



The Second Sunday in Advent

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee invites you to honor loved ones and adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas service.

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Poinsettia color and quantity:

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My total amount \$ _____

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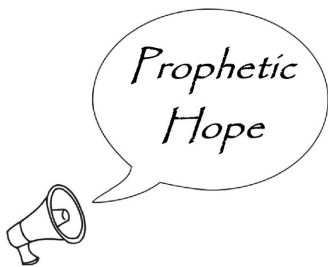
_____ Please adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season.



December 8, 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 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

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

•**Cookie Plates Next Week**— Bring in your homemade or store bought cookies and candies. There will be a table set up to receive your delicious gifts. After service is when our annual cookie plates will be assembled. The fifty year tradition continues for our homebound members and those who have had a life-altering event this past year. You can join in this ministry of love by baking, assembling, or delivering. Contact Marcy Hartlage with questions.

•**Prophetic Hope in Song**—A Service of Lessons & Music - Join us on Dec 15th for an Advent service, crafted by Mark Trease & Keith Williams, full of special music. Thanks in advance to all the CoG musicians who will be leading us in song and story!

•**Christmas Eve Worship** - Mark your calendars for 4pm on Dec 24th, when we'll be celebrating the birth of Christ here at Cross of Glory. All neighbors, family and friends are warmly welcome!

•**Like to Paint?** We will be sanding and painting windowsills/trim in Progeny classrooms as well as removing/replacing carpet in one of the classrooms during Dec 27-30. If you can help out with either of these projects, please contact Gayle Merritt or Dan Aulwes or send an email to 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.

•**Carol Sing-Along** - Stick around after worship on Dec 22nd. As part of our coffee fellowship hour that day, our worship staff will lead us in a Christmas carol sing-along in the Fellowship Hall.

•**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.

MUSIC CREDITS

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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich*

*Eric Thompson & family
Luella Hinnenkamp
The Hengel Family*

*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.*

**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 stand 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 candles. 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.

*** New members can return to their seats, the congregation is invited to welcome our newest members with a round of applause ***

RECESSION OF LIGHT

*** Please stand 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 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

Table

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

New members, please join Pastor Ali up front as we welcome you

Pastor: We rejoice in the opportunity to welcome new members into our life together here at Cross of Glory!

P: In response to God's love and grace you are joining with us in this community of faith today, and we are so delighted to welcome you! We ask you now, as you live out these same baptismal vocations as God's people, in this place and in the world, will you: trust in God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care of others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace? If so, please respond "We will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

New members: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: People of Cross of Glory, I ask you now will you support these new members in our faith community and share with them God's wide welcome in our shared life together? If so, please respond, "We will, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray: We thank you, God, for these new members of our congregation. Bind us to each other in you, and empower us for service, that together we would be witnesses to your love in the world.

ALL: Amen.

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.

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Every Valley

Patti Drennan

*Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, ev'ry mountain and hill made low.
The crooked straight and the rough places plain;
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-18

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

P: The Gospel according to Luke the third chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip 5

ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**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

MUSIC

Your Name (Christmas Version)

Baloché/Packiam

Verse 1

Humbly to the earth You came,
Born into this world to save.
God with us, Emmanuel;
Now we adore Your Name.

Chorus

Your Name
is a strong and mighty tower;
Your Name
is a shelter like no other;
Your Name,
let the nations sing it louder,
For nothing
has the power to save
But Your Name.

Verse 2

Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength
to live for You
And glorify Your Name. *(Chorus)*

Interlude

Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of
Peace. *(Chorus)*

Ending

God with us, Emmanuel.
God with us, Emmanuel.
God with us, Emmanuel.
Now we adore Your Name.

REFLECTION

MUSIC

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Verse 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Verse 2

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way
for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

Verse 4

Stretch forth your hand,
our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Verse 5

All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Haugen