

- **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).



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

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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 of Easter



April 23, 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, 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.

- **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: Today!** - This month's 4th Sunday education hour, on the topic of "Life," is scheduled for TODAY 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** - 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 May 17th at 1pm
- **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.
- **Gardening Meeting Next Sunday** - If you're interested in taking part in any gardening projects at COG this summer, join us after worship next Sunday 4/30 as we share ideas and discuss next steps!
- **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.
- **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.

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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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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**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 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*

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

**All: O God, because you live, we can live in hope. Catch us off
guard with your presence on whatever roads we are walking,
and fill our whole flesh with the hope we only find in you; in the
name of the risen Christ we pray, Amen.**

MUSIC

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461 vs 1-3

Verse 1

All who hunger gather gladly;
Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness
And wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 2

All who hunger, never strangers;
 seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness
 and roaming.
 Here in joy we keep the feast.
 We that once were
 Lost and scattered
 in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 3

All who hunger, sing together,
 Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing.
 Here in peace we have been fed.
 Blest are those who from this table
 live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal.
 Taste and see that God is good.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his

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!

MUSIC

That's Why We Praise Him

Walker

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

He came to live, live a perfect life.
 He came to be
 the living word our light.
 He came to die
 so we'd be reconciled.
 He came to rise
 to show His pow'r and might.

Chorus

That's why we praise Him,
 that's why we sing.
 That's why we offer
 Him our ev'rything.
 That's why we bow down
 and worship this King,

'Cause He gave His ev'rything.
 'Cause He gave His ev'rything.

Verse 2

He came to live, live again in us.
 He came to be
 our conquering King and friend.
 He came to heal
 and show the lost ones His love.
 He came to go
 prepare a place for us. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Halle, hallelujah.
 Halle, hallelujah.
(Repeat)
(Chorus)

my example is He.
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us,
His glory revealed.

Chorus

Living, He loved me,
Dying, He saved me,
Buried, He carried my sins far away,
Rising, He justified, freely forever,
One day He's coming.
O glorious day O glorious day.

Verse 2

One day they led Him up
Calv'ry's mountain.
One day they nailed Him
to die on a tree,
Suffering anguish,
despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my
Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me. (*Chorus*)

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.**

Verse 3

One day the grave
could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled
away from the door.
Then He arose over
death He had conquered,
Now is ascended
my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him.
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again. (*Chorus*)

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound
for His coming.
One day the skies
with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my
beloved one bringing.
My Savior, Jesus, is mine. (*Chorus*)

Ending

O glorious day! glorious day!
O glorious day!

throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the
Messiah, saying,
“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-31

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

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

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each
other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking
and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their
eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are
you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still,
looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered
him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the
things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them,
‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who
was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the
people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be
condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was
the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third
day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group
astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they
did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had
indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of
those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the
women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh,

how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

All Earth Is Hopeful

#266

Verse 1

All earth is hopeful,
the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open
for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people
who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice
set ev'rybody free.

Verse 2

People of Israel,
you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother
will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him,

"God with us,"

our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage
to children of this earth.

Verse 4

We first saw Jesus
a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus
today has come to live
in our world; God is present,
in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us,
and ever sets us free.

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!



MUSIC

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Hall/ Bleecker

Verse 1

One day when heaven
was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was

as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to
be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men