



### WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold  
Shar Lauster  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg*

*Rachel Marquardt  
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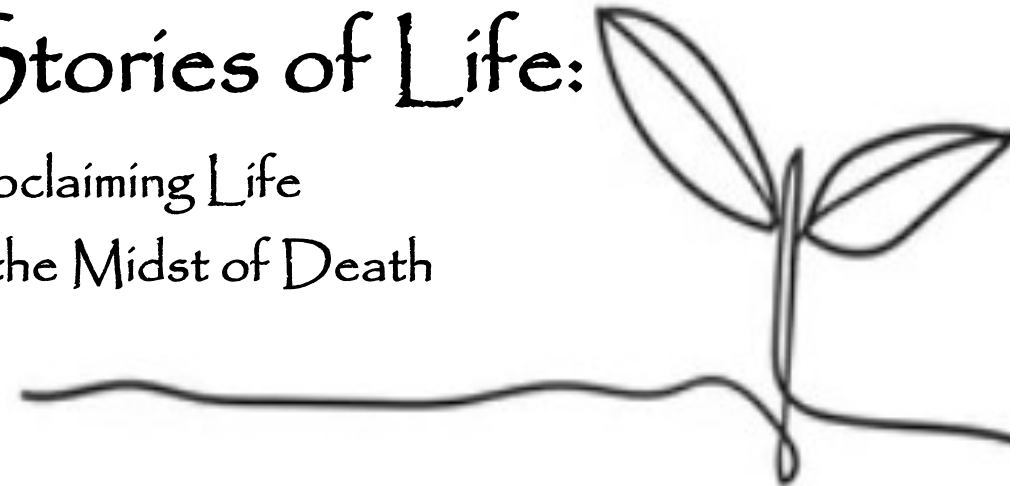
You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Stories of Life:

Proclaiming Life

in the Midst of Death



**May 21, 2023**

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church  
Brooklyn Center, MN**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Pastor: Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS AT THE FONT

*\*\*Please rise as you are able and face the baptismal font\*\**

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection we share in Christ Jesus, let us confess our sins and be cleansed by the gift of new life.

**All: God of Life, we come to the water, thirsting for you and for your grace. Forgive us for our greed, our fear, our self-centeredness, our indifference, and for all the ways we cling to death even though you offer us life.**

*\*\*Silence for reflection and repentance\*\**

P: We thank you, O God, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life. We bless you, O God, that your Spirit comes to us like rains to our thirsting earth. We praise you, O God, for giving us the gift of your grace in these waters, and for showering us, day by day, with the gift of life. Empower us now live it together.

**All: Amen!**

*\*\*You're invited to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead, remembering the gift of baptism.\*\**

### MUSIC

#### Kyrie

#### Haugen

Leader: In peace, in peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the reign of God  
and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy,**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For your people here  
who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy,**

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Join us after worship to share in food and fellowship! In order to keep offering this time, we need more folks to sign up for set up and clean up. Sign-ups are located at the Welcome Desk. Thanks!

- **Thank you Andy**— Welcome Andy Blakeley, Humanitarian Response Leader with Church World Service in Moldova, as today's virtual guest preacher.

- **Thank you Choir and Handbells**— Thank you for adding so much to our worship services this year. Enjoy your summer break, we will be ready to listen to your music again in the fall.

- **Table Talks** - Join us for Table Talks this month as we welcome Nick Tangen, Director of Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices with the Minneapolis Synod, who will be leading a conversation about life together. Throughout the past two years, Nick has helped the Faith/ Neighboring cohort at Cross of Glory consider what it might mean to foster a deeper kind of togetherness in the neighborhood. Join us after worship May 28 at 11 am in the library.

- **Pentecost Potluck Picnic** - As we celebrate the gift of being the church together, we invite you to an all-congregational potluck picnic after worship on June 4 (outdoors, weather permitting). Main dishes are provided, you bring a side dish or dessert to share! There will be lots of food, kids activities, and some updates from the Vision + Vocation Team. Join us for this time of food and fellowship!

- **Bible Study** - Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 onsite or online as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday!

- **Care & Visitation** - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know.

- **Want to Know More About COG?** - We're so glad you're worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali ([atranvik@crossofglory.us](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).

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## MUSIC CREDITS

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Guest Preacher: Andy Blakeley

Guest Organist: Allan Mahnke

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Greeters: Linda Knudsen, Barb Thomson

Reader: Kris Simon

Communion: Linda Knudsen, Gayle

Merritt, Kris Simon

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don

Halverson, Steve Ferley

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn

Bailey & Bill Bailey

Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

**Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and

defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## MUSIC

### Now the Feast and Celebration

Haugen

#### *Refrain*

Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory for evermore.

#### *Refrain*

#### **Verse 2**

Power and riches,  
wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory  
to Christ forever. *Refrain*

#### **Verse 1**

Now is the feast  
of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has  
freed and united us  
to be one great people of God.

#### **Verse 3**

For God has come  
to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God,  
to make all things new. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**All: Almighty and ever-living God, your power and glory spans heaven and earth. May all your children in all nations of the world witness--and be witnesses to--your living presence among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*\*\*You may be seated\*\**

## MUSIC

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

#634

#### **Verse 1**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem

and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

**Verse 3**

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine

and crown him Lord of all.

**Verse 6**

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

**SCRIPTURE READING****Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM****I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

Hustad

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS****SENDING BLESSING**

P: Even in a Good Friday world, the gift of Easter can't be stopped. The same Spirit that has called our sisters and brothers through the centuries is calling us today to life--  
Life joyful. Life hopeful. Life abundant. Life together.  
And so we go, proclaiming our alleluias, for Christ lives; and so do we.  
**ALL: Alleluia and Amen!**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION****Benediction****Rutter**

*\*\*Throughout the Easter season, as we pray the Prayer of Good Courage, we invite you to face the back doors (i.e. toward the world we are called into with good courage). As you feel comfortable, you're also invited to lay a hand on a neighbor, remembering that we do not go forth alone.\*\**

**PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE**

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures  
of which we cannot see the ending,  
By paths as yet untrodden,  
Through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage.  
Not knowing where we go,  
But only that your hand is leading us,  
And your love supporting us,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

## 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 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.*

The body of Christ is given for you.  
The blood of Christ is shed for you.

**Amen.**

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC	Now the Green Blade Rises	#379
<b>Verse 1</b> Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.	<b>Verse 3</b> Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.	
<b>Verse 2</b> In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.	<b>Verse 4</b> When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.	

**CHOIR**      **Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing**      **Vulpus**

## GOSPEL READING      Luke 24:44-53

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the twenty fourth chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

## SERMON

**Andy Blakeley**

MUSIC	A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing	#393
<b>Verse 1</b> A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout The world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!	Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	

### **Verse 3**

To whom the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze  
upon the sky?"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior!" thus they say,  
"this is his glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Verse 4**

"You see him now, ascending high  
up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
returning in great majesty."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Verse 5**

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **CONFESSION 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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

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

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

## **OFFERING**

*Our "alleluias" continue through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!*



## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

**Joyful, Joyful**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: God of life

**All: Move us in prayer.**

## **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**

**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.**