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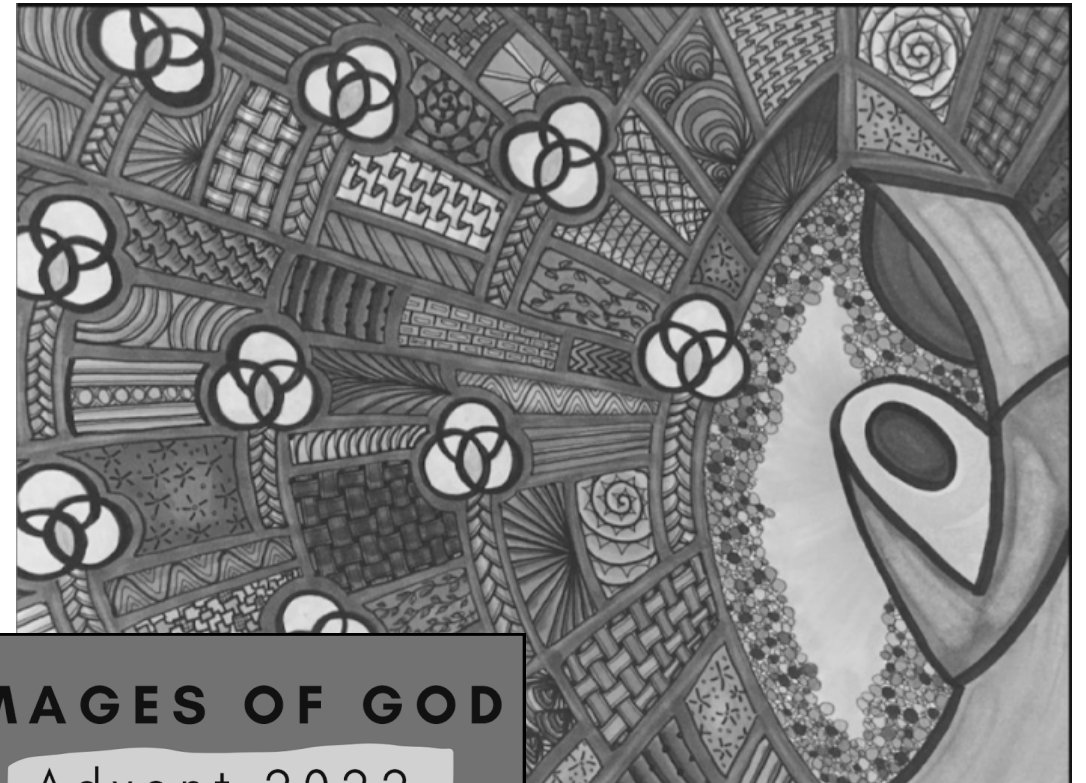
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_____ Please adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season



The Second Sunday in Advent



IMAGES OF GOD

Advent 2022

December 4, 2022

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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!**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coffee Fellowship** - Stick around after worship to share in food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall!
 - **Stewardship 2022** - Thanks for your good courage in giving toward what God has in store for COG in 2023! 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.
 - **Winter Festival** - Cross of Glory is hosting a neighborhood get-together this Fri 12/9 from 4-7:30 pm with CAPI. Come to the fellowship hall for food, entertainment, a covid and flu vaccine clinic, community resources, kids' activities, and more. If you can lend a hand for part of the evening, please sign up at www.crossofglory.us or call the church office.
 - **Service of Lessons & Carols** - Next 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.
 - **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: This month, we will not gather on Tues 12/13 and 12/27.
 - **Christmas Cookie Distribution**—Lois reminds me, this is a leap of Faith. And, suddenly the cookies appear, We need your help to bring fresh baked, store bought, or candy next Sunday to prepare plates for our homebound and care center members this holiday season— fill out the sheet on the ushers table to sign up to help.
 - **A Word of Thanksgiving** - A special thank you to Pastor Ali and Cross of Glory friends for all the caring thoughts and prayers and for the beautiful cross I received for my 90th birthday. God's Blessings, Luella Hinnenkamp.
 - **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).

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

Dale Anderson
Don and Karen Earnest
Rachel Marquardt
Chet Janasz
Ron Tollefsrud

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.

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

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.

*** 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

Lord Most High

Harris/ Sadler

From the ends of the earth
From the depths of the sea
From the heights of the heavens
Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak
From the shouts of the strong
From the lips of all people
This song we raise Lord

Chorus
Throughout the endless ages
You will be crowned with praises
Lord Most High
Exalted in every nation
Sovereign of all creation
Lord Most High be magnified

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

What Child Shall Come?

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,

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 play an instrument on the last song of the service. Pick an instrument from the basket in the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary, 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;

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. The image of God is all around you!
A: Thanks be to God!

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.

MUSIC

In Remembrance of Me

Keaggy

Verse 1
This is My body given for you.
This is the cup that holds the blood
Of a new covenant.
This is forgiveness,
simple and true.
This is the way that I have
made for you.
Before you eat, before you drink,
Take a long look inside
And tell Me what you see.
He said, “Do this
in remembrance of Me.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Verse 2
This is the bread of life
broken for you.
This is the cup that holds the wine
Of a new covenant.
This is the love of Christ
poured out anew.

This is the Son of God
who died for you.
Before you eat, before you drink,
Take a long look inside
And tell Me what you see.
Then do this
in remembrance of Me.
Do this in remembrance of Me.

Chorus
I will remember the cross
That You bore for me.
I will remember the crown
That You wore for me.
I will remember the reason
You suffered and died.

Ending
I am the way.
This is the way
that I have made for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
P: O God, empower us to leave this table feeding as we have been fed,
giving as we have been given, and loving as we have been loved; in the
name of your Son Jesus Christ, **All: Amen.**

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,**

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things
Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION I

Kids ages 1-12 are invited to meet our Kids Ministry leaders in the back of the sanctuary for a special activity. (Kids will return to the sanctuary after the sermon)

MUSIC

Joyful is the Dark

#1096

Verse 1
Joyful is the dark,
holy, hidden God,
rolling cloud of night
beyond all naming:
majesty in darkness,
energy of love,
Word-in-flesh, the mystery
proclaiming.

Verse 2
Joyful is the dark,
Spirit of the deep,
winging wildly o'er
The world's creation,

silken sheen of midnight
plumage black and bright,
swooping with
the beauty of a raven.

Verse 3
Joyful is the dark,
shadowed stable floor;
angels flicker,
God on earth confessing,
as with exultation,
Mary, giving birth,
hails the infant cry of
need and blessing.

Verse 4
Joyful is the dark,
coolness of the tomb,
waiting for the wonder
of the morning;
never was that midnight
touched by dread and gloom:
darkness was the cradle
of the dawning.

REFLECTION II

MUSIC **Creator of the Stars of Night** **#245**

Verse 1
Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.

Verse 2
When this old world
drew on toward night,
you came; but not in
splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blessed mother mild.

Verse 5
Joyful is the dark,
depth of love divine,
roaring, looming
thundercloud of glory,
holy, haunting beauty,
living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

Verse 3
At your great name,
O Jesus, now
all knees must bend,
all hearts must bow:
all things on earth
with one accord,
like those in heav'n,
shall call you Lord.

Verse 5
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. 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 ***

**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. If you're worshiping online, we invite you to have bread 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.

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

MUSIC **In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness** **#1093**

Verse 1
In a deep, unbounded darkness,
long before the first light shone,
you, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder
faith makes known:
in your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
evermore and evermore.

Verse 2
Though our world is everchanging,
you are constant, firm, and sure,
faithful to your cov'nant promise.
Trusting you, we live, secure:
singing praises, singing praises,
long as heart and breath endure,
evermore and evermore.

Verse 3
Joy transforms our lips to boasting
only in your matchless grace,
sending Christ to dwell among us,
Word made flesh in time & space:
Friend and Savior,
Friend and Savior,
in whose life we
glimpse your face,
evermore and evermore.

Verse 4
God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miriam, God of Moses,
Fi'ry Pillar, great I Am:
lead us homeward,
lead us homeward,
to the love-feast of the Lamb,
evermore and evermore.

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 it's up to 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 are abstract impossibilities for which we must patiently wait.

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 Advent 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 in darkness,

All: 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

Let us now 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**

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

Kyrie Eleison

(Olson)

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison on our world
And on our way
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day

Verse 1

For peace in the world
For the health of the church
For the unity of all
For this holy house
For all who worship and praise
Let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord

Verse 2

That we may live out

Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace
Let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord

Verse 4

For Your Spirit to guide
That You center our lives
In the water and the word
That You nourish our souls
With Your body and blood
Let us pray to the Lord
Let us pray to the Lord

ADVENT CONFESSIO

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

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