

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Fellowship - You're invited to stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship. If you're able to help with set-up or clean-up in coming weeks, please sign up at the welcome desk. We're grateful for the hands that make possible this time together!

Annual Meeting and Luncheon - Join us next Sunday, Jan 22 as we gather for our annual congregational meeting. To ensure we have a congregational quorum, we invite you to attend in-person, via Zoom video call, or via telephone (no smartphone necessary). Reach out to Council Member Erik Haugland with questions about getting connected. Free lunch is provided after the meeting.

Annual Reports - Are now available in print and online! Pick one up today or anytime this week M-W 10-2. To request a mailed copy, please call the church office.

2023 Offering Envelopes - Are now available for those who opted for offering envelopes. Pick yours up from the office today or anytime M-W 10-2. If you'd like envelopes mailed to you, please reach out to the church office.

Community Meals - On Wednesdays starting at 5:15, all are welcome to join the tutoring community and share a meal together in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study - Join the COG Bible Study as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am onsite and online. Note: WELCA Bible study does not gather this month.

Table Talks - After worship on Sunday 1/29, join us for our monthly education hour where we explore various topics of faith in everyday life. As we begin the new year and many take on new resolutions and rituals, we'll be exploring the topic "Faith + Ritual." Pick up a short article to read ahead of time in the folder at the bulletin boards outside the sanctuary! Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.

Song Requests - As we prepare for our 5th Sunday service of Lessons & Music, we invite you to help craft the service by submitting a song or two you'd like to sing. Call or email the office with your request by 1/22 and we'll do our best to include it!

Care & Visitation - If you're interested in receiving a visit from Pastor Ali or a CoG friend, or would be willing to serve as a visitor (who makes either in-person or phone call visits to homebound members), let Rachel in the office know (office@crossofglory.us).

Want to Know More About COG? - We're so glad you're worshipping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at COG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

The Second Sunday in Epiphany



January 15, 2023

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in this mercy, let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins, both individual and collective...

Silence is kept for reflection and repentance.

**Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have prioritized our own wants over the needs of our neighbors.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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

MUSIC

Here I Am To Worship

Hughes

Verse 1

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. God’s light goes with you

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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
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Harriet Halverson*

*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.*



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing and the life that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
By paths as yet untrodden,
Through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage.
Not knowing where we go,
But only that your hand is leading us,
And your love supporting us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

Please stand as you're able.

MUSIC We are Marching in the Light of God ELW 866

Kids are invited to grab an instrument and play along on the last song of the service. Instruments can be found in the basket of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. Pick an instrument, return to your seats, and make a joyful noise!

Verse 1
We are marching
in the light of God,
we are marching
in the light of God.
We are marching
in the light of God,
we are marching
in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching

in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching
in the light of God.
Verse 2
We are singing . . .
Verse 3
We are dancing . . .
Verse 4
We are living....

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came

To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
(Chorus x2)

Bridge

And I'll never know
how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how
much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

O God, like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ shines among us today. Help us to look around and see it, that we may be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC

Adore

Kendrick/ Chalk

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation

Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Chorus
Adore
Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer
to heaven's King
I will bring my life my love my all

Verse 2
Wise men bring their
treasures
Shepherds bow low

Bridge
Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MUSIC **We Three Kings of Orient Are** **#646**

Verse 1
We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain
Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Verse 2
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. Refrain

MUSIC **Arise, Your Light Has Come!** **#314**

Verse 1
Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Verse 2
Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Verse 3
Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshiping God Most High. *Refrain*

Verse 4
Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Refrain

Verse 5
Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

Verse 3
Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Verse 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.

As we navigate rough terrain, as we struggle to find our footing,

All: accompany us.

As we stumble and stray, searching for life in all the wrong places,

All: lead us home by another way.

As we wonder where to find you,

All: surprise us.

Be our awakening.

All: Be our epiphany.

Form us as we pray,

All: Amen.

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

Gathered together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer 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, where Christ is the host and we are the guests. 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 options available upon request), and wine from the second server (grape juice available upon request). If you'd like to take communion in your seat, simply cue an usher and we'd be happy to bring it to you. If you're worshiping at home, we invite you to have bread or a cracker and wine or juice, trusting that God is present in it, and that it draws us together as one body even across time and space.

CHOIR ANTHEM Before the Marvel of This Night

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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

P: The Gospel according to Matthew the second chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC

Christ Be Our Light

#715

Verse 1

Longing for light,
we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own,
your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r
to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Verse 4

Longing for shelter,
many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building,
sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that
yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Refrain

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

**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 ***

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Thanks for giving with good courage toward the work that God is doing among us! We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!



SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night

Eric Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout the season of Epiphany, we invite you to take part in the Prayers of the People. Here's how:

- 1. Take a paper star (located at the end of your pew) and write a prayer on it--a prayer for yourself, the church, the neighborhood, the world, or those in need. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous.*
- 2. Come forward to hang your star on the Christmas tree, and before you return to your seat, take the prayer of someone else from the tree.*
- 3. Return to your seat, and spend the remaining prayer time offering a silent prayer to God about the prayer of your neighbor.*
- 4. You may also take the star home with you this week to continue praying. Tip: keep it in a place--fridge, car, backpack, pocket, purse, etc.--where you'll see it often and be reminded to keep lifting up your neighbor's prayer in your own!*

**NOTE: If you need assistance hanging your star or retrieving someone else's, cue an usher and we'll be glad to assist you.*

P: And now let us pray:

God of light, as we journey through the wilderness, you are our bright star,

All: guide us.