

- **Remembering Clarice Zirkle** - A brief prayer service will be hosted at CoG as we remember Clarice, who passed away last month. The CoG community is welcome to take part on Wed 5/10 at 11 am around the baptismal font in the sanctuary.
- **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).



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg

Jeannie Kuzmich
Dick Mero
Debbie Sjoquist
Karen Earnest

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 also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instructions can be found at the prayer wall.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



A Fifth Sunday Service of Lessons, Music, & Poetry

April 30, 2023

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

Easter 2023

Stories of Life:
Proclaiming Life in the Midst of Death



PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Easter Carol

John Leavitt

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Join us after worship to share in food and fellowship! And please sign up at the Welcome Table to help host fellowship hour next month .
- **Gardening Meeting Today** - If you're interested in taking part in any gardening projects at COG this summer, join us after worship today in the library as we share ideas and discuss next steps!
- **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 you to bible study on Wednesday May 17 at 1pm.
- **WELCA Spring Luncheon**— Join WELCA on Sat 5/6 for punch at 11:30, a luncheon at 12, and a speaker from CEAP at 1. Today is the last day to sign up either on the poster by the Welcome Desk or by calling the church office. Please indicate any food allergies/restrictions.
- **Welcoming New Neighbors** - This next week, a new 7th Day Adventist community "Messiah's Messengers Sabbath Assembly," will begin gathering at Cross of Glory for worship in the gym on Saturday mornings. Join us in welcoming them to 5929 Brooklyn Blvd!
- **Wildfire Respite Care** - Do you know someone who is a caregiver and needs a little break? Tell them about Respite Care, a collaborative Wildfire ministry that meets at House of Hope in New Hope on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Debbie Haney (612) 408-2049 for more info.
- **Wildfire Caregiver Support Group** - On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at House of Hope, Wildfire also hosts a caregiver support group that aims to enhance a caregiver's coping skills through mutual support and informational sharing. There is no need to register for this, just come. Contact Debbie Haney (612) 408-2049 with any questions.
- **CPR Training** - We are looking to update our CPR/AED capabilities. Please notify the church office if you are interested in this life-saving training program (cost covered). We are especially encouraging ushers to take part. Information will follow as interest becomes known.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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LESSON Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502

Verse 1

The King of love my shepherd is,

whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his

and he is mine forever.

Verse 3

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

but yet in love he sought me,

and on his shoulder gently laid,

and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Verse 4
In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord,
beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before
to guide me.

Verse 6
And so, through all the
length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

POEM **Mysteries, Yes** **Mary Oliver**

LESSON **John 10:1-10**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Here you heard
my dear Son's story,
here you touched him,
saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

Verse 3
"Go, my children, fed and
nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender
comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and
nourished, joyful and free."

Please stand as you're able.

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 **Prayer of Good Courage** **Gustavson**

**Throughout the Easter season, as we sing/pray the Prayer of Good Courage, we invite you to turn toward the back doors (i.e. toward the world we are called into with good courage). As you feel comfortable, you're also invited to lay a hand on a neighbor, remembering that we do not go forth alone.*

***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!*

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we
cannot see the end.
By paths never yet taken
Through perils unknown.
Give us good courage.

Not knowing where we go,
To know that your hand
is leading us
wherever we might go. (repeat)
Amen!

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Pastor: Great and merciful † God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.
(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.
(Verse)

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC Go My Children, With My Blessing #543

Verse 1
"Go, my children,
with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."
Verse 2
"Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love
you, what I can cure.

MUSIC You are My All in All (Jernigan)

Verse 1
You are my strength
When I am weak.
You are the treasure
That I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Chorus
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

Verse 2
Taking my sin,
My cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up.
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my all in all. *(Chorus)*

POEM I am the Door of the Sheepfold Malcolm Guite

LESSON Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** **#759 vs 1-3**

Verse 1
My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

Verse 2
May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

Verse 3
While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

POEM **Excerpt from "Mere Christianity"** **C.S. Lewis**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: And now let us rise as we're able and profess our faith through the sung words of our creed...

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

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***

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!



HANDBELLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Holden Evening Prayer** **Haugen**

Refrain (sung by all after each verse): **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel
6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
7. For all those who labor in service to others
8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
- 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy