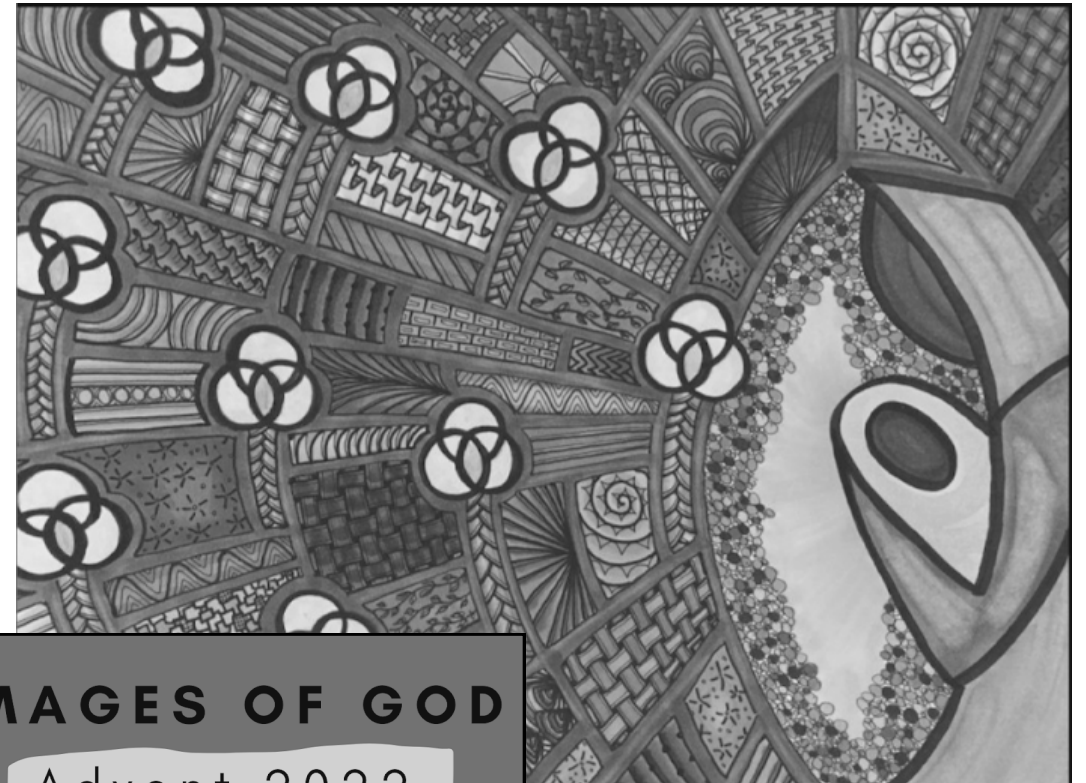


The First Sunday in Advent



IMAGES OF GOD

Advent 2022

November 27, 2022

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HANDBELLS God of Grace and God of Glory

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

All: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen!**



The Worship, Music and Arts Committee invites you to honor loved ones and adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas service.

The donation is \$16 per plant or two for \$30. Please make checks payable to Cross of Glory and note “memorial garden” on the memo line. Or you can also make a payment online by clicking the donate button on the website: www.crossofglory.us

All order forms and payments need to be submitted to the office by December 4th.

In Memory of

Given by _____ Phone # _____

Poinsettia color and quantity: _____ Red _____ White _____ Pink

My total amount \$ _____

_____ payment is attached

_____ paid by credit card on CoG Website

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after 4pm service on Christmas Eve

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Day service

_____ Please adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season



- **WELCA Christmas Gathering** - The women of the ELCA (WELCA) invites you to take part in their Christmas gathering on Saturday, Dec 3 at 11:30 pm. Sign-up near the Welcome Table. Reach out to Carol Stejskal with questions.
- **Christmas Cookie Distribution** - Continuing the tradition of preparing ?Christmas Cookie Plates for our home bound members, those who are in Care Center, members who have experienced a life changing event or were visited from our Visitation Ministry committee. Donations are needed for Cookies of all kinds, home made, store bought cookies, candy, dipped pretzels, etc. We have prepared upwards of 60 plates in years past. Our baking members are so generous with their contributions that allowed us to present an awesome plate of fresh Christmas Cookies to our special home members. The Visitation Ministry is still making their calls and the list grows. Appreciate your bringing your treats to church on Sunday, Dec 11. Following the Coffee Fellowship, we will plate them for delivery before Christmas. Let Marcy know if you would like to have your contribution picked up, she is happy to do so 763-999-9499
- **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 worshiping with us! Welcome. If you're interested in learning more about life together at CoG, reach out to Pastor Ali (atranvik@crossofglory.us).

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

MUSIC

Bring Many Names

Verse 1

Bring many names
Beautiful and good
Celebrate in parable and story
Holiness in glory
Living loving God
Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names.

Verse 2

God with us,
Christ , Emmanuel,
Soon a babe incarnate in a manger
While we wait your coming,
Be with us now.
Hail and hosanna!
Bring many names.

Verse 3

Great living God
Never fully known
Joyful darkness
far beyond our seeing
Closer yet than breathing
Everlasting home
Hail and Hosanna!
Bring many names

Verse 4

God who sends us forth
Into the world,
Help us see your
Image in each other.
Open us up
to seeing you a-new.
Hail and hosanna!
Bring many names.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*** Please be seated ***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

God of many names, as we hear your Word and reflect on your image, open us to seeing you anew, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, the one for whom we wait. Amen.

MUSIC **Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud** **#947**

Verse 1

Source and Sov'reign,
Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:

Refrain

May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all
is the God whom we proclaim.

Verse 2

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to I Am: *Refrain*

Verse 3

Storm and Stillness,
Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Couns'lor, Presence, Love,
Energies that never tire: *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 6:25-33**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM **As the Dark Awaits the Dawn**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall!
- **Table Talks** - ...and stick around after coffee fellowship for Table Talks, our monthly education hour. Today, we'll be exploring Faith + Blessedness (is there such thing as being #blessed?). An article that will guide our discussion can be found on the bulletin boards outside the sanctuary. Reach out to Gordy Johnsrud with questions.
- **Stewardship 2022** - Thank you for your good courage as we finalize our financial commitments for the year ahead. If you haven't yet submitted your pledge card, please do so ASAP by sending it to the office or filling it out online at www.crossofglory.us.
- **Kids Activities next Sunday** - COG kids of all ages are invited to the First Sunday of the month activity. Next Sunday, Dec 4, we'll be doing an Advent craft, decorating Christmas cookies, and learning a song that we'll be singing in worship.
- **Winter Festival** - CAPI and Cross of Glory are joining together again to host a neighborhood gathering...on Fri 12/9 from 4-7:30 pm, come to COG's fellowship hall for food, entertainment, a covid and flu vaccine clinic, community resources, kids' activities, and more. Please come and take part in the festivities! If you can lend a hand for part of the time, please sign up at www.crossofglory.us or call the church office.
- **Service of Lessons & Carols** - Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Dec 11, the COG music ensembles will be leading us in a service of lessons and carols. Come ready to hear the Advent story told, and to hear--and sing!--beautiful music.
- **Church Directory** - If you have not taken/submitted a photo yet for the new directory or shared your updated contact info--or you know a COG friend who hasn't--please be in touch with Rachel ASAP, as we hope to distribute new directories by the end of the year.
- **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.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The image of God is all around you!

A: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Mavis Wold
Shar Lauster
Norma Gilbertson
Audrey Swanberg

Dale Anderson
Don and Karen Earnest
Rachel Marquardt
Audrey Pederson

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION I

MUSIC

He Came Down

#253

Verse 1

He came down
that we may have love;
he came down
that we may have love;
he came down
that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 2

He came down
that we may have light;
he came down
that we may have light;
he came down
that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 3
He came down
that we may have peace;
he came down
that we may have peace;
he came down
that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

REFLECTION II

MUSIC

Verse 1
You are not a god created
By human hands
You are not a god dependent
On any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan
That's just the way it is

Chorus
You are God alone from
before time began
You were on Your throne
You are God alone
And right now
in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
You are God alone

Bridge
You're unchangeable
You're unshakable

Verse 4
He came down
that we may have joy;
he came down
that we may have joy;
he came down
that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

You Are God Alone

You're unstoppable
that's what You are
You're unchangeable
You're unshakable
You're unstoppable
that's what You are

Verse 2
You're the only God whose power
None can contend
You're the only God
whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of ev'rything we can give
You are God
That's just the way it is

Ending
And right now
in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne
You are God alone.

Footnote

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#257

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
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*

Verse 5
O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on
high,
and close the path to misery.
Refrain

Verse 8
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Refrain

All: This is true: For God so loved the world that God gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

It is not true that there is not enough.

This is true: Jesus has come that we may have life, and life abundant.

It is not true that hatred will have the last word, that injustice will endure.

This is true: For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. His name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the everlasting, the prince of peace.

It is not true that we are alone.

This is true: God is with us always, even until the end of the age.

It is not true that we have to wait for others to dismantle what is evil and to work for a new kind of world.

This is true: The Spirit has been poured out on *all flesh*--and our sons and daughters shall prophesy, our young men shall see visions and our old men shall dream dreams.

It is not true that peace and justice an abstract impossibility is a distant reality.

This is true: the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.

So we journey through Advent, open to the image of God in and all around us.

We journey through with anticipation, with joy, and with good courage, confessing our faith in Jesus Christ—Emmanuel—God With Us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God our teacher,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.**

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 ***

OFFERTORY

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 worshiping in person, plates will be passed around the sanctuary. If you are worshiping 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

Thank You

(Witt)

Verse 1

Lord you took me into your arms.
You have shown me truest love.
You have given me such mercy
I’m not worthy of.
Lord your mercy everlasting
I could never understand
For all the love and
grace you’ve shown
I just want to say that I

Chorus

Thank you,
Thank you, dear Lord.
Thank you
from the bottom of my heart.

Verse 2

At the cross you gave
your life for me
As a gift of your great love.
It was the gift of
everlasting life from above.
I can boldly come
before your throne
Through your love and suffering.
I’m going to shout it
to the heavens,
I’ve been redeemed (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending

Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.
Gracias, Gracias Señor.
Gracias mi Señor, Jesús.

ADVENT CONFESSON OF FAITH

L: It is not true that creation is doomed to hunger and poverty, cruelty and violence, destruction and death.