

Maggie and Gordy Johnsrud
 In memory of parents Joseph & Anna Koschney, Carrol & Gertrude Johnsrud

James and Ardy Jereski
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jereski, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hanson
 and Howard E Hanson

Tom and Rachel Marquardt
 In memory of our dad's Elmer Marquardt and Bill Hass

Gayle and Don Merritt
 In memory of loved ones

John and Joyce Rowley
 In celebration of the season

Nicholas, Grace, Piper, and William Sargent
 In memory of Ron Sargent

Marian Priest
 In memory of Bruce Priest and Katy Priest

Carol, Debbie, and Dean Sjoquist
 In memory of Wally, husband and father, and Bonnie, sister

Tom and Kris Simon
 In memory of loved ones and Cross of Glory members who have passed

Earl Simons, Dawn, Bill, Ryan and Chad Bailey
 In memory of Ruthanne Simons

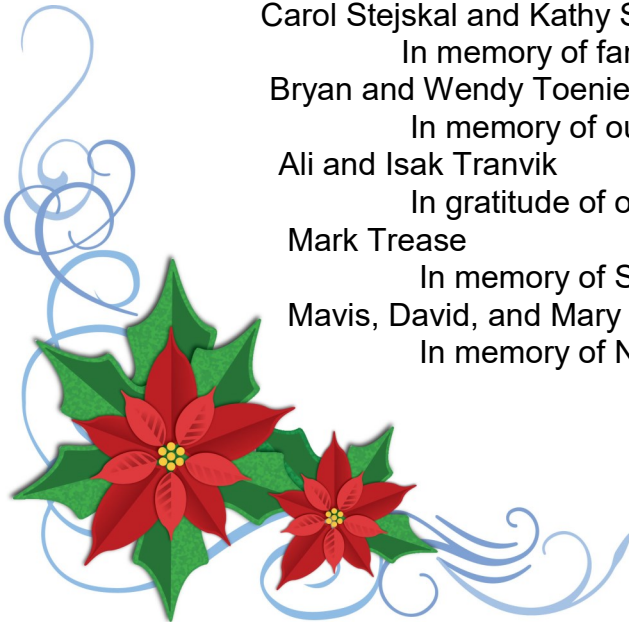
Jason and Deanne Stejskal
 In memory of Terry Stejskal and Larry McConnell
 Carol Stejskal and Kathy Stejskal-Swendiman
 In memory of family and friends no longer with us

Bryan and Wendy Toenies
 In memory of our parents

Ali and Isak Tranvik
 In gratitude of our parents

Mark Trease
 In memory of Scott A. Wells & Markus Wuollet

Mavis, David, and Mary Wold
 In memory of Norman Wold



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2022

Merry Christmas and welcome to Cross of Glory! If you're worshipping onsite, please pick up a candle from an usher on your way in, which we'll light at the end of the service. If you're worshipping online, we invite you to have a candle with you, and to gather bread or a cracker, and wine or juice for Holy Communion. Welcome again to Cross of Glory as we gather together to worship Christ Emmanuel, who is born among us, here and now!

PRELUDE

COG Kids

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here, in winter's deep night, we gather to share the light of Christ, a light that shines in the darkness.

All: We gather together in the wonder of this night.

Like Mary, we open ourselves to your unexpected arrival,
Longing for a different kind of world.

Like the shepherds, we come to the stable, uncertain of what we have heard and seen,
Longing to hear a word of peace.

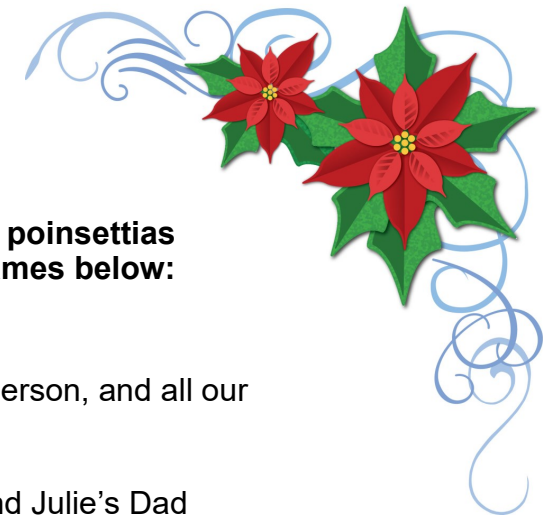
Like the wise ones, we come with gifts to give, and gifts to receive,
Longing to find a child that is born to us.

Like the angels, we have come as a chorus to sing of this good news of great joy.
Longing for the joy that is given to the world.

Come, let us gather, let us hear and see and sing, let us worship Emmanuel, the God who is come. **Amen!**

Please stand as you're able

Thank You



...to those who adorned the sanctuary with poinsettias this year. We celebrate and honor those names below:

Cheryl and Gail Anderson

In memory of Sidney and Marian Anderson, and all our pets, four legged and two legged

Dan and Julie Aulwes

In memory of Dan's Mom and Dad and Julie's Dad

Joan, Joy, and Joelle Danielson

In memory of MaryJo and Brian Danielson

Don and Karen Earnest

In memory of family and friends

Ardis Fairchild

In memory of Neil Fairchild and Beth Caswell

Marcy, Lynn, and Nick Hartlage

In memory of Gil Hartlage

August and Nancy Hengel

In memory of mothers, fathers, son, brothers, sisters and friends

Luella Hinnenkamp

In celebration of Pastor Ali, Isak, and family

Dean and Barbara Hoium

Bob and Viv Postl

Richard Hoium

Beverly Hoium

Kim and Gary Jacobson

Friends and family who have passed

Richard and Arlene Kosek

In memory of loved ones

Abby Kelley

In celebration of the season

Linda Knudsen

Al Knudsen, and our parents

Judy Lewis

In memory of loved ones

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make a Gift

Your Christmas offering empowers us to share God's love through a variety of vibrant ministries both in our congregation and in our broader neighborhood. If you're worshipping onsite, offering plates will be passed during the service, or you can leave an offering in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping online, we invite you to visit the "Give" tab on our website (above) to make a simple and secure gift. Thanks for your generosity!

Join us for Worship

Worship with us on Sundays at 9:30 am onsite or online. Video recordings of all worship services are also available on our website and can be viewed anytime.

Pastoral Care & Prayer

If you're in need of care, prayer, or conversation, Pastor Ali and the Visitation Team would love to connect. Email office@crossofglory.us to schedule a time.

Take Part in our Life Together

From singing in the choir to tutoring local students, community gardening to community meals, the quilting ministry to the prayer ministry, we invite you to take part in God's gift of life together here at Cross of Glory. Check out the "Connect" page of our website to learn more!

Stay Connected - To be added to our email or mailing list to receive monthly newsletters and/or weekly bulletins and sermons, email or call the church office.

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MUSIC

Joy to the World

#267 vss 1, 2, 4

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 2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

Please be seated

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: On this silent night when we gather to celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, we confess that our own noise has drowned out the melody of God's redeeming love. On this silent night, we confess our sins together:

All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have rejected your invitation to life. We have failed to live in your love. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden in whom you dwell. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins—those we know and those known only to you—for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of great joy: God forgives us all our sins, not through our own efforts, but through † Jesus Christ, who is born to all people. Rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

MUSIC O Come, All Ye Faithful #283 vss 1, 3, 4

Verse 1

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest!
(Refrain)

Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born that happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.
(Refrain)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS & ADVENT CANDLES

A reading from John 1:1-5: 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.

Please stand as you're able

MUSIC Hark, the Herald Angels Sing #270 vss 1 and 3

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;

MUSIC CREDITS

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WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

- Mavis Wold
- Shar Lauster
- Norma Gilbertson
- Audrey Swanberg
- Don and Karen Earnest
- Rachel Marquardt
- Chet Janasz
- Jeannie Kuzmich
- Nancy Hengel
- Friends and family of Dale Anderson, Lois Jorpeland, and Shirley Johnson as they grieve their recent deaths

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

We invite you to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are located at the prayer wall.

CANDLE LIGHTING AND MUSIC

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!

BLESSING

Pastor: Our candle reflects the star that led the magi, the angels who shone in the night sky, and the light of Christ who has come. Let your light shine as you go forth today, knowing that the presence of God † accompanies you, the peace of Christ dwells with you, and the love of the Holy Spirit never leaves you.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is born for *you!*

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Silent Night #281 vss 1-3

Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams
from your holy face,
with the dawn
of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem:

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born

Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

God Emmanuel, you come among us to grant us peace, offer us hope, fill us with joy, and embody love. Empower us to proclaim the good news of the birth of your Son to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

The body of Christ is given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ is shed for you. **Amen.**

If you're worshiping onsite, an usher will dismiss your row. You'll be invited to then come forward to receive bread (gluten-free option available upon request) and wine (grape juice option available upon request). Baskets where you can place empty cups are located at the end of the first pews. If you'd like communion to be brought to you, we'd be glad to do so...simply cue an usher.

If you're worshiping online, you're invited to partake in this holy meal with bread and wine/juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body in Christ, even across all the different tables we find ourselves.

towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **#279 vss 1 and 4**

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep
and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears
of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Verse 4

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel!

KIDS' MESSAGE

MUSIC **Go, Tell It on the Mountain** **#290 vss 1 and 3**

Refrain

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

There shone a holy light.
(Refrain)

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens

Verse 3

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

SERMON

OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC - We Have A Savior - Worship Team

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant...lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

MUSIC

(tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth,
all your power fills the heavens.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Blessed is the child who comes,
bringing love and light divine.
Blessed is the one who's here,
in the bread and in the wine.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God Emmanuel,
All: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

During today's time of offering, we invite you to give in response to the gifts that God has first given us. If you're worshipping in person, plates will be passed around the sanctuary. If you're worshipping online, you're invited to share your offering via the "Give" page at www.crossofglory.us, or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera.



MUSIC

What Child Is This?

#296 vss 1 and 3

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 3

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH — NICENE CREED

**All: 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,
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,**