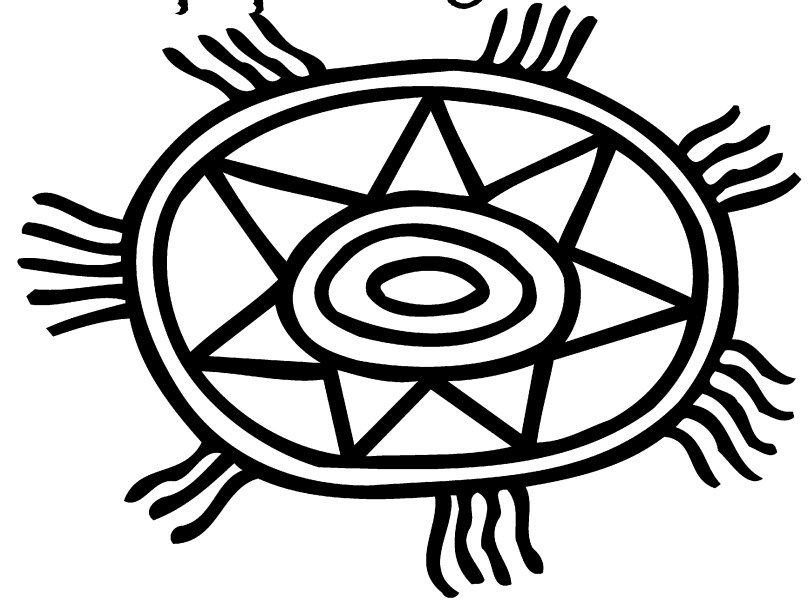


COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship** - All are welcome to a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- Art Gallery Talk TODAY** - 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.
- Neighbor Care Kits** - CoG Kids are assembling neighbor care kits as part of their First Wednesday activity, and they're requesting a few donations. Stop by the Welcome Desk for a list and more info. Thanks!
- WinterFest THIS FRIDAY** - WinterFest is this Fri, Jan 10 from 5-7 pm in CoG's fellowship hall! Join us for an evening of food, music, kids activities, resource fair, health fair (including free covid and flu shots by UCare). Able to lend a hand? Sign up at the Welcome Desk or let Pastor Ali know asap! And if you've got any final winter clothing donations that we will be handing out on Fri, drop off during office hours this week!
- Annual Reports** - All staff and committee chairs are invited to submit annual reports to Rachel by Jan 10. Annual reports will be available to pick up on Sunday, Jan 19, or anytime during the week (M, W, Th 10-2) ahead of the meeting on Jan 26.
- Sock Drive** -Archer and Renee Dahl are collecting new socks now through 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** - A reminder that First Wednesday activities have been 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.
- 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 the month.
- 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 Epiphany of our Lord



January 5, 2025

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



We are **CALLED**



We are called to **LIFE**



We are called to life **TOGETHER**

Welcome to Cross of Glory, where we work to share in the joy of life **together!** If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and put it in the offering plates so we can further extend a welcome.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our light, our love, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance

P: Merciful God,

As you have come to live among us—Love made flesh—that we might love the flesh of ourselves, our neighbors, and all your creation. We fail to care for the hungry and homeless in our midst.

We are wasteful with the earth's resources, turning precious gifts into commodities for consumption. We are lured by glimmer of false gods, who promise love but leave us empty. Shine your light on us, Reveal our sins, and forgive us, O God, for the sake of the One whose love continues and whose presence is made manifest among us, Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God, And shine forth God's light before others.

Amen.

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Ministers: The People of Cross of Glory



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

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Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Martha Krueger*

*The Sahr family
Luella Hinnenkamp
Susan Birch
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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.

Chorus

We come to You.
We come to You broken, hungry.
We come to You.
We come to You.
Make us whole again.

Verse 2

In the body of Christ
We are brought to new life;
Restore us.

May the flesh that we eat
And the blood that we drink
save us. (Chorus)

Bridge

By Your love,
By Your grace,
We are one. (Chorus)

Ending

We come,
We come to You.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing and the life that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

All: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY SONG

*** Kids are invited to grab a musical instrument from the basket in the back and make a joyful noise as we sing! ***

MUSIC

Prayer of Good Courage

Gustavson

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!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC

Christ Be Our Light

#715

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

Verse 1

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r
to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Verse 4

Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

A: O God, like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ shines among us today. Illuminate our hearts, that we may be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

BAPTISM OF JENELL DENNIS

The baptismal family is invited to gather around the baptismal font. The congregation is invited to rise and face the font.

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of this child of Jeffline Tolbert.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Leader: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jenell baptized into Christ? If so, please respond by saying "I do."

Parent: I do.

L: As you bring Jenell to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with Jenell among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Leader: Do you promise to help Jenell grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond by saying "I do."

Parent: I do.

L: Sponsor, do you promise to nurture Jenell in the Christian faith, as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond by saying "I do."

Sponsor: I do.

Leader: People of Cross of Glory, do you promise to support Jenell and pray for her in her new life in Christ? If so, please respond by saying "we do."

All: We do.

Leader: Parent and sponsor, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, please respond by saying "we renounce them."

Parent and Sponsor: We renounce them.

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.

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

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Chorus

Adore
Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

MUSIC

Verse 1

By Your body and blood,
By Your life and Your love;
Renew us.

Adore

Verse 2

Wise men bring their
treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer
to heaven's King
I will bring my life my love my all

Bridge

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us

Kendrick/ Chalk

We Come To You

May Your sacrifice be
Forgiveness in me;
Heal us

Blakesley

to bear shame,
And to conquer the grave.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.
(Chorus 2x)

Ending
Oh God with us.
You are God with us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how:

- 1. Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*
 - 2. Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*
 - 3. Return to your seat, and spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.*
 - 4. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying.*
- Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!*

P: Let us pray:

God of light,

P: As we journey, **A: guide us.**

As we struggle, **accompany us.**

As we stray, **lead us home by another way.**

As we wonder where to find you, **surprise us.**

Be our awakening. **Be our epiphany.**

Form us as we pray. **Amen.**

Table

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.

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

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parent and Sponsor: We renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parent and Sponsor: We renounce them.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

At this time, any kids worshipping with us today are invited to come gather around the front of the baptismal font for a close-up view!

HOLY BAPTISM

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led you your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us

free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

All: Amen.

Leader: Jenell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Jenell, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Jenell with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sponsor is invited to light the baptismal candle.

Leader: At this time, we present Jenell with the baptismal candle.

Sponsor: Jenell, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Leader: And now we'd like to present to Jenell a prayer shawl, knit by one of our members here at Cross of Glory, to signify that all who are baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ, and to remind her that she is wrapped in this community's continual care and prayers.

Leader: Together, let us welcome Jenell Dennis:

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

MUSIC

We Three Kings of Orient Are

#646

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

Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Verse 2

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. Refrain

Verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. Refrain

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

This Epiphany, as we continue to celebrate the Word made flesh, we seek to make material the words and the work of this church, sharing our gifts for the sake of the church, the neighborhood, and the world. At this time, we invite you to share an offering via the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code that will take you to Cross of Glory's online giving page.



MUSIC

God With Us

Ingram / Jordan

Verse 1

Oh, You've come to bring peace,
to be Love,
To be nearer to us.
You've come to bring life,
to be Light,
To shine brighter in us.
Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

Chorus

Our Deliverer, You are Savior.

In Your presence
we find our strength
Over ev'rything, our Redeemer,
God with us.
You are God with us.

Verse 2

Oh, You've come to be Hope
to this world,
For Your honor and name.
And You've come to take sin,

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the second chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

GODLY PLAY STORY

Chellie Sebald

*** kids are invited to come forward ***

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

To a Virgin Meek & Mild

Eggert

*To a virgin meek and mild, came an angel holy,
Greeting her, the undefiled, in her chamber lowly.
"Hail to thee, O blessed one, chosen mother of God's son,
Through a wondrous birth He shall come to earth.
And shall reign as a king, as a king forever, Jesus blessed savior."
By the sages long foretold, now the day is nearing.
Promises of God unfold, in the Son appearing.
He, the child of Bethlehem, branch divine of Jesse's stem,
Shall have great increase as the Prince of Peace,
And the earth shall be filled with the Lord's salvation, hope of every nation.
Come into this heart of mine, Jesus, guest from heaven.
Cradled there, O babe divine, earth shall be a heaven.
Angels sing your lullaby, keep your vigil in the sky,
Till the dawn shall break, and all earth awake,
To proclaim him the king who shall reign forever.
Jesus, blessed savior.*