

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 (office@crossofglory.us).

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).



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Don and Karen Earnest
Rachel Marquardt
Jeannie Kuzmich
Nancy Hengel*

*Harriet Halverson
Laura McClanahan
Lorraine Clinton
Family and friends of Jane Pieri in her
recent passing
Family and friends of Chet Janasz in
his recent passing*

*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 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 Third Sunday in Epiphany



January 22, 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in this mercy, let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins, both individual and collective...

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance.

**Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have prioritized our own wants over the needs of our neighbors.

**Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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

MUSIC

Here I Am Lord

#574

Verse 1

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Stick around after worship today for our annual congregational meeting, and for a free lunch in the Fellowship Hall after that!

2023 Offering Envelopes - Are now available! Pick yours up from the welcome table or anytime M-W 10-2. If you'd like envelopes mailed to you, please reach out to the church office.

Community Meals - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Join the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online. Note: We will not gather on Tues, Jan 31.

Funeral of Chet Janasz - The COG community is invited to the funeral of Chet Janasz, beloved member of COG and child of God, on Sat. Jan 28. Visitation is at 11 am, service at noon, and a luncheon will follow.

Funeral of Jane Pieri - The COG community is invited to the funeral of Jane Pieri, beloved member of COG and child of God, on Tues, Jan 31. Visitation is at 10 am, service at 11, and a luncheon will follow.

Table Talks - After worship next Sunday 1/29, join us for our monthly education hour where we explore various topics of faith in everyday life. As we begin the new year and many take on new resolutions and rituals, we'll be exploring the topic "Faith + Ritual." Pick up a short article to read ahead of time at the bulletin boards outside the sanctuary! Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.

ISAIAH- On Wed, Jan 25 between 9-1, local communities of faith are invited to join Isaiah--a nonpartisan coalition of faith communities, Black barbershops, childcare centers, and other community based constituencies working for racial and economic justice in MN--for Climate Day. We'll meet at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Paul and walk over to the capitol together. For more info, reach out to Pastor Ali.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The kingdom of God is at hand!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling
in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Verse 3

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

All: Jesus the Fisherman, you tell us that your kingdom is at hand. Give us the courage to live into that kingdom and follow you, assured that your love always follows after us. In your name we pray, Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore #817

Verse 1

You have come down

to the lakeshore

seeking neither the wise

nor the wealthy,

but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord,

you have looked into my eyes;

kindly smiling,

you've called out my name.

On the sand I have

abandoned my small boat;

now with you,

I will seek other seas.

Verse 2

You know full well what I have,

Lord: neither treasure nor

weapons for conquest,

just these my fish nets and will

for working. *Refrain*

Verse 3

You need my hands, my
exhaustion,
working love for the rest
of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on
loving. *Refrain*

Verse 4

You who have fished
Other waters;
you, the longing of souls
that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have
Come to call me. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING**Psalm 27: 1, 4-9**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS**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!**

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) (Fowler, Sooter, Maher)

Kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service. Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!

Verse

Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven,
Right here in my heart. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us, forgive us.
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us, forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come.
(Verse)
(Chorus)

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours,
All yours, all yours,
The kingdom, the power,
The glory are yours.
It's yours, it's yours,
All yours, all yours,
Forever and ever,
The kingdom is yours. *(Repeat)*
(Verse)

Tag

On Earth as in Heaven,
Right here in my heart.

1. Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.
2. Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.
3. Return to your seat, and spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.
4. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying. Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!

**NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and we'll be glad to assist you.*

P: And now let us pray:

God of light, as we journey through the wilderness, you are our bright star,

All: guide us.

As we navigate rough terrain, as we struggle to find our footing,

All: accompany us.

As we stumble and stray, searching for life in all the wrong places,

All: lead us home by another way.

As we wonder where to find you,

All: surprise us.

Be our awakening.

All: Be our epiphany.

Form us as we pray,

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer 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.**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lead on Softly, Lord" Maxine W. Postgate

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:2-23

P: The Gospel according to Matthew fourth chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

Let Your Kingdom Come

Kauflin

Verse 1

Your glorious cause, O God,
Engages our hearts.

May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are.

We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we
pray, Your kingdom come.

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come.
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know
Your Name.

Let Your song be heard
ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth
is done. Let Your kingdom come.

Verse 2

Give us Your strength, O God,
And courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want,
Whatever the test.
By grace, we'll preach
Your Gospel till our dying breath.
(Chorus 2x)

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

P: The peace of 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 ***

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

*Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that
God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in
the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online
gift. Thank you!*



MUSIC

This I Believe (The Creed)

(Fielding/Crocker)

Verse 1

Our Father, everlasting,
The all creating One,
God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus, our Savior,

Chorus 1

I believe in God, our Father.
I believe in Christ, the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender,
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high. (Chorus 1)

Bridge

I believe in You.
I believe You rose again.
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.
(Repeat)

(Chorus 1)

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection,
When Jesus comes again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how: