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Sunday, January 9, 2022
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service

***Welcome to all of our visitors!
We sincerely hope that you enjoy the service
and will join us again soon.***

Those Serving Today

Pastor: *William Smith*

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**Altar Flowers
Presented to the Glory of God**

**God's mission for Holy Cross Lutheran Church:
"Sharing God's Love Through Service"**

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“Do Whatever He Tells You”

First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

PRELUDE 

WELCOME

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

OPENING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

LSB-397 (vs 1,3,5)

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.

In the heav’nly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- ¹ **Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly / beings**, ascribe to the LORD glo- / ry and strength.
² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his name**; worship the LORD in the splendor of / holiness.
³ **The voice of the LORD is over the / waters**; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many / waters.
⁴ **The voice of the LORD is / powerful**; the voice of the LORD is full of / majesty.
⁵ **The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedars**; the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon.
⁶ **He makes Lebanon to skip / like a calf**, and Sirion like a young / wild ox.
⁷ **The voice / of the LORD** flashes forth / flames of fire.
⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness**; the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kadesh.
⁹ **The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the / forests bare**, and in his temple all cry, / "Glory!"
¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned o- / ver the flood**; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- / ever.
¹¹ **May the LORD give strength to his / people!** May the LORD bless his people / with peace!

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

ROMANS 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

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

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to...LUKE 3:15-22

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." **P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.** C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

LSB 712 (vs 1,3)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

SERMON “Do Whatever He Tells You”

Please Stand

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & GOD’S PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer (*said after each group of prayers*)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus’ example may receive Holy Communion. You may receive the wine from the individual cup.

Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620 (vs 1-4)

Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: “Come and taste the blessed feast.”

Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.

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

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837 (vs 1,3,6)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in Conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

POSTLUDE

Pastor's Weekly Message: "From the Pastor's Heart"

"And Joshua said unto all the people of Israel...choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:2,15

Dear Friends,
Again, Happy New Year!

We face an unknown future with a known God. Who knows what 2022 shall bring? But may I remind you that your kingdom is not of this world. While you live on Planet Earth - your citizenship is in Heaven! Live in the peace and victory of our Risen Savior! Declare each day that you, your family, and your entire household is committed to, first and foremost, God's plan and Will for your life. Take your Bible daily and simply read one verse (more if you like), then think on that verse all day long. Then do the same with another verse every day. It's a discipline that will reap you great rewards! Here's a verse to start with – John 3:16. May I recommend the Psalms as a source of verses, or the Gospel of John? Happy Journey with the Savior!

Birthdays this week: **Kelley Sedgwick (Jan 11)**
Ashley Smith Lemons (Jan 15)
Bob Garrett (Jan 15)

Those Serving Next Week:

Ushers: Susan Hopkins and Michael Lindsey

Altar Guild: Ruth Hawkins and Kelley Sedgwick