



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

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

Prophetic Hope

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 we listen to the prophets speaking those same messages in our world today. 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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

P: We are called in this holy season to prepare and to pay attention.
We begin by tending to our sins. Let us take a moment of silence now
for reflection and repentance...

*** Silence for confession ***

P: Long-expected God,

A: We confess that we are not awake to you:

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. Free us from our sin, and awaken us to
your advent among us, 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.

•**New Creation Community Meal** - Mark your calendars for third Wednesdays at 5:30 for a rotating potluck meal for members of FLW, First, and COG. This is a great way to get to know our neighbors as we explore the possibility of becoming a new creation. This month's community meal is Dec 17th at COG. This month we'll gather at 5 pm due to the 6 pm Advent service. Bring a dish to share as you're able and join us for this time of food and fellowship!

•**Holiday Food Drive** - We'll continue to collect food through the end of Dec to share with neighbors through CAPI and CEAP. All non-perishable food items accepted, see Welcome Desk for a list of highest need items. Monetary gifts may also be made toward Second Harvest, which will support food shelves throughout the metro area. Thank you!

•**Synod Youth Choir** - Kids ages 5-18 are invited to take part in synod-wide choir. This is a great way to grow in relationship with one another, in musicianship, and in faith! Youth will gather at 10 AM on the last Sat of the month January-April 2026 (rotating location). They'll sing at Synod Assembly on May 2nd and have a spring concert on May 17th. Reach out to Pastor Ali to get involved!

•**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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Fellowship Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

•**Stewardship Thank You** - Thanks for your incredible generosity in your 2026 financial pledges! Council is planning our budget for the new year, so if you have not yet submitted yours, please do so ASAP. Additionally, if you need an end-of-year statement to complete this year's pledge, let the office know. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving for the sake of God's gift of life together!

•**Holiday Benefit Concert** - Wildfire churches are joining together this afternoon from 2-4 at Elim in Robbinsdale for a Christmas concert featuring the Brooklyn Big Band. Admission is free, and donations will be collected for PRISM and NEAR (local food shelves). Cookies and coffee to follow. All are welcome!

•**Brooklyns Immigration Meeting** - How can we support and stand alongside immigrant and refugee neighbors? Faith communities and organizations across Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park are working together to organize concrete ways doing so. Join the community meeting this afternoon from 2-4 at St. Alphonsus.

•**Midweek Advent Services** - Join us for Wednesday evening Advent services this season with neighbors from FLW & First. Services will include candlelight, prayer, reflection, and the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Upcoming services are: 12/10 at First at 6 PM and 12/17 at COG; 6 PM worship, with a potluck dinner beginning at 5PM.

•**Path to Palm Sunday Kick-off Event** - Join thousands of people of faith on Sat, Dec 13th from 1-6 PM at the Mpls Convention Center for ISAIAH's launch event of the "Path to Palm Sunday," a new national movement that seeks to respond to cuts in food aid and healthcare programs, support immigrant neighbors, feed the hungry, and care for the sick. Talk to Pastor Ali to learn more.

•**Cookie Plates** - We invite you to bring some cookies (homemade or purchased) next Sunday, Dec 14th, when we'll be assembling cookie plates to drop off to many of our members. We need hands to help with both plating (immediately after worship in the fellowship hall) and delivering (Sunday afternoon or anytime in the couple days that follow!). Thanks to all who take part in this beloved holiday tradition!

In him, we are free to be people of hope-- people who dream of and work to bring about the world that God hopes for. The world being birthed into being.

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.

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.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: O God, through Jesus Christ, you birth a different kind of world among us. Help us to prophesy to your presence, and prepare the way of your coming, in the name of God Emmanuel, Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

CHOIR ANTHEM

The King Shall Come

Leaf

*The King Shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
Not as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die;
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.
The King shall come. The King shall come. The King shall come.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Director of Choirs: Keith J. Williams
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Reader: Gayle Merritt
Communion: Gayle Merritt, Marcy Hartlage, Kris Simon
Ushers: Cheryl Anderson, Don Halverson, Steve Ferley
Fellowship: Tom and Kris Simon, Marcia Janasz
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

RECESSION OF LIGHT

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

During the sending song, 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.

MUSIC	Prayer of Good Courage	Gustavson
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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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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God has Spoken Lyrics by: George Wallace Brigg

and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Silence for prayerful reflection

REFLECTION

MUSIC	God has Spoken by the Profits	Brigg
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To the tune of Love Divine, All Love Excelling ELW 631

Verse 1

God has spoken
by the prophets,
spoken the
unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one,
the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's
despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first and
God the last.

Verse 2

God has spoken
by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the
Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the
Word incarnate,
God of God,
when time was born;
Light of light,
to earth descending,
Christ, as God
in human form.

Verse 3

God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long
Word declaring
God's own message,
now as then.

Through the rise and fall
of nations
one sure faith
yet standing fast:
God abides,
the Word unchanging,
God the first
and God the last.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Silence for prayerful reflection

REFLECTION

MUSIC

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#257

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty
come and stay;
teach us your will
and guide our way. *Refrain*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear
good fruit in the name of Jesus.

A: Amen.

Sending

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Stay awake to God's presence,
pay attention to the words of the prophets,
and hold on to hope,
knowing that Hope already has a hold on you.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

of joy and health may flourish.
 May we neither profit from nor ignore evil.
 But ever work to thwart it with your peace.
 as by your grace, may we work to create the realm
 of peace in this world. Now and each day.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Here is life. God Emmanuel is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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 worshiping onsite, you're invited to come forward when an usher cues your row. You'll be offered bread from the first server (gluten-free option available), and grape juice at the second station. Communion is served intinction-style: you may dip the bread into the juice. If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be glad to bring it to you.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.
 The blood of Christ is shed for you.

All: Amen.

MUSIC	God With Us	Ingram / Jordan
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Verse 1	Verse 2
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.	Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world, For Your honor and name. And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, And to conquer the grave. Oh Emmanuel, God with us.

Chorus	(Chorus 2x)
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.	Ending Oh God with us. You are God with us.

MUSIC	Freedom is Coming	#903
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Verse 1
 Oh, freedom,
 Oh, freedom,
 Oh, freedom.
 Freedom is coming.
 Oh, yes, I know. *(Repeat)*

Chorus
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Oh, yes, I know.
 Oh, yes I know. *(Repeat)*

Verse 3
 Oh, Jesus,
 Oh, Jesus,
 Oh, Jesus,
 Jesus is coming.
 Oh, yes, I know.
(Repeat) (Chorus)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** 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

The Spirit 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. Thank you!



MUSIC **Your Name (Christmas Version)** **Baloche/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.

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.

Table

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

ADVENT LORD'S PRAYER

P; God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

All: Gracious Spirit,

whose home is heaven and earth,

whose realm is being born among us, and within us, now.

We pray that your compassion guides us in every action.

Give us what we need for each day,

and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone.

Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking,

may we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility.

And may we cancel the crushing debts

that imprison us and our neighbours so that communities