

- **Bible Study** - All are welcome to take part in Bible Study Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am via Zoom or in person. We're using the Augsburg Fortress booklets, looking at the upcoming Sunday's lesson. Reach out to Pastor Ali if you need a booklet or would like more information.
- **Glory Banner Update** - If you have an article you would like to include in April's Glory Banner, please have them submitted to Rachel by Monday, March 21.
- **Individual & Home Communion** - If you are not able to attend worship in person but are interested in having communion at church or brought to your home, please reach out to Pastor Ali to set up a time.
- **Pastoral Care** - Pastor Ali's pastoral care office hours--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5. Please reach out to her if you'd like to connect!

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson
Arlene Finke
Marian Henjum*

*Nancy Hengel
Sharon Quick
Sue Birch
Dale Anderson
Chet Janasz*

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 to add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instructions can be found at the prayer wall.

The Third Sunday in Lent



March 20, 2022

“Held Captive by Death — Freed for Life”

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whom we are set free. **All: Amen.**

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Holy One,
**we confess our captivity:
the ways we draw boundaries between us,
the ways we let fear separate us from our neighbors in need,
the ways we take part in death-dealing forces, rejecting your gift of life,
the ways worry consumes us,
the ways our possessions possess us,
and the many other powers that hold us captive.
Forgive us, O God, and free us,
that through the power of your love,
we might live to love one another. Amen,**
Beloved in Christ, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again, forgives you, and sets you free. Live now in this wild and holy freedom to love one another.
Amen.

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

MUSIC

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as morning breaks around us, we shall raise our songs to you,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

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

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

Vocalist: Ruth Brateng, Mark Trease

Lector: Bruce Vukelich

Greeters: Bruce and Sue Vukelich

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

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Midweek Lenten Prayer** - Join us for Lenten prayer service each Wednesday at noon. We'll gather on Zoom for a short time of "Lectio Divina," a contemplative practice of praying through scripture. Connect by phone or computer using the same Zoom info we use for Sundays. Service recordings will be posted on our website.
- **Want to Know More About COG?** - If you're interested in learning more about life together at Cross of Glory, or joining as a new member, please reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).
- **Upcoming Meetings - Church Council** will meet today after worship. **Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices**— Our cohort will gather with our fellow Wildfire churches for our monthly meeting on Tuesday 3/22 from 6pm-9pm at First Lutheran of Crystal
- **Fellowship Hour** - We have resumed Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship, beginning with coffee. In order to serve food in the future, we need people for set-up and clean-up each week. Sign-up to help on the list at the usher's table in the back or by calling the church office. Thank you!
- **Welcoming Refugee Neighbors** - CAPI has asked for COG's help in welcoming Afghani families to the area. If you're able to provide some basic household items for our new neighbors, visit <https://a.co/7LWz5BS> to view their Amazon wish-list and purchase an item. See the March Glory Banner for more information.

LORD'S PRAYER

God, remember us in your love, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless our God.

All: Praise and thanks to you.

Leader: May God, Creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in freedom.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song. Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

THANKSGIVING

Leader: May God be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us sing our thanks to God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

A: Amen.

PSALMODY

This song, drawing on the words of Psalm 141, begins in unison then breaks into a two-part round. Those seated in the front of the sanctuary, sing Part I. If you're seated in the back, sing Part II (if you're worshiping online, sing either!).

Refrain (begins in unison):

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Part I & II (sung as a round):

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
hear my voice when I cry to you. (*Refrain*)

Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.
(*Refrain*)

All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love. (*Refrain*)

*** Please be seated ***

(Silence is kept for meditation)

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray together...

ALL: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that together with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents.

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;

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.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,
strong is your justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Refrain (sung by all after each verse):

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
- 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful † God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

*** Please be seated ***

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Offering plates are located just outside the sanctuary. We invite you to drop off your offering before or after the service. 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!

THE ANNUNCIATION + MAGNIFICAT

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God most high."

And Mary said, "I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

ALL: My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one,
humbling the proud of heart.

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,
and uplifted the humble of heart,
you have filled the hungry with wondrous things,
and left the wealthy no part.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"

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

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

P: The Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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 for 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 for 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 upwards 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 Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

Pastor Ali Tranvik

TIME FOR REFLECTION

You're invited to silently reflect and pray, meditating on the following questions:

- In what ways are you captive to death?*
- What might being freed for life look like for you?*

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Wore Three Crosses" The Conviction Band

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**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