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Sunday, November 15, 2020
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service

Due to Covid 19 Restrictions

Worship Service will be conducted a little differently than our typical worship service.

We welcome all of our visitors and sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.

Those Serving Today

Pastor: *William Smith*

Deacon: *Bill Rice*

Organist: *Larry Gerling*

Screen Technician: *Mike Sedgwick*

Filming: *Gus Lundquist*

**Ushers: *Janice Ulrich*
*Dave Peterson***

**Altar Guild: *Ruth Hawkins*
*Heidi Nelson***

Altar Flowers

**Presented to the glory of God
by the Peterson's in honor of Janice's birthday!**

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“INVESTING”

Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

PRELUDE  **AIR** by Theodore Beck

WELCOME

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

BLESSING OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise” LSB-798 (verses 1-4)

The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

The God of Abr’ham praise, At whose supreme command From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand. I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, fame, and pow’r, And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow’r.

The God of Abr’ham praise, Whose all sufficient grace Shall guide me all pilgrim days In all my ways. He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God. And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus’ blood.

He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav’n ascend. I shall behold His face; I shall His pow’r adore And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast”

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT

ZEPHANIAH 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice — "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our / dwelling place in all gener- / ations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth / and the world, from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

³You return / man to dust and say, "Return, O chil- / dren of man!"

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when / it is past, or as a watch / in the night.

⁵You sweep them away as / with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the / morning:

⁶in the morning it flourishes and / is renewed; in the evening it fades and / withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your / anger; by your wrath we / are dismayed.

⁸You have set our iniquities be- / fore you, our secret sins in the light of your / presence.

⁹For all our days pass away un- / der your wrath; we bring our years to an end / like a sigh.

¹⁰The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength / eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we / fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your / anger, and your wrath according to the / fear of you?

¹²So teach us to number / our days that we may get a heart of / wisdom.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit; as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we

are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to...MATTHEW 25:14-30

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” LSB-554

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned! O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found:

O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire, Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

P: **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

C: And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI **“Lamb of God”**

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Partake of Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB-809

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord”

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise” LSB-798 (verses 1,3,9)

The God of Abr’ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heav’n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

The God of Abr’ham praise, Whose all sufficient grace Shall guide me all pilgrim days In all my ways. He deigns to call me friend; He calls Himself my God. And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus’ blood.

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high. "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry. Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

POSTLUDE 🎵 🎵 **POSTLUDE** by Theodore Beck

Sermon Title for Next Week: "THE FINAL JUDGEMENT"

Reminder Those Serving Next Sunday:

Ushers: Bonnie Metcalf and Kelley Sedgwick

Altar Guild: Sheralynn Follin and Pam Shipler

Announcements

- Join us today after service for a study on Homiletics; it is a repeat of last week's study in case anyone was unable to join us or if you want to go through it again. Remember you don't have to be a Bible scholar, pastor or leader so come and join us!

Birthdays this week:

Janice Ulrich – November 16

David Lindsey – November 18

Stephen Paul – November 19

Please feel free to pick up water and a snack on your way out. Then spend some time fellowshiping with social distancing on the patio or in the parking lot.

**God's mission for Holy Cross Lutheran Church is:
"SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH SERVICE"**

Holy Cross Calendar of Happenings – November/December 2020

Week of November 15	Week of December 6
<p>Sunday November 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am • Homiletics Class – 10:15am <p>Tuesday November 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Ministry Training (zoom) 10:30 – 12:30pm • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Friday November 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am 	<p>Sunday December 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday December 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Ministry Training (zoom) 10:30 – 12:30pm • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Wednesday December 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Service – 7:00pm <p>Friday December 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am <p><i>Celebrating Veteran's Day</i></p>
Week of November 22	Week of December 13
<p>Sunday November 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday November 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Wednesday November 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00pm <p>Friday November 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am 	<p>Sunday December 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday December 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Ministry Training (zoom) 10:30 – 12:30pm • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Wednesday December 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Service – 7:00pm <p>Friday December 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am
Week of November 29	Week of December 20
<p>Sunday November 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday December 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Ministry Training (zoom) 10:30 – 12:30pm • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Wednesday December 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Service – 7:00pm <p>Friday December 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am 	<p>Sunday December 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday December 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Thursday December 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00pm <p>Friday December 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Day Service – 9:00am

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