



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 am

Join the COG community for our Palm Sunday service when we'll tell the story of Jesus' Palm Sunday march through the streets of Jerusalem. Stick around after worship for a Palm Sunday breakfast served by COG campers (\$5/person), before many of us take part in the Palm Sunday action in downtown St. Paul in the afternoon.



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm

Cross of Glory will host our own service. Join us as we gather to remember Jesus' last supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, and Jesus' call for us to love one another.



Good Friday, April 3 at 7 pm

New creation churches will join together for Good Friday worship at Faith Lilac Way, led by pastors and music leaders from all three churches. Join us as we retell the story of Jesus' crucifixion.



Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am

Easter worship will take place at 9:30 am at Cross of Glory. All are welcome as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection!

The Fifth
Sunday
In Lent—
A
Service of
Lessons,
Music and
Poetry

JOURNEYING
WITH

JESUS

LENT 2026

JOIN US ON THE ROAD...

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

March 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 pm soup supper, 6 pm worship:

*Soup provided. Bring bread/salad/sides to share.

- 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.

available at the camp fundraising table after church next two Sundays and day-of. We hope you can join us for this fun time of food and fellowship!

•**Palm Sunday Public Procession & Worship** - As we journey with Jesus this Lent, join tens of thousands of people across MN and the US on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 29. At 2 pm there's a public procession with palms, leading to a worship service on the capitol lawn, highlighting our Christian call to love the neighbor, and harkening back to Jesus' Palm Sunday march over 2000 years ago. Transportation is provided on a Wildfire bus, and for those not wanting to process but join for the worship service (for accessibility/mobility reasons), arrangements will be made for transport directly to and from the capitol lawn. Please fill out the insert and turn it in at the Welcome Desk to register for this powerful event to kick-off our holy week together!

•**Plant Sale Camp Fundraiser** - Kids headed to Camp Wapo this summer will be at the front doors today after worship with Gertens plant sale info. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards go toward camp support. Take info and make your order at home, or have a youth help you order online today! Your support goes a long way in offsetting the cost of camp.

•**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.

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



Norma Gilbertson
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd

Iva Stockdill
Lois Tollefsrud
Don Earnest

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.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

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Greeters: Chellie Sebald, Judy Lewis

Reader: Chellie Sebald

Ushers: Tom Simon, Gayle Merritt, Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson

Fellowship: Arlene Kosek, Wilma Frantz

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Fellowship Hour + New Creation Monthly Update** - Stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. During fellowship time today, the New Creation Team will share its monthly update!

•**One More Lenten New Creation Soup Supper & Worship** - Join us for our last midweek Lenten worship service with our new creation partners. This week we're back at COG. Come anytime after 5 pm for soup supper (bring a side to share). 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).

•**One More Lenten Friday Dinner & Prayer Vigil** - Join us this next Friday 3/27 for our last Lenten Friday gathering. 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 is collected to cover costs). You're welcome to share the invite with friends and neighbors for time of breaking bread, grieving, and praying together.

•**Table Talks** - Join us after worship TODAY for Table Talks, our monthly adult ed hour. This month, our topic is Faith + Enemies. We invite you to read a short article beforehand titled "The Forgotten Christian Discipline of Loving your Enemies" (copies available on the bulletin board near office) to serve as a basis for our discussion.

•**Palm Sunday Breakfast at COG** - Join us for a delicious brunch after worship (and before the afternoon procession/worship in St. Paul) on 3/29, a fundraiser that helps kids attend Camp Wapo this summer. All-you-can-eat pancakes (traditional, GF, vegan), sausage, and more for only \$5/person. Tickets

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

Lord, Jesus, You Shall Be my Song

#808

Verse 1

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell ev'rybody about

you wherever I go:

you alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Verse 2

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a

faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

Verse 4

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;

but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

And with all of the family you saved by your love,

we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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, your Son came into the world to set us free from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my

Verse 3

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

BLESSING

L: Receive God's blessing as you go forth: God, who calls all things into being, Jesus Christ, who walks with us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you, grant you peace, and give you good courage for the journey.

A: Amen.

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

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.

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.
Give us good courage.

Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. *(Repeat)*
Amen!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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For all those who govern that justice might guide them
 For all those who labor in service to others
 Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
 Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
 For all the beloved who rest in your mercy
 Help us, comfort us, all of our days.
ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

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.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC **Go My Children, With My Blessing** **#543**

Verse 1
 "Go, my children,
 with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
 you are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing,
 you are my own."

Verse 2
 "Go, my children, sins forgiven,
 at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love
 you, what I can cure.
 Here you heard
 my dear Son's story,
 here you touched him,
 saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven,
 at peace and pure."

people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

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

MUSIC **Open My Eyes** **Manibusan**

Verse 1
 Open my eyes, Lord.
 Help me to see Your face.
 Open my eyes, Lord.
 Help me to see.

Verse 2
 Open my ears, Lord.
 Help me to hear Your voice.
 Open my ears, Lord.
 Help me to hear.

Verse 3
 Open my heart, Lord.
 Help me to love like You.
 Open my heart, Lord.
 Help me to love.

Bridge
 And the first shall be last,
 And our eyes are opened,
 And we'll hear like never before.
 And we'll speak in new ways,
 And we'll see God's face
 In places we've never known.

Verse 4
 I live within you.
 Deep in your heart, O love,
 I live within you.
 Rest now in me.

POEM

LESSON

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.
 Lord, hear my voice!
 Let your ears be attentive
 to the voice of my supplications!
 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
 But there is forgiveness with you,
 so that you may be revered.
 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
 and in his word I hope;

Psalms 130

my soul waits for the Lord
 more than those who watch for the morning,
 more than those who watch for the morning.
 O Israel, hope in the LORD!
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
 and with him is great power to redeem.
 It is he who will redeem Israel
 from all its iniquities.

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

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

MUSIC

Living Hope

Wickham/Johnson

Verse 1
 How great the chasm,
 that lay between us
 How high the mountain
 I could not climb.
 In desperation I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name
 into the night.
 Then through the darkness,
 Your loving-kindness
 Tore through the shadows
 of my soul.
 The work is finished,
 the end is written.
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.

and bear my shame.
 The cross has spoken;
 I am forgiven.
 The King of kings calls me His own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
 Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Chorus
 Hallelujah,
 praise the One who set me free!
 Hallelujah, death has lost its
 grip on me! You have broken every
 chain.
 There's salvation in Your name.
 Jesus Christ, my living hope. *(Repeat)*

Verse 2
 Who could imagine
 so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom
 such boundless grace?
 The God of ages
 stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin

Verse 3
 Then came the morning
 that sealed the promise,
 Your buried body began to breathe.
 Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave
 has no claim on me. *(Repeat)*
 Jesus, Yours is the victory!
(Chorus 2x)

POEM

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



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

Refrain (sung by all after each verse):

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leaders:

In peace, in peace we pray to you
 For peace and salvation, we pray to you
 For peace between nations, peace between peoples
 For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
 For all of your servants who live out your gospel

Verse 4

Then walk in love as
Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle
hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

Verse 5

For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

POEM

CHOIR ANTHEM O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days Pelz

*O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal Word.
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.
Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

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.**

LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

MUSIC

Holy Spirit

Townend/Getty

Verse 1

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart
and make me whole.
Cause Your word to
come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Verse 2

Holy Spirit, come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed
and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest
and the least,

Gentleness that sows
the path of peace.
Turn my strivings
into works of grace.
Breath of God,
show Christ in all I do.

Verse 3

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power
once again on earth.
Cause Your church
to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance
of our pray'rs arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear
for all the world to see.

POEM

LESSON

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the

village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

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

MUSIC

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

#452

Verse 1

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love,
its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

Verse 2

To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.