



Looking ahead to Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 10

9:30 am worship onsite & online (including activity for kids in Fellowship Hall)

Maundy Thursday - April 14

7 pm - Worship with communion onsite & online

Good Friday - April 15

12 pm - Tenebrae worship onsite only
4-6 pm - Stations of the Cross art exhibit at Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church. See more information in the Glory Banner.
7pm—Tenebrae worship onsite and online

Easter Sunday - April 17

7:30 - Easter Morning Prayer in the Garden a short service of song + prayer in the Cross of Glory courtyard —enter through the main front door
8:00 - Easter Breakfast *sign-up requested
9:30 - Easter Worship onsite & online (including activity for kids in Fellowship Hall)
10:30 - Easter Breakfast *sign-up requested
*To sign up for one of our two Easter Breakfast times (8:00 and 10:30), please sign up on the signup sheet at the ushers station, or email Rachel in the church office at office@crossofglory.us or call at 763-533-8602 on M-W by April 10th.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



April 3, 2022

“Held Captive by Possession— Freed for Joy”

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*

PRELUDE

HANDBELL CHOIR

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.



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
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.

- **Want to help our neighbors in Ukraine?** Donations--which go toward food, basic supplies, and other emergency needs--can be given directly through Lutheran Disaster at www.elca.org/disaster. You may also write a check to Cross of Glory and mark it as "Ukraine Aid" and we will direct those funds toward these efforts.
- **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.
- **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!

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 worshipping 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 reflection)

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 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

You are a hiding-place for me;

you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

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: Julie Aulwes

Greeters: Judy Lewis and Luella Hinnekamp

Communion: Gayle Merritt, Carol Stejskal, Dawn Bailey

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

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fellowship Hour** - Please join us for a time of fellowship--accompanied by coffee and treats--immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who signed up to help with set up and clean up!
- **Easter Breakfast** - All are welcome to Easter breakfast before (8 am) or after (10:30 am) Easter Worship on Sunday, April 17th. In order to make sure there's enough food for all, please sign up for one of the two breakfast slots by adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the usher's table, or calling the church office (763-533-8602) and letting Rachel know which slot and how many people. For a full schedule of Holy Week, see page 16.
- **Name Tags** - As a gesture of hospitality to new members and visitors, we invite everyone to make a name tag at the Welcome Desk upon entry. Thanks for helping make worship and fellowship time welcoming!
- **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).

BLESSING FOR CEAP QUILTERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in freedom.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the fifteenth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was

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, where Christ is the host and we are the guests. If you're worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you.

If you're worshiping at home, we invite you to have bread or a cracker and 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

God of abundance, what we have experienced at your table is not ours, but yours. We give you thanks for inviting us to this feast, where we have tasted the joy of your presence. Send us forth now to freely and joyfully share the gifts of your table with all those who hunger, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

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.

lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

*** Cross of Glory kids are invited to meet at the back of the sanctuary for CoG kids activity***

SERMON

TIME FOR REFLECTION

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

- *In what ways are you captive to possession?*
- *What might being freed for joy look like in your life?*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He is Worthy ”

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.

*** 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!

MUSIC: THE ANNUNCIATION + MAGNIFICAT

Leader: 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,
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.