

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee and Christmas cookies**—All are welcome to linger as you're able for a cup of hot coffee or cider, cookies, and time of fellowship after worship.
- First Sunday**—Due to the holiday season, First Sunday for kids and families has moved to **January 11th**. Join us for a special time for children during part of the service.
- First Wednesday**—Join us for our next First Wednesday on Wed, January 7th. A meal will be served for all at 5:30 pm, followed up activities for kids and families from 6-7. Confirmation will begin at 7 pm for 6th-8th graders and their parents.
- Carols Sing-Along**—Join members of all Wildfire churches for a Christmas carol sing-along event at Wicked Wort Brewery in downtown Robbinsdale on Monday, Dec 29th from 6-8 pm. Join us for a fun night of fellowship and fun as we continue to sing the Christmas story!
- Holiday Food Drive**—Help us collect food to share with neighbors in Brooklyn Center through CEAP and CAPI. Non-perishable items can be dropped off through the end of the month in the cart near the Welcome Desk.
- New Creation Community Meal**—Mark your calendar for the third Wed, when we'll be gathering with neighbors at FLW and First for our monthly potluck. This month we'll gather at FLW at 5:30 bring a dish to share!
- Pastoral Care & Prayer**—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 outside the sanctuary.



LESSONS and Carols

December 28, 2025

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church; Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

Leader: Into the forgotten places,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the poor, bringing bread,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the powerful, bringing warning,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the afraid, bringing good courage,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into the lives of the despairing, bringing hope,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Into all our lives and longings,

Come, Lord Jesus.

The prophets foretold, the angels proclaimed, the shepherds heard, a
mother bore a child, God's love is born

God's love is born for you and for me. Amen!

CAROL

Love Has Come

#292 vss 1-3

Verse 1

Love has come

—a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth

in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven

has come to proclaim it;

Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love!

Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love!

Glory to God on high.

Verse 2

Love is born!

Come, share in the wonder.

Love is God now asleep in the hay.

See the glow

in the eyes of his mother;

what is the name

her heart is saying?

Love! Love!

Love is the name she whispers;

Love! Love!

Jesus, Immanuel.



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

*Mavis Wold
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg
Jeannie Kuzmich
Eric Thompson & family
Claudia Reitan*

*Becca and Donald Floyd
Mark Trease
Sharon Quick
Jackie Fryhling
Josh Day
John Thomson*

*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.*

Verse 4

He rules the world
with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders,
wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is born!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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Guitar: Josh Smith

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Reader: Bob Wertz
Children’s Message: Kris Simon
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Fellowship: Cheryl Anderson
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey & Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

Verse 3

Love has come
And never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace

our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love!
Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love!
Praise to you, God on high!

*** Please be seated ***

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

P; Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**

Let’s take a moment of silence to confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for confession.

P: God-With-Us,

All: We confess that we have failed to live in your love. We have rejected those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden in whom you dwell. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, so that your justice and mercy and love would be born anew in us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news of great joy: Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation. You are God’s beloved children, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

A: Amen.

CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288

Verse 1

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 3

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice:
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together...

All: God of love and life, you have come to us in the birth of Jesus, moving into the neighborhood, moving into our hearts. Renew us and your whole creation. Be born in us anew – casting out sin, injustice, and despair. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Peace, Peace

Powell

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.

This is a time for joy. This is a time for love.

Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Silent night. Holy night. All is calm. All is bright.

'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.

Holy Infant so tender and mild.

Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;

 sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

 tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

 his marvellous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

 he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

 but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him;

 strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** Between each petition***

Leader: God, Emmanuel...

ALL: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

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BLESSING

L: May you be filled with the hope of the prophets, the wonder of Mary, the compassion of Joseph, the curiosity of the shepherds, the joy of the angels, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, † Christ, and Lord. **All: Amen.**

CAROL

Joy To the World

#267

*** Please stand as you are able. Kids grab an instrument from the basket located in the back of the sanctuary and make a joyful noise! ***

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his
blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. 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.

OFFERING

God's love moves 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, so that we might share God's love here in our congregation and throughout the wider community. Thank you!



bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 Worship the Lord in holy splendour;
 tremble before him, all the earth.
 Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!
 The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
 He will judge the peoples with equity.'
 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 let the field exult, and everything in it.
 Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 before the Lord; for he is coming,
 for he is coming to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 and the peoples with his truth.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
 Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
 O'er silent flocks by night,
 Behold, throughout the heavens
 There shone a holy light.
 (*Refrain*)

Verse 3

Down in a lonely manger
 The humble Christ was born;
 And God sent us salvation
 That blessed Christmas morn.
 (*Refrain*)

POEM

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSIC

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

#244

Verse 1

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.

The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

Verse 3

The saints, who here in patience
their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.

Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.

Verse 4

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

POEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Away in a Manger

POEM

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**