

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. And today, don't forget to stop by the Campus Ministry Table to learn more about how to support this ministry!
- **Wildfire Readers Theater Performance** - All are welcome to a production of "Two Letters from Birmingham," a play that dramatizes events surrounding famous letters from when Martin Luther King Jr. was in the Birmingham jail. Shows feature members of Wildfire churches, and are open to the public (April 24th and 25th at 7 pm, April 26th at 2 pm at House of Hope Lutheran in New Hope).
- **Vacation Bible School** - Summer is just around the corner! Know any kids (ages 3-12) who might be interested in taking part in VBS? COG is joining together with Wildfire churches in our community to host "ReNew: the Green VBS," drawing from the parable of the sower and our call to care for God's creation. Mark your calendars for the evenings of Aug 10-13 and pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table to learn more!
- **Joint New Creation Summer Worship Services** - As we continue exploring the possibility of becoming a new creation with Faith Lilac Way and First, we are experimenting with a once-a-month shared worship service this summer, beginning in May. The first will take place at COG on Sunday, May 3. (If you'll need transportation on first Sundays this summer that are not at COG, please let the office know so we can help coordinate a ride!)
- **Visioning Work Groups** - We need your voice! Join a visioning group this spring/summer, comprised of members across all three congregations, as we begin to imagine possibilities for our shared life together in different ministry areas. More info at the Welcome Desk. Interest forms due by April 15.
- **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.



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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**



We are **CALLED**

Welcome to Cross of Glory where we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so that we can further extend a welcome.



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

***Congregation is invited to rise as able and turn to face the baptismal font.
Children are invited to gather around the font.*

P: Ever-creating God, whose life and love flow throughout all creation, we thank you for the waters of this earth: gentle rains, rushing rivers, roaring waves, and for the still waters that you lead us beside. We praise you for the waters that nourish and sustain us here, including the Mississippi River and Basset Creek Watershed. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life among us, your death, and your resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

A: You revive us with the waters of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gift of baptism, for your mercy showered upon us, for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

A: Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Guest Preacher: Rachel Wagner
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Erik Haugland, Laura McClanahan
Guitar: Josh Smith
Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey

Greeter: Judy Lewis
Reader: Amanda Smith
Ushers: Tom Simon, Jeffline Tolbert, Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson
Fellowship: Bob Wertz, Ron and Lois Tollefsrud
Bulletin Art: Melody Sebald
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



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

*Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Becca and Donald Floyd
Don Earnest
Denia Bokai*

*Dolores Olson
Loved ones of Norma Gilbertson
Loved ones of Iva Stockdill*

*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.*

MUSIC **Behold, I Make All Things New** **#5**

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new be -
 gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
 hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
 prom-ise is true for I am Christ, the Way.

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC AND ART CREDITS

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During the next song, the children are invited to help "asperge" the congregation, an ancient ritual that entails a light sprinkling of holy water, a reminder of our baptism.

MUSIC

Living Waters

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Verse 1

Are you thirsty?
 Are you empty?
 Come and drink these living waters.
 Tired and broken,
 Peace unspoken,
 Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling,
 Find refreshing
 At the cross of living waters.
 Lay your life down,
 All the old gone,
 Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows
 With mercy and love,
 Bringing joy to the city of our God.
 There our hope is secure.
 Do not fear anymore.
 Praise the Lord of living waters.

*** Please be seated ***

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

All: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the

Verse 3

Spirit moving,
 Mercy washing,
 Healing in these living waters.
 Lead your children
 To the shoreline,
 Life is in these living waters.

(Chorus)

Verse 4

Are you thirsty?
 Are you empty?
 Come and drink these living waters.
 Love, forgiveness,
 Vast and boundless,
 Christ He is our living waters.

(Chorus)

Ending

There our hope is secure,
 Do not fear anymore.
 Praise the Lord of living waters.

wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me o the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

To You All Hearts Are Open

#1012

Table

LORD'S PRAYER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids are invited to come to the front to help lead the birthday song and final blessing.

BIRTHDAY SONG

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

A: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you!

A: And also with you.

P: Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

You may be seated

OFFERING

Our "alleluias" continue through the offering we joyfully share. Offerings can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or given online at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing generously for the sake of God's gift of life together!



MUSIC

Christ is Alive

#389

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes
with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death,
shall never die.

Verse 2

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

Verse 3

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn,
or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still,
yet loves the more,
and lives,
where even hope has died.

Verse 4

Women and men,
in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice,
love, and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: In prayer we come to you...

*** The following song is sung between spoken petitions ***

CHOIR ANTHEM Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing Vulpus

*Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord of life is ris'n for all; bring flow'rs and sing and enthrall;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Duncan IV

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

P: The Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.



Part I
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Part II
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Part III
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Duncan IV

(Music and lyrics on page 5)

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

Rachel Wagner

*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.***

MUSIC **Verse 1**

At the Cross

Oh Lord You've searched me.
You know my way.
Even when I fail You,
I know You love me.

Verse 2 **Zschech/Morgan**

Your holy presence,
Surrounding me.
In every season,
I know You love me.

Chorus

At the cross I bend my knee
Where Your blood
was shed for me.
There's no greater love
than this.
You have overcome the grave.
Your glory fills the highest place.
What can separate me now?

Verse 3

You go before me.
You shield my way.
Your hand upholds me.
I know You love me.
I know You love me.

Bridge

You tore the veil.
You made a way
When You said that it is done.
You tore the veil.
You made a way
When You said that it is done.

Verse 4

And when the earth fades,
Falls from my eyes,
And You stand before me,
I know You love me.
I know You love me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** Please rise 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.**