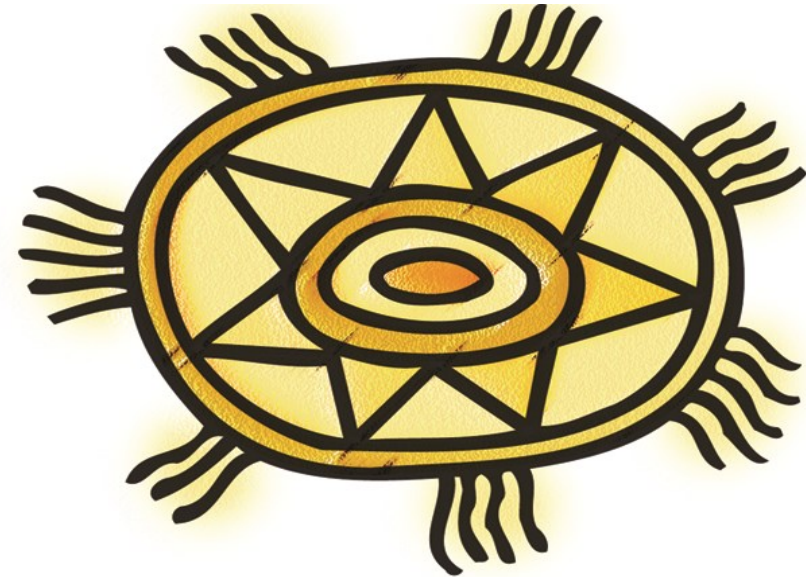


## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Coffee Fellowship Hour** - All are welcome to stick around after worship for a time of food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- First Wednesday**—Join us for our next First Wednesday on Wed, January 7th. A meal at which all are welcome 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.
- Godly Play** - Rescheduled from today to next Sunday due to holiday break, we look forward to inviting the children out for a special time of Godly Play during worship next Sunday, Jan. 11!
- Annual Reports due** - All staff members and heads of teams and committees are invited to submit their annual report to the office by Jan 8.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: Jan 25** - Mark your calendars and plan to join us immediately after worship on Sunday, Jan 25 for our annual meeting. Stick around after that for a community potluck (bring a dish to share as you're able - sign up near the Welcome Desk!)
- 2026 Giving Envelopes** - For those who requested giving envelopes, you can now pick those up at the Welcome Desk. Please contact Rachel if you have any questions or need anything else!
- Third Wed New Creation Meal** - Our monthly rotating potluck meal shared with friends from Faith Lilac Way and First Lutheran will take place this month at FLW on Wed, Jan 21 at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for this time of food and fellowship.
- Third Sunday New Creation Updates** - The New Creation team will continue to share monthly updates during coffee hour after worship on third Sundays, as we continue to explore the possibility of becoming a new creation. All continue to be welcome to attend and listen in on biweekly meetings as well: first Thursdays and third Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (changed to Jan 8 this month due to holiday). Contact the office for further information. All meeting minutes are also available to everyone in the church office.
- 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!

# The Second Sunday of Christmas



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

January 4, 2026



"Great is thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand has provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord unto me."

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### 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 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.**

### PROCESSION OF LIGHT & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*\*\*At this time, all kids will process with battery-powered candles to the front of the sanctuary and place them across the front rail, where they'll be a reminder of God's presence with us. Afterwards, kids can return to their seats.\*\**

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

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Ali Tranvik

**Director of Choirs:** Keith J. Williams

**Worship & Tech Director:** Mark Trease

**Vocalists:** Becca Floyd, Kim Jacobson, Laura McClanahan

**Guitar:** Josh Smith

**Tech Team:** Dawn Bailey, Ryan Bailey & Bill Bailey

**Greeters:** Wilma Frantz, Judy Lewis

**Reader:** Judy Lewis

**Communion Servers:** Judy Lewis, Kim Schoffstall, Carolyn Nottingham Davis

**Ushers:** Cheryl Anderson, Gayle Merritt, Don Halverson, Gordy Johnsrud

**Fellowship:** Cheryl Anderson, Lori Kosek

**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*

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

*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.*

**MUSIC**                      **Prayer of Good Courage**                      **Gustavson**

*\*\*While we sing the Prayer of Good Courage, you can remain facing forwards in order to see the lyrics on the screen. We invite you to link hands or arms with someone near you, an embodied reminder that we go forth not only with the presence of God, but also in the company of one another\*\**

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. <i>(Repeat)</i> Amen!
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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, Christ is born!  
**A: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**MUSIC CREDITS**

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**MUSIC**                      **Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory**                      **#561**

**Verse 1**

Joyous light of heav'nly glory,  
loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story,  
shine on ev'ry 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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together...

**All: God Incarnate, shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your will, and live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**MUSIC**                      **What Child Is This?**                      **#296**

**Verse 1**

What child is this,  
who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet  
with anthems sweet

while shepherds watch are  
keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard  
and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

**Verse 2**

Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear;  
for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him  
through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

**Verse 3**

So bring him incense,  
gold , and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him,  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

*Word*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!  
Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!

**Verse 2**

The body of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ, Torn for you;  
eat and remember  
The wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

**Verse 3**

The blood that cleanses  
every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup  
that all may enter in

To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

**Verse 4**

And so, with thankfulness  
and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow  
in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Emmanuel, God with us, you fill us with bread for the journey.  
Send us out into the world that you so love, to extend the grace we've  
received and to share the bread we've been given, in the name of Jesus  
Christ, the bread of life.

**All: Amen.**

*Sending*

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthday Song**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  
† bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**All: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Jesus shows up in a lowly manger, and in the simple gifts of bread and wine. Come, meet Christ in this meal.

P: The body of Christ is given for you.

**A: Amen.**

P: The blood of Christ is shed for you.

**A: Amen.**

*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. 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.*

### MUSIC      Word of God Come Down to Earth      #510

#### Verse 1

Word of God, come down on earth,  
living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth  
faith and hope and love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you;  
Word made flesh,  
we long to hear you.

#### Verse 2

Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,

Word that came from heav'n to die,  
crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring,  
speak to us, your love outpouring.

#### Verse 3

Word that speaks God's tender love,  
one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above  
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

### MUSIC      Behold the Lamb      Getty/Getty/Townsend

#### Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who  
bears our sins away,  
Slain for us; and we remember  
The promise made  
that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Light of the World

Duncan/ Daigle/  
Maybury

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 2:41-52

P: The Gospel according to Luke the second chapter.

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

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## SERMON

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God, you have given us the gift of new life, the gift of community, and these gifts of bread and wine that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and joy to all the tables of our lives.

**All: Amen.**

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Table

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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: Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**ALL: 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.**

## 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\*\**

## 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.**

## OFFERING

*God's love moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates as they are being passed 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!*



## MUSIC

**Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**

**#297**

### Verse

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing:

"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

## MUSIC

**O Word of God Incarnate**

**#514**

### Verse 1

O Word of God incarnate,

O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth unchanged, unchanging,

O Light of our dark sky:

we praise you for the radiance

that from the hallowed page,

a lantern to our footsteps,

shines on from age to age.

### Verse 2

The church from you, dear Jesus,

received the gift divine;

and still that light is lifted

o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,

mid mists and rocks

and quick sands

still guides, O Christ, to you.

### Verse 3

Oh, make your church, dear Savior,

a lamp of burnished gold

to bear before the nations

your true light, as of old;

oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims

by this their path to trace,

till, clouds and darkness ended,

they see you face to face.

## 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.**