



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026
A New Creation Worship Service
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Welcome to worship! Here, we work to share in the joy of life together! If you're here worshipping with us, 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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Norway House in Minneapolis. The morning will include singing, prayer, wisdom, silent auction, and the chance to gather and celebrate our role as women of faith in our community and church. Reach out to Carolyn Davis for more info.

•**Wildfire Bfast + Meal Packing Project** - Members of all 8 Wildfire churches are invited for a morning of fellowship and service at Faith-Lilac Way on Sat, May 16 at 9 AM. The morning begins with a pancake breakfast (food provided - free will offering collected), followed by a service project: meal-packing for unsheltered neighbors through Agate Housing and Services.

•**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!

•**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.

During the next song, we will “asperge” the congregation, an ancient ritual that entails a light sprinkling of holy water, a reminder of our baptism. Children will assist by making the sign of the cross, a sign you’re invited to trace on your forehead.

MUSIC

Come, All You People

#819

Verse 1

Come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Verse 2

Come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people,
come and praise the Savior;

*** 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: Living God, through your resurrection, you call us into a new life and make into a new people. Empower your church to be living stones, with you as our cornerstone. In the name of the risen God we pray; Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. "This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner," and

"A stone that makes them stumble

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POP-UP CHOIR ANTHEM I Will Sing of My Redeemer Hustad

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love for me;

On the cruel cross He suffered, and He rose to set us free.

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, by His life He helped us see;

How He taught and lived in justice; healed us all and made us free.

I will tell the wondrous story: our lost vision, His to save.

Of His boundless love and mercy for our lives, He freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,

How He gives us freedom to love, here and everywhere we dwell.

I will sing of my redeemer and His heav'nly love for me;

He has brought our lives together, Son of God, with Him we'll be.

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with His love He blesses me;

His forgiveness brings togetherness, blesses us and makes us free.

Free! Free! Free! Free! Blesses us and makes us free.

•**New Creation Potluck** - All are welcome to join us after worship for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall! And those who are taking part in Visioning Work Groups this summer are invited to stick around after that for our kick-off gathering.

•**Joint New Creation Summer Worship Services**—Mark your calendars as we continue to worship on the first Sunday of the month together. Our next one is scheduled for June 7, when all three congregations will gather at First Lutheran of Crystal at 9:30 AM.

•**First Wednesday** - COG folks, our last "First Wednesday" gathering of the year will take place this coming week on May 6th. Dinner--at which all are welcome--is provided at 5:30, children's activities and fellowship time for adults runs from 6-7, and confirmation starts at 7 pm.

•**Mortgage Burning Celebration** - At our annual meeting in January, Council shared that our mortgage has been paid off. Join us as we celebrate this big milestone after worship next Sunday, May 10th. We will gather outdoors for a brief liturgy (including the "burning of the mortgage"), followed by cake in Fellowship Hall.

•**Camp Wapo Welcome/Orientation** - All camp families and kids are invited to a gathering with s'mores on Sunday evening, May 10 at 7 pm at CoG. This is an opportunity to learn more about what kids' time at camp will entail, go over some logistics, and get to know fellow campers and their families. Please RSVP to Pastor Ali by May 1.

•**Spring Clean-Up Day** - Come and help care for the grounds on May 9 from 9am-noon. Snacks and good company provided! Reach out to Gayle Merritt with any questions.

•**Upcoming Pastoral Sabbatical** - Pastor Ali is preparing for her upcoming pastoral sabbatical (May 11-Aug 10), and is grateful for prayers ahead of this time of reflection, rest, and renewal. We look forward to welcoming back Pastor Peter Samuelson during this time! Pastor Peter will be serving in a part-time capacity assisting with worship, leadership, and pastoral care.

•**WELCA Gathering** - The Minneapolis Area Synod WELCA Board is planning a Mother Daughter Sister Friend Brunch for women of all ages across synod congregations on Saturday, May 9th from 9-11:30 am at the

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastors: Rev. Ali Tranvik, Rev. Colin Grangaard, Rev. Pam Stalheim Lane
 Vicar: Karla Leitzman
 Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
 Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
 Vocalists: Becca Floyd, Johnetta Freeman, Kim Jacobson, Eric Haugland
 Guitar: Steve Sebald
 Technical Team: Dawn, Ryan and Bill Bailey

Greeters: Brenda and Kirsten Edstrom
 Reader: Gayle Merritt
 Prayers of the People: Alida Adams, Abby Simon, Janis Anderson
 Communion: Laura McClanahan, Judy Olson, Carolyn Nottingham Davis, Judy Lewis
 Ushers: Gordy Johnsrud, Cheryl Anderson, Gayle Merritt, Don Halverson, Mark Belz. Tommy Thompson
 Fellowship: Dan and Julie Aulwes
 Bulletin Art: Adalyn Sebald

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



Our brothers and sisters from COG

Jeannie Kuzmich
 Eric Thompson & family
 Becca and Donald Floyd
 Don Earnest
 Denia Bokai
 Carolyn Nottingham Davis
 Kris Simon
 Loved ones of Norma Gilbertson
 Loved ones of Iva Stockdill

Our brothers and sisters from FLCOC

Eunice
 Mawulawoe
 Roger
 Mae

Kenny
 David
 Marilyn
 Gene and Joyce

Our brothers and sisters from FLW

Carol Brown
 Jacqueline Butkowski
 Nancy Ipsen
 Grace Lawson
 Joyce Merkel
 Linda St. John
 Dave Peloquin
 Victoria Swanson
 Dan Walmsley
 Jackie and Vic Woolgar

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Duncan IV

*** Please stand as you are able. The Gospel Acclamation is sung before and after the spoken gospel***

P: The Gospel according to John the fourteenth 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 14:1-7

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Alleluia

Duncan IV

(lyrics and music above)

Please be seated. 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

Let All Things Now Living

#881

Verse 1

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the
end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel
from light into light.

Verse 2

God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean
proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!"

CONFESSIO 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.**

BLESSING

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

A: Amen.

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

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

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

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

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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This season's bulletin covers celebrate the artwork of COG kids, whose trees help us remember the God in whom new life is always springing forth. This week, we're grateful to Adalyn Sebald, age 10, for our bulletin cover.



MUSIC

God Is Here!

#526

Verse 1

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Verse 3

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Living One, in the miracle of wheat and grape sprouting
forth from the dirt, you have made yourself known to us. Nourish us with
this meal, that we may go out into this wounded and weary world to tell of
your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim of your risen life.

A: Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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. As we
celebrate new creation Sunday's all offerings labeled in a church
envelope will be directed to that church. Any non-allocated offering will
be used for the good of the community around us. This month will be donated to
CAPI. 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

Yes, He Lives!

Pappas/Feilding/Hobbs/Hunt

Verse 1

On a hill for sinners,
His body broken,
A King forsaken,
as He hung on that cross.

Verse 2

The veil in pieces,
the temple shaken,
They mourned the Saviour,
but it wasn't for long.

Chorus

Oh, He lives!
He's risen from the grave.
Victorious, our Savior reigns.
Oh, yes, He reigns.
He rose. The stone is rolled away.
Forever, our Redeemer lives!
Oh, yes, He lives!

Verse 3

There in the silence, it wasn't over.
Oh, our Redeemer
was getting ready to rise.

Verse 4

And on that morning
they came to find Him,
That tomb was empty
'cause He is alive.
That tomb was empty
'cause He is alive. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Jesus Christ crucified,
Through His death there is life.
By the blood of the Lamb
We have been forgiven.
Our lives have been saved.
There is grace upon grace.
Only one name that saves
And His name is Jesus. *(Repeat)*
(Chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

** The following song is sung at the beginning and the end of the prayers **

MUSIC To You All Hearts Are Open #1012

To you all hearts are o - pen, to
you all de - sires known. To you there are no
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Last time

** spoken between petitions **

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayer

Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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 worshipping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and wine or grape juice at the second station. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the wine/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.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ is shed for you.

All: Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

MUSIC

The Table

(Tomlin/ Cash/ Jolley)

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able. He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

Verse 2

There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
There is peace
at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

Verse 3

There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
There is healing
at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table. (Chorus)

Bridge

I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart.
With the saints around the mercy
seat
of God. (Chorus)

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come just as you are
to His table.