

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Join us this Lent** - As we journey through Lent together, you're invited to take part in a midweek prayer service each Wednesday at noon. We'll gather on Zoom for a short time of Lenten "Lectio Divina," a contemplative practice of praying through scripture. Connect by phone or computer using the same Zoom info as we use for worship on Sundays. For those not able to join at noon on Wednesdays, recordings will be posted to our website each week for you to take part on your own time.
- **Interested in learning 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** - The Vision + Vocation Team will gather after worship today in the Library. The Worship, Music, & Arts committee will gather next Sunday after worship.
- **Daylight Savings** - Make sure to change your clocks...daylight savings begins next Sunday, March 13th!
- **Fellowship Hour** - We are excited to resume Fellowship Hour after worship each Sunday. We'll begin next week, starting with serving coffee. In order to serve food in the future, we need your help! While we have hands to deliver treats, we need people to sign up for set-up and clean-up each week to make serving food possible. Sign-up by adding your name to the list located at the usher's table in the back or by calling the church office. Thank you!
- **Welcoming Refugee Neighbors** - CAPI has recently asked for COG's help in welcoming Afghani families to the area. If you're able to help provide some basic household items for our new neighbors, visit <https://a.co/7LWz5BS> to view their Amazon wishlist and purchase an item. See the March Glory Banner for more information.
- **Bible Study** - All are welcome to take part in Bible Study each Tuesday morning at 9:30 am via Zoom or in person. We'll continue working our way through the Augsburg Fortress booklets, looking at the lesson assigned for the upcoming Sunday. Reach out to Pastor Ali if you don't have a booklet or would like more information.
- **Individual & Home Communion** - If you are not able to attend in person worship these days 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 Office Hours & Pastoral Care** - 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 if you'd like to connect!

First Sunday in Lent



March 6, 2022

“Captive to Boundaries—Freed for Life Together!”

*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

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.

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.

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.

You who made the heaven's splendor,
every dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.

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.

Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Vocalist, choir, and handbell director: Keith J. Williams
Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease
Vocalist: Kris Simon
Lector: Dan Aulwes
Greeters: Delores Olson and Carol Sjoquist
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, and Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

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
Eilert Pederson
Baby Kellen— Great
Grand child of the
Tollefsrud's*

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.

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.**

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BLESSING

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

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.

POSTLUDE

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 two parts and is sung as a round. Those seated on the piano side of the sanctuary, join in on Part I. If you're seated on the pulpit side, join in on Part II (if you're worshipping online, join in on 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 in 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 95

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways.'
Therefore in my anger I swore,
'They shall not enter my rest.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-29

P: The Gospel according to John the fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

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

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.

COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake in this holy meal at God's table. Christ is the host and we are the guests. If you're worshipping with us in person, please wait to come forward until an usher dismisses your row. Note that gluten free wafers and grape juice options are available upon request. If you'd like communion to be brought to you, simply cue an usher. If you're worshipping from home, you are invited to partake in this holy meal at home with a form of bread and either wine or juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body, even while we are apart)

The body of Christ is given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ is shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, empower us to share your love with all the world. In Emmanuel's name we pray. **Amen.**

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.

NEW MEMBER LITANY

Pastor: We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new member Bruce Kuiper into our life together here at Cross of Glory! New members, please join Pastor Ali up front as we officially welcome you...

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations as God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond "I will, and I ask God to help and guide me"

New member: I will, and I ask God to help and Guide me.

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support these new members in our faith community and share with them God's wide welcome in shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us Pray: we thank you, God, for this new member of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you and empower us for service, that together we would be witness to your love of the world.

ALL: Amen.

*** New members can return to their seats, the congregation is invited to welcome our newest members with a round of applause ***

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

*** Kids are invited to head to the back of the sanctuary for a kids' activity! ***

SERMON “Captive to Boundaries—Freed for Life Together” Pastor Ali Tranvik

TIME FOR REFLECTION

During this time, you're invited to silently reflect and pray, mediating on the following question: In what ways are you captive to boundaries? What might being freed for life together look like in your life?

SPECIAL MUSIC “Prison Set Me Free,” written & sung by 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**

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.

*** Please be seated ***

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!

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.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,