

The First Sunday in Epiphany

Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.

- The COG community is invited to the funeral of Doris Fern, scheduled for 11 am on Monday, Jan 24 at Cross of Glory (visitation at 10 and luncheon to follow), and the funeral of Mayvis Smith, scheduled for Friday, Jan 14 at 11 am at Benedictine Living Community at Windermere Way in Shakopee (visitation at 10 and reception to follow). *If you're interested in shared transportation to Windermere Way, please contact Pastor Ali asap.
- Pastor Ali's designated office hours for pastoral care--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and designated home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5. Please reach out

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

<i>Marian Priest</i>	<i>Nancy Hengel</i>
<i>Mavis Wold</i>	<i>John Thomson</i>
<i>Jackie Fryhling</i>	<i>Sharon Quick</i>
<i>Shar Lauster</i>	<i>Sue Birch</i>
<i>Norma Gilbertson</i>	<i>Ron Tollefsud,</i>
<i>Dorothy Shoemaker</i>	<i>Joan White as she</i>
<i>Vicky Jacobson</i>	<i>grieves her loss of Sister</i>
<i>Trish Hambrick</i>	<i>Donna Zimmerman</i>
<i>Marian Henjum</i>	

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 also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary and add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instruction can be found at the prayer wall.



January 9, 2022

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,**

and reflect your love for all creation.

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mark your calendar: On Sunday, Jan 30th, all COG members are invited to take part in our annual congregational meeting. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship (approx 10:30 am). You're welcome to take part in person or online. If you have any questions about getting connected to Zoom, please reach out to Erik Haugland (erik-shaugland@hotmail.com).
- All staff and committee chairs are invited to submit annual reports to Rachel (office@crossofglory.us) by tomorrow, Jan 10. Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, Jan 16 or Jan 23, or anytime during the week (M-W 10-2) ahead of the meeting. Reports will also be made available electronically. If you'd like a hard copy mailed to you, please let Rachel know.
- 2021 fourth quarter giving statements will be mailed out in the coming days. If you do not need a copy sent to your home, or would prefer an electronic copy, please let Rachel know.
- All who are interested in learning more about Cross of Glory or joining are invited to a new member gathering and info session Sunday, Jan 23 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us) for more info!
- We're still collecting applications for this summer's Youth Gathering in Minneapolis (July 24-28). Additionally, applications for Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission are now open. Let Pastor Ali know if you're interested in applying!
- We're grateful to welcome Rachel Marquardt as our interim administrative assistant. Please note: for the next couple of months, church office hours are M-W 10-2. If you need any administrative assistance, please email Rachel at office@crossofglory.us or call the church office at 763-533-8602. Application information for our new, long-term office role is now posted on our website (www.crossofglory.us). Let Judy Lewis (grambolewis@gmail.com) know if you have any questions.
- All are welcome to join us at 9:30 am, either in-person or via Zoom, for Bible

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, baptized and free. **Thanks to be God!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Pastor: Rev. Terri Elton

Vocalist, choir, and handbell director: Keith J. Williams

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease

Lector: Bruce Vukelich

Greeters: Bruce and Sue Vukelich

Communion Assistants:

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC CREDITS

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MUSIC

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

Living Waters

Verse 3

Spirit moving

Mercy washing

Healing in these living waters

Lead your children

To the shoreline

Life is in these living waters

Bridge

Ooh Ooh Ooh

Ooh Ooh Ooh

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

Ending

There our hope is secure

Do not fear anymore

Praise the Lord of living waters

GREETING

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

MUSIC

Holy Spirit

Getty/ Townsend

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC

God with Us

Ingram/ Jordan

Verse 1

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
 To be nearer to us
 You've come to bring life to be Light
 To shine brighter in us
 Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus

Our Deliverer You are Savior
 In Your presence we find our strength
 Over ev'rything our Redemption
 God with us

You are God with us

Verse 2

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
 For Your honor and name
 And You've come to take sin to bear shame
 And to conquer the grave
 Oh Emmanuel God with us

Ending

Oh God with us
 You are God with us

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray together the prayer that 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
 who rejoices over you,
 and who calls you by name,
 ✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
 today and forever.
Amen.

MUSIC:

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

#304 vs 1-4

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| <p>1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
 God's Spirit on you came,
 as peaceful as a dove, and yet
 as urgent as a flame,
 as urgent as a flame.</p> | <p>3 Straightway and steadfast until death
 you then obeyed the call
 to serve with free and willing heart,
 to give your life for all,
 to give your life for all.</p> |
| <p>2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
 you are God's servant true,
 sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
 God's holy will to do,
 God's holy will to do.</p> | <p>4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
 your cross on us be signed,
 that likewise in God's service we
 may perfect freedom find,
 may perfect freedom find.</p> |

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Offering plates will not be passed around at this time. Please drop off offering before or after the services in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for your generosity!

MUSIC: This is the Spirit's Entry Now #448 vs 1-4

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| 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
the water and the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow,
the seal both felt and heard. | 3 Let water be the sacred sign
that we must die each day
to rise again by his design
as followers of his way. |
| 2 This miracle of life reborn
comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn;
our life comes through his death. | 4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days.
Come, cleanse again this hour. |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight.

After each petition:

God of grace, **Hear our Prayer**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall
not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for

you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the
east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the
earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

SECOND READING

ACTS 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

SERMON:

Rev. Terri Elton

MUSIC

Spirit of Gentleness

#396 vs 1, 3, 4

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling
and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind
on the sea.

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from
a hill,
then you whispered in silence when
the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once
again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break
ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the
captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men
clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people
arise. *Refrain*

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called
to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each
thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise
on your wings." *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And always with you.

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

If you're worshipping in-person, you're invited to stand up, remain in your pews, and turn to neighbors near you, offering a physically distant sign of peace: a wave, nod or bow, peace sign, or crossing arms over the chest as a symbol of an embrace. If you're worshipping on Zoom, you're invited to turn on your video and wave or give a peace sign to others.