

First Sunday of Advent
"God as Clothing"
November 28, 2020
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE **Holy, Holy, Holy** **Handbell Choir**

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: For rejecting the clothing of compassion, kindness, love, and humility that you give us,

All: God who clothes and covers us, have mercy on us.

For clothing ourselves in greed, selfishness, pride, and indifference instead,

God who clothes and covers us, have mercy on us.

For envying what others wear,

God who clothes and covers us, have mercy on us.

For failing to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit those in prison, and welcome the stranger,

God who clothes and covers us, have mercy on us.

For when we are unwilling or unable to see your image in one another,

God who clothes and covers us, have mercy on us.

In Jesus Christ, God draws near to us. In the name of Jesus who clothes and covers us, your sins are forgiven. "Clothed in the garment of salvation and the robe of his righteousness" (Isa 61:10), let us now live in the gift of God's grace and in this newness of life. **Amen!**

MUSIC **Bring Many Names**

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

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.

Great living God
Never fully known.
Joyful darkness,
far beyond our seeing.
Closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home.
Hail and hosanna!
Bring many names.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray . . . **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 verses 1, 2 and 3

- 1** Source and Sov'reign, Rock and Cloud, *Refrain* May the church at prayer recall
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light, that no single holy name
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, but the truth behind them all
Life whose life all life endowed: is the God whom we proclaim.
- 2** Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine, **3** Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb, Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine, Comfort, Couns'lor, Presence, Love,
Way who leads us to I AM: *Refrain* Energies that never tire: *Refrain*

WHAT IS GOD LIKE? A message for COG Kids Kirsten Edstrom

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #257 verses 1, 6 and 7

- 1** O come, O come, Emmanuel, *Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel, shall come to you, O Israel.
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
- 6** O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; **7** O come, O King of nations, come,
O Sun of justice, now draw near. O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, refresh the hearts that long for you;
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain* restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC The King Shall Come Choir

REFLECTION I

Pastor Ali Tranvik

MUSIC He Came Down #253

verses 1, 3, 4

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.

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.

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.

REFLECTION II

Pastor Ali Tranvik

MUSIC Messiah

1 Someone's shouting from the desert
Someone's shouting from the sea
Someone's shouting from the mountain
Someone's shouting from the valley

Chorus Messiah, Come and be our King
Messiah, Come and be our King

2 Someone's shouting from the city
I am young I am cold
Someone's shouting from the country
I am lonely I am old

3 Someone's shouting I am broken
Someone's shouting make me whole
Someone's shouting come and change me
Someone's shouting save my soul

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

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.

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. Thanks you for your generosity!

MUSIC Maranatha

1 Come let us go to the house of the Lord
The Kingdom of God and humanity.
A place for all races
A place where Your graces dwell in our hearts
In the works of our hands

Chorus Come again
Feed Your lambs
We are Your hands

2 And now we see as in a mirror
Reflections of You of what is to come
A glorious cloud
A beauty profound in the widow
The orphan the lame and the poor

Bridge We are a broken world oh Lord
Not worthy for the call to love
We're healed by grace through faith in You
A people truly set apart
We are a broken world oh Lord
Not worthy to be set apart
We die unto our selfish ways
And go unto Your sacred heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

BENEDICTION Kris Simon and Keith Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

As we prepare for God incarnate to come into the world, may the God who is already with us, Emmanuel, surprise you with his presence and as you go forth. **Amen.**

MUSIC Let Your Kingdom Come

1 Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Chorus Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

2 Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak

Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

DISMISSAL

Clothed in Christ, go now in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MUSIC CREDITS

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik
Vocalist, choir, and handbell director: Keith J. Williams
Pianist, vocalist, worship team director, tech director: Mark Trease
Worship Team Vocalist: Johnetta Freeman
Lector: Dawn Bailey
Greeters: Harriet Halverson and Marie King
Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Dawn Bailey, and Bill Bailey
Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: *Marian Priest, Mavis Wold, Jackie Fryhling, Dale Anderson, Shar Lauster, Norma Gilbertson, Dorothy Shoemaker, Vicky Jacobson, Trish Hambrick, Marian Henjum, Nancy Hengel, Luella Hinnenkamp, and the families of Lois Vaala and Brian Danielson as they grieve the recent loss of their loved ones. To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us immediately following worship today in the Fellowship Hall for a reception for Sue Vukelich. We give God thanks for the gift of her work among us as administrative assistant at Cross of Glory, and bless her as she begins her retirement!
- Thank you for your generosity in pledging toward the work God will do among us in 2022! If you didn't have the chance to submit your pledge card last week, please mail it to the church office (5929 Brooklyn Blvd), drop it office during office hours (M-W 9-3 pm), or email office@crossofglory.us with your pledge information.
- The Covid Task Force has recently updated its food policy. Meals are now permitted in the building, following our new guidelines for safely eating together. Please see the December

Glory Banner for further details, and don't hesitate to reach out to the Task Force with any questions.

- The Covid Task Force has recently updated its guidelines for safe singing and playing, which allows musical ensembles to gather. If you are interested in taking part in the Praise Team, please reach out to Mark Trease (MLTrease@comcast.net), and if you're interested in taking part in the Senior Choir or the Handbells Choir, please reach out to Keith Williams (williams@csp.edu). Further details are in the December Glory Banner.
- The Vision + Vocation team is beginning to meet to discern God's call for our church community for this next chapter of our life together. If you're interested in taking part, please reach out to Pastor Ali. We will meet next Sunday, Dec 5th from 11-12:30 in the Library.
- Brooklyn Center faith communities are gathering for a short time of singing, fellowship, and public prayer for our city each day during the Kim Potter trial. The "BC Community Prayer for Peace, Healing, and Unity" is led by Rev. McKinley Moore at Jehovah Jireh Church of God in Christ, and led by local faith leaders from across faith traditions. Join Cross of Glory on Wednesdays at 3 pm at the Shingle Creek Center (6100 Shingle Creek Pkwy).
- Cross of Glory will soon be hiring for our new, long-term office role. Please share the word and visit our website (www.crossofglory.us) for more info!
- All are welcome to Bible Study each Tuesday at 9:30, either in-person or via Zoom, as we explore the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
- Pastor Ali's designated office hours for pastoral care--virtual or in-person--are Tuesdays from 10:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 2-5, and designated home/care facility visitation hours are Thursdays from 3-5. Please reach out if you'd like to connect!



We will continue the tradition of making cookie plates for our COG members and friends who are homebound, in care centers, or have experienced a life changing event. Bring your cookie and candy donations to church Sunday, December 12th. Plates will be assembled after the service that day. In the past, we have prepared around 45-50 plates of heaping goodies. So bakers, do your stuff! If you have questions, please call Marcy Hartlage, 763-999-4944

**Congregational Support as of
10/30/2021**

Annual Budget: \$230,000.00

Year to Date Budgeted: \$191,733.34

Year to Date Received: \$195,047.19

Difference: \$ 3,313.85