

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks for your generosity in pledging toward the work God will do among us in 2022! If you haven't submitted your pledge card yet, you can mail it to the church office (5929 Brooklyn Blvd) or email office@crossofglory.us with your 2022 giving information. Please note that giving envelopes have not yet arrived. As soon as they do we'll be sure and let you know!
- All who are interested in learning more about Cross of Glory or joining as a new member are invited to a new member gathering and info session next Sunday, Jan 9 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to welcoming new members in worship the following week, Jan 16!
- We're still collecting applications for this summer's Youth Gathering in Minneapolis (July 24-28). Additionally, applications for Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission are now open. Reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us) for more info if you're interested in applying!
- Application information for our new, long-term office role is now posted on our website (www.crossofglory.us). Please share the word! We are excited to welcome Rachel Marquardt as our interim administrative assistant. Please note: for the next couple of months, church office hours are M-W 10-2. If you need any administrative assistance, please email Rachel at office@crossofglory.us or call the church office at 763-533-8602.
- We will not gather for Bible Study this week, Jan 4. We'll resume on Tuesday, Jan 11. All are welcome to join us at 9:30 am, either in-person or via Zoom, as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
- Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, Jan 30 following worship. All staff and committee chairs, please submit reports for the 2021 Annual Report by January 10, 2022
- Pastor Ali will be out of the office Jan 3-6. If you need emergency pastoral care during that time, please reach out to Pastor Rev. Ashley Osborn at Valley of Peace Lutheran (fellow Wildfire congregation) aosborn@valleyofpeace.org

Second Sunday of Christmas



January 2, 2022

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

*** Please stand as you are able*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

***Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

<i>Marian Priest</i>	<i>Nancy Hengel</i>
<i>Mavis Wold</i>	<i>John Thomson</i>
<i>Jackie Fryhling</i>	<i>Sharon Quick</i>
<i>Shar Lauster</i>	<i>Sue Birch</i>
<i>Norma Gilbertson</i>	
<i>Dorothy Shoemaker</i>	<i>Loved ones of Mayvis</i>
<i>Vicky Jacobson</i>	<i>Smith as they grieve her</i>
<i>Trish Hambrick</i>	<i>recent death</i>
<i>Marian Henjum</i>	

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 also welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary and add a written prayer, fold it up and place it between the wooden pieces in the wall. Further instruction can be found at the prayer wall.

Congregational Support as of 11/30/2021

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

Year to Date Budgeted: \$203,408.33

Year to Date Received: \$207,312.17

Difference: \$3903.84

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Christ is born!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Organist: Allan Mahnke

Worship Vocalist: Kris Simon

Lector: Kris Simon

Greeters: Tom Simon, Carol Sjoquist

Communion Assistants: Kris Simon, Arlene Kosek, Judy Olson

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, and Bill Bailey

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC

Awake and Greet the New Morn

#296 1,3,4

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, song,
for angels herald its dawning. the lame shall leap in wonder,
Sing out your joy, for now he is born, the weak be raised above the strong,
behold! the Child of our longing. and weapons be broken asunder.
- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
Come as a baby weak and poor, though dark the winter and cheerless,
to bring all hearts together, the rising sun shall crown you with
he opens wide the heav'nly door light,
and lives now inside us forever. be strong and loving and fearless.
- 3 In darkest night his coming shall be, Love be our song and love our prayer
when all the world is despairing, and love our endless story;
as morning light so quiet and free, may God fill ev'ry day we share
so warm and gentle and caring. and bring us at last into glory.
Then shall the mute break forth in

*** please be seated*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray . . . **God-With-Us, you have dwelled among us that we might dwell with one another. By your Spirit, illuminate our lives with your light, that we might share it in the work of our daily lives; through Jesus Christ Emmanuel. Amen**

MUSIC

What Child is this?

#296 1-3

- 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!
- 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!
- 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.

FIRST READING:**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

MUSIC**Infant Holy****#276 1-2**

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| <p>1 Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!</p> | <p>2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds
keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!</p> |
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COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, empower us to share your love with all the world. In Emmanuel's name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

As you go forth into your fields, may God Emmanuel fill you with all joy, hope, and love, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

MUSIC**Arise, Your Light has Come****#314 1-4**

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| <p>1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.</p> | <p>3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.</p> |
| <p>2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.</p> | <p>4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.</p> |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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

And now let us pray together 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.

COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake in this holy meal at God's table. Christ is the host and we are the guests. If you're worshipping with us in person, please wait to come forward until an usher dismisses your row. Note that gluten free wafers and grape juice options are available upon request. If you'd like communion to be brought to you, simply cue an usher. If you're worshipping from home, you are invited to partake in this holy meal at home with a form of bread and either wine or juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body, even while we are apart)

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you

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

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

SECOND READING

John 1:1-9

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Away in a Manger"

Kris Simon

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-20

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.

SERMON

Pastor Ali Tranvik

MUSIC **Word of God, Come Down to Earth** **#510 1-3**

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,</p> | | |

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

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And always with you.

Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

If you're worshipping in-person, you're invited to stand up, remain in your pews, and turn to neighbors near you, offering a physically distant sign of peace: a wave, nod or bow, peace sign, or crossing arms over the chest as a symbol of an embrace. If you're worshipping on Zoom, you're invited to turn on your video and wave or give a peace sign to others.

*** please be seated*

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Offering plates will not be passed around at this time. Please drop off offering before or after the services in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page at www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for your generosity!

MUSIC **Blessed be the God of Israel** **#250 1-3**

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| <p>1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.</p> | <p>3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.</p> | <p>and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.</p> |
| <p>2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear</p> | | |