

•**Hands Needed** - We will be sanding and painting window sills/trim in Progeny classrooms as well as removing/replacing carpet in a classroom Dec 27-30. If you can help with these projects, please see the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Desk or send an email to [facilities@crossofglory.us](mailto:facilities@crossofglory.us).

•**Winter Clothing Drive** - We're collecting winter clothing items to distribute to neighbors at WinterFest, a neighborhood gathering hosted by Cross of Glory and CAPI that will take place on Fri, Jan 10 from 5-7 pm. New or gently used winter hats, scarves, mittens, boots, coats can be donated at the drop-off bin near the Welcome Desk. AND...if you're interested in lending a hand at WinterFest (greeting neighbors, serving hot chocolate, etc.), let Pastor Ali know asap!

•**Confirmation Sock Drive** - We're collecting new socks during the month of February to distribute to the North Memorial Care Cart. A donation box will be placed at the Welcome desk. All sizes welcomed.

•**CoG Kids** - Join us for a Godly Play story--this month, told as part of worship!--on Sunday, Jan 5th. Please note that First Wednesday activities are moved to the second Wed of the month, Jan 8th, due to winter break scheduling. We look forward to seeing you at 5 for games, 5:30 for the community meal, 6 for activities, and 7 for confirmation.

•**Art Gallery Talk** - On Sunday, Jan 5th after worship, Keith Williams will be leading an art talk about the new exhibit in our art gallery. The new exhibition in the gallery is a collection of prints produced by the Concordia University Art Department made over the last 35 years. Cross of Glory is now the owner of a collection of about 20 fine art prints due to a donation from a member.

•**Christmas Garden** - Thanks to all those who have adorned the sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. We invite you to pick yours up after worship on Dec 24th or 29th. Any plants left in the sanctuary will be delivered to those on our visitation list.

•**Wildfire Youth Trip** - Wildfire churches are joining together for a high school youth summer trip to Lutheridge Camp in Asheville, NC July 20-25. Lutheridge is partnering with Lutheran Disaster Response to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene. If you are interested, please let Pastor Ali know by the end of January.

•**Pastoral Care & Visitation** - If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.

# The Fourth Sunday in Advent



***December 22, 2024***

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

In the midst of what often seems like a hopeless world, God is speaking. Advent is a time to listen, to be alert, to pay attention to what God is saying. But where--and in whom--do we listen for God's voice? This Advent season, as we await the arrival of God's Word incarnate, we listen again to the words of ancient prophets, who proclaim messages of justice, peace, and hope. And through these prophets, we are reminded of our own call to be prophetic witnesses to the Hope, named Jesus Christ, that is born among us.

Join us each Sunday morning in Advent as we explore the hope-filled words of biblical prophets through story, song, and the liturgy of Holden [Morning] Prayer:

- **December 1** - Isaiah
- **December 8** - John the Baptist
- **December 15** - Prophetic Hope in Song: A Service of Lessons & Music
- **December 22** - Mary



## Gathering

**PRELUDE**

**Freedom is Coming**

**Worship Team**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose presence draws near to us in the evening and the morning,  
whose birth we await,  
who is alive among us now.

**Amen.**

We are called in this holy season to stay awake and to pay attention. We begin by tending to our own sins: those done and left undone, those unknown and unknown, those committed individually and those we are complicit in corporately.

Let us take a moment of silence now for reflection and repentance...

*\*\* Silence is kept for confession \*\**

P: Holy God,

**ALL: We confess that we are not awake for you.**

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Tranvik

Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams

Worship & Tech Director: Mark Trease

Vocalists: Ruth Brateng, Becca Floyd,

Kim Jacobson, Laura McClanahan

Guitar: Steve Sebald

Technical Team: Dawn Bailey, Ryan

Bailey, Bill Bailey

Greeters: Marcy Hartlage, Steve Ferley

Reader: Kris Simon

Communion: Gayle Merritt, Marcy Hartlage, Kris Simon

Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don

Halverson, Tom Simon, Gayle Merritt

Fellowship: Dan and Jule Aulwes

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



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

*Mavis Wold  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg*

*Jeannie Kuzmich  
Eric Thompson & family*

*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.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee + Carols** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Today we're joined by worship staff who will be leading us in a Christmas carol sing-along. Join us and sing your favorite Advent and Christmas tunes!

•**Christmas at CoG** - Join us for Christmas Eve worship at 4 pm this Tues, Dec 24 as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. All neighbors, family, friends are warmly welcome! And join us again on Dec 29th as look continue to tell and sing the Christmas story.

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## RECESSION OF LIGHT

*\*\* Please rise as you are able \*\**

*Kids are invited to get a light from the front altar and join in the recession of light, which will end at the back of the sanctuary--a reminder that we're called to take our lights out into the world, and a reminder that God's light goes with us.*

## BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless our God.

**All: Praise and thanks to you.**

L: May God, Creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

**A: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

*\*\*Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.\*\**

**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!**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be prophets of God's hope.

**A: We will! Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### MUSIC CREDITS

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**We cling to false comforts and put our faith in false gods.  
We neglect the cries of our neighbors,  
the groans of the earth,  
the words of the prophets proclaiming another way.  
Have mercy on us, O God,  
And free us from our sin,  
So that your justice and mercy and love  
Would be born anew in us.  
Amen.**

P: People of God, listen to the words of the prophets: Jesus is coming!  
And in him † our sins are forgiven.  
In him, we are free to be people of hope--  
People who imagine and work to bring about  
the world that You hope for.  
The world you are being born into.

**A: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*\*\* Please rise as you are able \*\**

## PROCESSION OF LIGHT

**Haugen**

*\*\*All children are invited to grab a light at the usher's table in the back of the sanctuary and join in the procession of light, which will end at the front of the sanctuary with the lighting of the Advent candle(s). Kids are invited to put their lights on the altar to help adorn the sanctuary in light--a reminder of God's presence among us.\*\**

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

**All: The light no darkness can overcome;**

L: Stay with us now, for it is morning;

**A: and the day is just beginning;**

L: let your light scatter the darkness,

**A: and shine within your people here.**

## MUSIC

**Joyous Light**

**Haugen**

### Verse 1

Joyous light of heavenly glory,  
loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story,  
shine on every land and race.

Now as morning breaks around us,  
we shall raise our songs to you,  
God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
come and light our hearts anew.

**Verse 2**

In the stars that grace the darkness,  
in the blazing sun of dawn,  
in the light of peace and wisdom,  
we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder,  
love that warms the weary soul,  
Love that bursts all chains asunder,  
set us free and make us whole.

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

**THANKSGIVING**

Leader: May God be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us sing our thanks to God.

**A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. From old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright. For your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

**A: Amen.**

**MUSIC**

**PSALMODY**

**Haugen**

*This song draws on the words of Psalm 144. It begins in unison then becomes a round in 2 parts. Those seated on the pulpit side of the sanctuary join in on Part I. Those seated on the piano side join in on Part II (those online may sing either!).*

**Refrain** (begins in unison):

Let my prayer rise up  
like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as an offering to you.

**Part I & II** (sung in round):

O God, I call to you,  
come to me now;  
O hear my voice when I cry to you.  
(Refrain)

**Verse 3**

You who made the  
heaven's splendor,  
every dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice,  
let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving spirit of salvation,  
lead us on to endless day.

**MUSIC**

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

**#245**

**Verse 1**

Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

**Verse 2**

When this old world drew  
on toward night,  
you came; but not in  
splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blessed mother mild.

**Verse 3**

At your great name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend,

all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heav'n,  
shall call you Lord.

**Verse 4**

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.

**Verse 5**

To God the Parent, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally. Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

**A: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: God, remember us in your love, 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.**

*Sending*

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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# Table

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshipping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.*

L: The body of Christ is given for you.

The blood of Christ is shed for you.

**All: Amen.**

## MUSIC

### Make Room

### Maher/ Hall

#### Verse 1

A fam'ly hiding from the storm  
Found no place at the keeper's door.  
It was for this a child was born:  
To save a world so cold and hollow.  
A sleeping town, they did not know  
That lying in a manger low  
A Savior king who had no home  
Has come to heal our sorrows.

#### Chorus 1

Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart  
For God to write His story.

#### Verse 2

Shepherds counting sheep at night.  
Do not fear the glory light.

You are precious in His sight.  
God has come to raise the lowly.  
(Chorus 1)

#### Chorus 2

You can come as you are.  
It may set you apart,  
When you make room in your heart  
And trade your dreams  
For His glory.

Make room in your heart.  
Make room in your heart.

#### Verse 3

A mother holds the promise tight.  
Ev'ry wrong will be made right,  
The road is straight,  
The burden's light,  
For in His hands he holds tomorrow.  
(Chorus 1, Chorus 2)

*\*\*Silence for prayerful reflection\*\**

## PRAYER

P: Let us pray together:

**ALL: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that together with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. Amen.**

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# Word

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

## CHOIR ANTHEM Mary, How Could You Have Known Albrecht/Althouse

*Mary, how could you have known  
That an angel would come and proclaim the holy birth,  
And you would be chosen to bring God's son to earth?  
Mary, how could you have known?  
Mary, how could you have known  
That your child would be the Savior just as the prophets said,  
And that he would be born in a lowly manger bed?*

Mary, how could you have known?  
Were you not bewildered? Was it very strange?  
Did you ever wonder how your life would change?  
How could you be ready? How could you prepare?  
How could you imagine? Did you say a prayer?  
Mary, how could you have known that your son would be Messiah,  
And all the world behold that you would name Him Jesus  
As angels had foretold?  
Mary, how could you have known?

## GOSPEL READING

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

**Luke 1:39-55**

P: The Gospel according to Luke the first chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

**ALL: My soul proclaims your  
greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love  
on your servant here,  
and blessed me  
all my life through.**

**Great and mighty are you,  
O Holy One,  
strong is your kindness  
evermore.**

**How you favor  
the weak and lowly one,  
humbling the proud of heart.**

**You have cast the mighty  
down from their thrones,  
and uplifted the humble of heart,**

**you have filled the hungry  
with wondrous things,  
and left the wealthy no part.**

**Great and mighty are you,  
O Faithful One,  
strong is your justice,  
strong your love,  
As you promised  
to Sarah and Abraham,  
kindness forevermore.**

**My soul proclaims  
your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love  
on your servant here,  
and blessed me  
all my life through.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Refrain (sung by all after each verse):*

**God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:

In peace, in peace we pray to you

For peace and salvation, we pray to you

For peace between nations, peace between peoples

For we who are gathered to worship and praise you

For all of your servants who live out your gospel

For all those who govern that justice might guide them

For all those who labor in service to others

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy

Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

**ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*\*\* Please stand 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 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

*We give thanks for the ways your generous giving empowers us to share God's gift of life together in our congregation and wider community. You may share an offering in the plates as they're passed or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!*



## THE ANNUNCIATION + MAGNIFICAT

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.  
The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God most high."  
And Mary said, "I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

## Apostles Creed

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Rev. Mark Tranvik**

### MUSIC

### Canticle of the Turning

**#723**

#### **Verse 1**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings  
of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight  
on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness  
you did not spurn,  
so from east to west  
shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### **Refrain**

My heart shall sing  
of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

#### **Verse 2**

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last

from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name  
puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would  
for you yearn,  
you will show your might,  
put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.  
*(Refrain)*

#### **Verse 3**

From the halls of pow'r  
to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware  
for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor  
shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread,  
ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.  
*(Refrain)*

**Haugen**