

- **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)).

# The Second Sunday of Easter



***April 16, 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.\*\**

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

#### MUSIC

#### Kyrie

#### Haugen

Leader: 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

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Join us after worship to share in food and fellowship! And sign up to help host fellowship hour next month so we can continue to offer this time together.
- **Table Talks: Save the date!** - This month's 4th Sunday education hour, on the topic of "Life," is scheduled for 4/23 at 11 am. We are excited to welcome guest speaker Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, "freelance theologian" out of Two Harbors, MN, and author of "Joyful Defiance: Death Does Not Win the Day." Join us!
- **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** - The COG Bible Study resumes our regular rhythm this week. Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 onsite or online as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday! WELCA also invites all women to come to bible study Wednesday April 19th
- **WELCA Spring Luncheon**- Sat. May 6th. Punch 11:30, Luncheon 12:00, Program: 1:00. Sign-up poster by Welcome Desk. Indicate number of any guests after your name. There are forms and envelopes to inform our caterer of any food allergies/restrictions. If you can't sign-up at church, call the office and your information will be entered on the poster.
- **Wildfire Household Helpers** - Need a hand with non-professionalized household chores? First Lutheran of Crystal, one of our Wildfire partners, has a pool of helpers ready to assist anyone needing a hand with household chores, and one to help with personal needs. Call Jackie at 763 535 2797 to see if your chore fits our abilities.
- **CPR Training** -At this time the church is looking to update its CPR/AED capabilities. We are looking for people who would be willing to do the training for this program (cost covered). If anyone is interested, we are especially encouraging ushers, please notify the church office. Information will follow as interest becomes known.

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik  
Guest Pastor: Rev John Schwehn  
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams  
Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease  
Vocalists:

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey  
Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory

Greeters: Brenda Edstrom, Steve Ferley  
Reader:  
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Steve Ferley  
Don Halverson, Gordy Johnsrud



### WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

*Mavis Wold  
Shar Lauster  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg  
Debbie Sjoquist*

*Jeannie Kuzmich  
Dick Mero  
Bob Finke*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office  
([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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 strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy, 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.

#### **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. *Refrain*

#### **Verse 2**

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

#### **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: O God of life, you reach out to us in the midst of our fears, with the wounded hands of your risen son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### MUSIC

### Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

### ELW 535

#### **Refrain**

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. *Repeat*

#### **Verse 1**

Christ the Lord to us said:  
I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread,  
give to all who thirst and hunger.  
*Refrain*

**Verse 2**  
Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel.  
*Refrain*

**SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.'  
As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.  
Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.  
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**CHOIR ANTHEM This Joyful Eastertide arr. Alice Parker**

**GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31**

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

P: The Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.  
**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The King is alive!

**Verse 2**  
I raise a hallelujah  
with everything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah  
In the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
Fear, you lost your hold on me.  
*(Chorus)*

**Bridge 1**  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.  
Sing a little louder.

**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**

**MUSIC CREDITS**

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Sing a little louder.

**Bridge 2**  
Sing a little louder  
in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder  
louder than the unbelief.  
Sing a little louder.  
My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder.  
Heaven comes to fight for me.  
*(Repeat)*  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**Ending**  
I raise a hallelujah...

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of life

**All: Move us in prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray-

**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.**

## 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. Alleluia and amen!

## MUSIC

**Raise a Hallelujah**

**Helser/Skaggs/Stevens**

*\*\*Please rise as you're able. 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

I raise a hallelujah  
in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah  
louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah.  
My weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah.

Heaven comes to fight for me.

### Chorus

I'm gonna sing  
in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're  
gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes, hope will arise.  
Death is defeated.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## SERMON

**Rev. John Schwehn**

## MUSIC

### Yes He Lives

Pappas, Feilding, Hobbs, Hunt

#### Verse 1

On a hill for sinners  
His body broken  
A King forsaken  
as He hung on that cross

#### Verse 2

The veil in pieces  
the temple shaken  
They mourned the Savior  
but it wasn't for long

#### Chorus

Oh He lives  
He's risen from the grave  
Victorious our Savior reigns  
oh yes He reigns  
He rose the stone is rolled away  
Forever our Redeemer lives  
oh yes He lives

#### Verse 3

There in the silence it wasn't over  
Oh our Redeemer  
was getting ready to rise

#### Verse 4

And on that morning  
they came to find Him  
That tomb was empty  
'cause He is alive  
That tomb was empty  
'cause He is (*Chorus*)

#### Bridge

(Jesus) Christ crucified  
Through His death there is life  
By the blood of the Lamb  
We have been forgiven  
Our debt has been paid  
There is grace upon grace  
Only one name that saves  
And His name is Jesus (*repeat*)  
(*chorus*)

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*\*\* 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;**

## Apostles Creed

**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!*



## MUSIC

#### Verse 1

There is a Redeemer  
Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah Holy One

#### Chorus

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

## There is a Redeemer

#### Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer  
name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah O for sinners slain

#### Verse 3

When I stand in glory  
I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place (*chorus*)

## Green