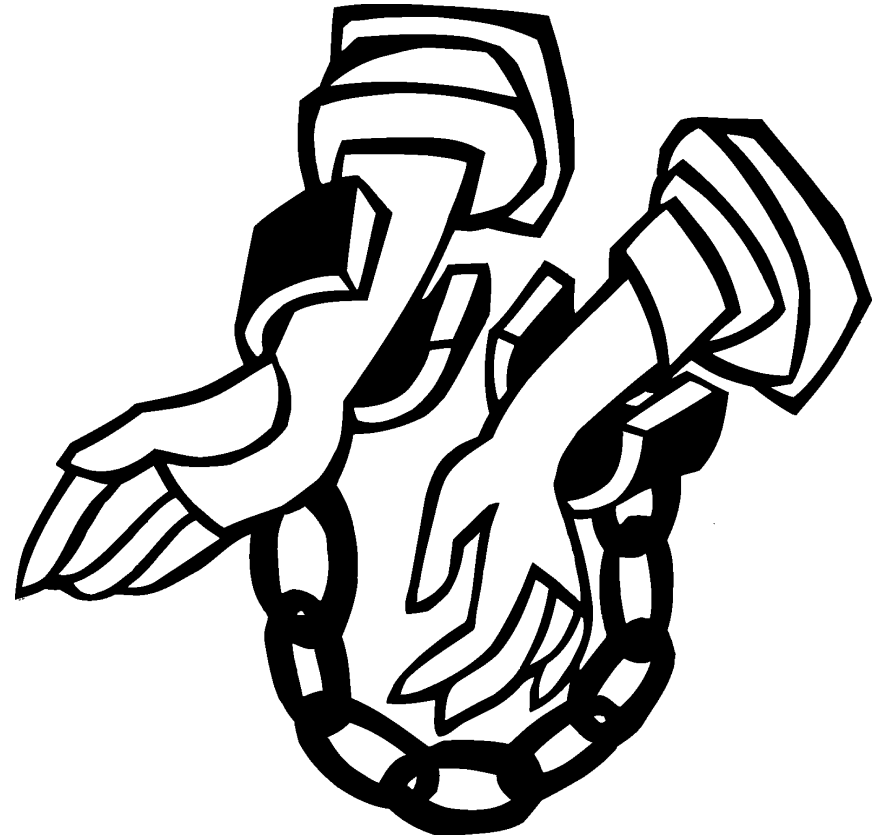


# The Third Sunday In Advent



Love that Bursts  
All Chains Asunder

*December 17, 2023*

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church*

*Brooklyn Center, MN*

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*For those who would like to follow along with the Holden music, booklets are available in the back at the usher's desk. Please return them after the service.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose presence draws near to us in the evening and the morning, whose birth we await, who is alive among us now.

**Amen.**

We are called in this holy season to stay awake and to pay attention. We begin by tending to our own sins: those done and left undone, those known and unknown, those committed individually and those we are complicit in corporately.

*Silence is kept for confession.*

P: Holy God,

**ALL: We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts, and fool ourselves into thinking they are our own. We neglect the poor and vulnerable in our midst. We do not see your beautiful image in ourselves or in one another. We are infected by a selfishness and sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

Beloveds, the Love for which we wait is wide and welcoming, it is forgiving and it's freeing. In † Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

In Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the beginning, when the Spirit danced over the deep darkness and God made us in love, and for love.

**All: Amen.**

*\*\* Please rise as you are able \*\**

## PROCESSION OF LIGHT

Haugen

•**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.

•**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](mailto:atranvik@crossofglory.us)).



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

*Mavis Wold  
Norma Gilbertson  
Audrey Swanberg  
Jeannie Kuzmich  
Eric Thompson & family  
Dick Mero  
Martha Krueger*

*Sherry Mattfield  
Debbie Sjoquist  
Loved ones of Penny Lindblom  
Arlene Kosek & family*

*To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office ([office@crossofglory.us](mailto: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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Coffee Hour** - Please join us after worship in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship.

•**Christmas Eve Worship** - Please share the word and join us for worship on Christmas Eve afternoon, Dec 24, at 4 pm. Friends, family, and first-timers are warmly welcome!

•**Upcoming Meetings** - Council will meet after worship TODAY. Please note there will be no Table Talks on the fourth Sunday of this month due to Christmas.

•**Advent Devotional** - Alongside the “Holden [Morning] Prayer” liturgy we’ll sing this Advent, which explores the God who dwells with us both morning and evening, you’re invited to take part in “Creator of the Stars of Night,” a daily devotional written by Luther Seminary faculty that explores these same themes. Pick up a copy on the Welcome Desk or request an electronic version from the office.

•**Site Visits** - As we work to further discern God’s call, we’re learning from neighboring churches who have reimaged ways to share space for the sake of God’s work. The next site visit will take place on Wed, Dec 20 at 11:30 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in north Minneapolis. If you’re interested in taking part in this or other upcoming visits (and haven’t yet taken part in the short orientation, reach out to Kris Simon ASAP.

•**Stewardship & End of Year Giving Statements** - Thanks for your generosity this past year and pledged for the year ahead as we work to live out God’s call to life together! If you haven’t submitted your 2024 pledge, please drop it off/mail it into the office ASAP. If you’d like a giving statement to see where you’re at on your 2023 pledge, please let the office know.

•**Winter Clothing Drive** - Mark your calendars for Fri, Jan 26 from 5-7 pm when we’ll host WinterFest, a neighborhood block party celebration hosted in conjunction with CAPI. In addition to free food, music, covid and flu vaccines, games for kids, etc., we’ll be distributing winter clothing (new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, mittens, etc.). Please drop off donations anytime between now and Jan 26 in the box near the welcome desk. Thank you!

•**Bible Studies** - The CoG Bible Study will continue to meet onsite and online on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, except for the following dates (due to holidays): Dec 26 and Jan 2.

Leader: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

**All: The light no darkness can overcome;**

L: Stay with us now, for it is morning;

**A: and the day is just beginning;**

L: let your light scatter the darkness,

**A: and shine within your people here.**

## MUSIC

### Joyous Light

### Haugen

*The Advent candle will be lit during this song, a visible reminder of God’s presence as we await Christ’s birth.*

#### Verse 1

Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God’s own face, you who sing creation’s story, shine on every land and race.

Now as morning breaks around us, we shall raise our songs to you, God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

#### Verse 2

In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.

Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul, Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

#### Verse 3

You who made the heaven’s splendor, every dancing star of night, make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light. Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way, loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

## THANKSGIVING

### Haugen

Leader: May God be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us sing our thanks to God.

**A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. From old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright. For your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

**A: Amen.**

## MUSIC

## PSALMODY

Haugen

*This song draws on the words of Psalm 144 and begins in unison then as a round in 2 parts. Those seated on the pulpit side of the sanctuary join in on Part I. Those seated on the piano side join in on Part II (those online may sing either!).*

**Refrain** (begins in unison):

Let my prayer rise up  
like incense before you,  
the lifting up of my hands  
as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me, God;  
deep in my heart  
may the light of your love  
be burning bright. (Refrain)

**Part I & II** (sung in round):

O God, I call to you,  
come to me now;  
O hear my voice when I cry to you.  
(Refrain)

All praise to the God of all,  
Creator of life;  
all praise be to Christ  
and the Spirit of love. (Refrain)

## SILENCE FOR PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

## PRAYER

P: Let us pray together:

**ALL: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that together with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. Amen.**

*Word*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

## PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

*\*\*Please rise as you're able and face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.\*\**

**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!**

## POSTLUDE

## MUSIC CREDITS

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### Chorus 1

Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart  
For God to write His story.

### Verse 2

Shepherds counting  
sheep at night.  
Do not fear the glory light.  
You are precious in His sight.  
God has come to raise the lowly.  
(Chorus)

### Chorus 2

You can come as you are.  
It may set you apart,

When you make  
room in your heart  
And trade your dreams  
For His glory.  
Make room in your heart.  
Make room in your heart.

### Verse 3

A mother holds the promise tight.  
Ev'ry wrong will be made right,  
The road is straight,  
The burden's light,  
For in His hands he holds  
tomorrow.  
(Chorus 1, Chorus 2)

to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

### Waiting For a King

Martin

Waiting for a king; when will he come?  
Waiting for a king, God's Holy One.  
Will the world be ready? Is his advent near?  
Waiting for a King; when will he appear?  
Waiting for a king; when will he come?  
Waiting for a king, God's only Son.  
Will the world receive him? Will he stand alone?  
Waiting for a king to come and take his throne.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Sending*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

*\*\* Please rise as you are able. \*\**

Leader: Let us bless our God.

**All: Praise and thanks to you.**

L: May God, Creator, bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light  
for our lives, may the Spirit of love be our guide and path, for all of  
our days.

**A: Amen.**

Haugen

In the fullness of time the Prince of Peace will come,  
The promised Messiah, God's chosen One.  
For those who are righteous, hope will be restored.  
Their eyes will be opened, eyes will be opened,  
Eyes will be opened, they will know the Lord.  
Waiting for a king, ruling in might. Waiting for a king to shine in our night.  
Will the world be ready when he comes to stay?  
Waiting for a king; will this be the day?

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46b-55

*\*\* Please rise as you are able \*\**

P: The Gospel according to Luke the first chapter.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

P: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

*\*\* Please be seated \*\**

## REFLECTION

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Come to the table, where God's gifts of grace and love are poured out for all, and where all are welcome. If you're worshipping 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 glad to bring it to you.*

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

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### MUSIC

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#257

#### 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 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 6

O come, O Dayspring,  
come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy  
clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to  
flight. *Refrain*

### MUSIC

### Make Room

### Maher/ Hall

#### Verse 1

A fam'ly hiding from the storm  
Found no place at the keeper's door.  
It was for this a child was born:  
To save a world so cold and hollow.

#### Verse 2

A sleeping town, they did not know  
That lying in a manger low  
A Savior king who had no home  
Has come to heal our sorrows.

- 6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them
  - 7. For all those who labor in service to others
  - 8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation
  - 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger
  - 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy
- L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

**ALL: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Pastor: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

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**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**

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

P: There is a place for you at God's table. Come and feast and rejoice!

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Verse 1**

Leader: (Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.  
L: (oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.  
L: (oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.  
Oh, yes, I know. (*Repeat*)

**Chorus**

L: (Oh, yes, I know.)  
Oh, oh, yes, I know.  
(Oh, yes, I know.)

**REFLECTION**

**MUSIC**

**Verse 1**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

**Refrain**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

**Freedom is Coming**

**#903**

Oh, oh, yes, I know.  
(Oh, yes, I know.)  
Oh, oh, yes, I know.  
Oh, yes, I know. (*Repeat*)

**Verse 2**

L: (Oh, Jesus.)  
Jesus is coming...

**Verse 3**

L: (Oh, Christmas.)  
Christmas is coming...

**Canticle of the Turning**

**#723**

and the world is about to turn.

**Verse 3**

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn (*Refrain*)

**Verse 4**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:

God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's  
crushing grasp.  
This saving word  
that our forebears heard

is the promise which  
holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be  
crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.  
*(Refrain)*

## CONFESSON OF FAITH

## Apostles Creed

*\*\* Please rise 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

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 \*\**

## OFFERING

*The Spirit moves through the offering we joyfully share. We invite you to leave an offering in the plates or scan the QR code here to make a secure, online gift. Thank you!*



## THE ANNUNCIATION + MAGNIFICAT

Haugen

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary.  
The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God most high."  
And Mary said, "I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

**ALL: My soul proclaims your  
greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love  
on your servant here,  
and blessed me  
all my life through.**

**Great and mighty are you,  
O Holy One,  
strong is your kindness  
evermore.**

**How you favor  
the weak and lowly one,  
humbling the proud of heart.**

**You have cast the mighty  
down from their thrones,  
and uplifted the humble of heart,**

**you have filled the hungry  
with wondrous things,  
and left the wealthy no part.**

**Great and mighty are you,  
O Faithful One,  
strong is your justice,  
strong your love,  
As you promised  
to Sarah and Abraham,  
kindness forevermore.**

**My soul proclaims  
your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love  
on your servant here,  
and blessed me  
all my life through.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Haugen

*Refrain (sung by all after each verse):*

**A: God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Leaders:

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you
2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you
3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples
4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you
5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel