy.
 Taste of God's goodness,
 Find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1

For God so loved
 the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us.
 Whoever believes in Him
 will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures,
 Bring your addictions.
 Come lay them down
 at the foot of the cross.
 Jesus is waiting there
 With open arms.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung between spoken petitions:



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

God So Loved

Chorus 2

For God so loved
 the world that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save us.
 Whoever believes in Him
 will live forever.
 The power of hell forever defeated.
 Now it is well.
 I'm walking in freedom.
 For God so loved,
 God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God,
 From whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, praise God,
 For the wonders of God's love.

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world
 that He gave us
 His one and only Son to save.
 (Chorus 2)

Verse 4

Bring all your failures.
 Bring your addictions.
 Come lay them down
 at the foot of the cross.
 Jesus is waiting.
 God so loved the world.

Cash/Bergthold

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: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

P: The body of Christ is given for you..

The blood of Christ is shed for you.

A: Amen.

Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the juice. If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.