

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Fellowship - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship. We need more hands to help host coffee hour in March and April. If you're able to help with set-up or clean-up, please sign up at the welcome desk. We're grateful for the hands that make this time together possible!

Table Talks - And stick around today after Fellowship for Table Talks, our monthly education hour. This month we welcome Mark Tranvik, Professor of Reformation History and Theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, as we learn about the topic of "call."

Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful Listening - This Lent, we're listening for God's voice through stories of call in scripture and through various prayer practices. Join us Sundays at 9:30 am for worship, midweek prayer on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom, and check out this month's Glory Banner for more info!

Camp Wapo - Haven't registered your child or grandchild for summer camp yet? It's not too late! We're excited to be sending nine kids from CoG to Camp Wapo in Amery, WI at the end of June. Contact Rachel in the church office (office@crossofglory.us) this week if you have questions about registration.

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

Confirmation - We continue to gather on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. See you this coming Wednesday (come early for pizza)!

Faith + Neighboring Practices - Our monthly Wildfire cohort meeting is this Tuesday, Feb 28 at CoG from 6-9 pm. Dinner is provided.

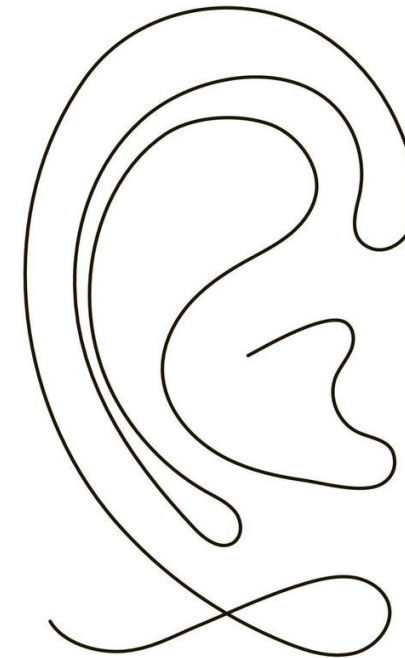
Bible Study - Join the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online.

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 worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

The First Sunday in Lent

Stories of Call: A Season of Prayerful listening



February 26, 2023
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LENTEN CALL TO WORSHIP

These forty days, as we gather together with our neighbors,
we listen for the Spirit.

In our singing and our prayer,
we listen for the Spirit.

At the font and at the table,
we listen for the Spirit.

As we hear God's Word proclaimed,
we listen for the Spirit.

In our coming in and our going out,
we listen for the Spirit.

As we begin our worship, we listen for the Spirit who has called Moses
and Samuel and Esther, who has called Mary and Paul,
who is speaking to us still.

Amen.

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins before God and neighbor.

Silence for repentance and reflection.

Holy God,

We confess to you our faults and failings.

**Too often we neglect your holy calling—
we take for ourselves rather than giving to others;**

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause harm in our relationships rather than healing;

we live in fear rather than in good courage.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to open ourselves to your call,

which is a call to life—and life together.

Amen.

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold

Sar Lauster

Norma Gilbertson

Don & Karen Earnest

Rachel Marquardt

Audrey Swanberg

Jeannie Kuzmich

Nancy Hengel

Eilert Pederson

Clarice Zirkle

Johnetta Freeman

*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.

**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!**

MUSIC

We are Called

#720

*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 1

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy
and the love of the Lord!
We are called
To be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom
Of the city of God. *(chorus)*

Chorus:

We are called
to act with justice.
We are called
to love tenderly;
We are called to
serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God calls you!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy
to all those in fear!
We are called
To be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness
Will be no more. *(chorus)*

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of the great day
When all will be one!
God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers
United in love. *(chorus)*

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive this gift of life.
Beloveds of God, this gift is for you!
God calls us now to live in this love
for the sake of our neighbors.
Amen.

MUSIC

God With Us

Ingram / Jordan

Verse 1

Oh, You've come to bring peace,
to be Love,
To be nearer to us.
You've come to bring life,
to be Light,
To shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

Chorus

Our Deliverer, You are Savior.
In Your presence
we find our strength
Over ev'rything, our Redeemer,
God with us.
You are God with us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

**O God, help us listen for your voice in the Word, that we might
listen for your voice in the world. We pray in the name of the
Father who spoke us into being, the Son who spoke among us,
and the Spirit who speaks to us still. Amen.**

Verse 2

Oh, You've come to be Hope
to this world,
For Your honor and name.
And You've come to take sin,
to bear shame,
And to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.
(Chorus 2x)

Ending

Oh God with us.
You are God with us.

MUSIC

Create In Me

Becker/Edwards

Verse 1

A sacrifice pleasing to God
Is a broken spirit.
You'll not despise a humble heart.
You will hold and heal it.

Pre-Chorus

Renew, restore,
Remember me my Lord.

Chorus

Create in me a new heart
After Yours, after Yours.
Create in me a new heart
After Yours, after Yours,
My Lord.

Verse 2

Come purify and I will be clean.
Wash away all my shame.
O, let me hear gladness and joy.
Let my mouth sing Your praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-12a

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen

Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.**

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!



WORK OF THE PEOPLE (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

DEDICATION OF HAND CHIMES

Keith Williams

TEMPLE TALK

Vision and Vocation team

Please stand as you're able.

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,**

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 our neighbors.

MUSIC

*** Please be seated ***

God Is Here!

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Verse 1

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Verse 3

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you;

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Create in Me

REFLECTION

PRAYER STATIONS

We now invite you into a time prayer, listening for the ways God may be calling you/us in light of today's call story. There are five prayer stations present, each of which invites you into a different prayer practice. For the next ten minutes while music plays in the background, we invite you to silently pray, beginning and ending with the sound of a chime.

For those onsite:

Prayer stations are set up at five tables throughout the sanctuary. We invite you to visit them as the Spirit moves you (each week, you may choose to visit one station, or a couple, or all of them--the rhythm of these prayers is up to you). At each station, you'll find some brief instructions and corresponding materials. If you'd like to linger at a station for prayer, we invite you to find a spot in a pew nearby, making space for others to move around the tables.

For those online and those who prefer to remain in their seats onsite:

During this time, the slideshow will rotate through invitations to take part in various prayer stations. You may follow along as cued, or you may guide yourself through prayer practices using the Prayer Station bulletin insert.

*** 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,**