

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting - Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan 22 and join the COG community as we gather to review the 2023 budget and other church business. In order to take part and to ensure we have a congregational quorum, we invite you to attend in-person, via Zoom video call, or via telephone (no smartphone necessary). Please reach out to Council Member Erik Haugland with any questions about getting connected. Free lunch is provided after the meeting!

Annual Reports - Today is the last day to submit annual reports to Rachel at office@crossofglory.us (all staff and committee & ministry leaders are invited to submit a report). Reports will be available next Sunday, Jan 15. You may also pick up a report M-W 10-2 pm after Jan 15. To request a mailed copy, please call the church office.

Synod Assembly - If you are interested in taking part in the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly on April 28-29, we are looking for delegates to take part on behalf of COG. Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, is this year's keynote speaker. Reach out to Judy Lewis to RSVP or get more info.

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: WELCA Bible study does not gather this month.

Confirmation - Due to winter break this month, confirmation has been rescheduled to this coming Wednesday, Jan 11 at 7 pm.

2023 Offering Envelopes - Will be available for pick-up beginning Sunday, Jan 15. If you'd like to have envelopes mailed to you, please reach out to the church office.

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).

The Baptism of our Lord



January 8, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Rachel Kurtz

WELCOME

singer: songwriter: speaker: storyteller

Rachel Kurtz has been touring and singing for almost 20 years. She speaks frankly about love, God, parenting, heartbreak and her infectious laugh is peppered throughout her concerts. Her songs are rife with emotion and can make you get up and dance. Whether she is singing in a bar or church, her voice can cut through the noise and gives the listener a place to rest.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

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 ***



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*

*Chet Janasz
Jeannie Kuzmich
Nancy Hengel
Linnea Ulrich in the recent death of
Bob Swenson*

*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.*

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Coffee Fellowship - You're invited to join the COG after worship to share in food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear
the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way
O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down

O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the
robe and crown?
Good Lord show me the way

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

O When the Saints Rachel Kurtz

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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The Cross of Glory community is thrilled to welcome Rachel Kurtz—nationally-beloved singer/songwriter and neighbor here in Minneapolis—who is leading us in song today! For more info and music, visit www.rachelkurtz.com.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Guest Worship Leader: Rachel Kurtz
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease
Greeters: Luella Hinnenkamp, Marie King
Reader: Bill Bailey

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Dick Mero, Don Halverson, Gayle Merritt
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC

I saw the Light

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless Life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came
like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Verse 2

Just like a blind man
I wandered along

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

God our Father, in the Jordan River, you proclaimed your son Jesus "beloved." In the waters of our everyday lives, remind all of us--sons and daughters--of our belovedness. In the name of the Spirit who swept over Jesus, and who sweeps over us now, we pray. Amen.

MUSIC

Only by our Lonesome

Nate Crary

Verse 1

We confess that we
Cannot do it all
Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome

There is space between
Where we put a wall
Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome

Refrain

Won't you knock down all the walls
That we built stable?
Tip them over and restore them
To sturdy dinner tables

Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome. *Refrain*

Verse 3

We confess that we
cannot find our way
Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome
Please forgive our sins
Re-ignite our flame
Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome. *Refrain*

Verse 2

We confess that we
cannot free ourselves
Only by our lonesome,
Only by our lonesome
And despite our best
we get overwhelmed

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wade in the Water

Rachel Kurtz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Rachel Kurtz

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.**

MUSIC

As I Went Down to the River to Pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear
the starry crown?
Good Lord show me the way!

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the
robe & crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry
crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and
crown?
Good Lord show me the way

O mothers let's go down
Come on down, don't you
wanna go down?
Come on mothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

BAPTISMAL BLESSING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Kurtz

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 ***

OFFERTORY

During today's time of offering we invite you to give in response to the gifts that God has first given us. If you're worshipping in person, plates will be passed around the sanctuary. If you are worshipping online, you're invited to share your offering via the "Give" page at www.crossofglory.us. Or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera.



to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC & MESSAGE FOR KIDS

Rachel Kurtz

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-17

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

REFLECTION