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**Sunday, December 12, 2021
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service**

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

Those Serving Today

Pastor: *William Smith*

Deacon: *Bill Rice*

Organist: *Alison Luedecke*

Screen Technician: *Mike Sedgwick*

Filming: *Gus Lundquist*

Cantor: *Dave Lindsey*

**Ushers: *Bonnie Metcalf
Irene Richardson***

**Altar Guild: *Susan Hopkins
Dawn Lindsey***

Altar Flowers

**Presented to the Glory of God in honor of Ryan Follin's birthday
by Sheralynn and John Follin**

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

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“THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, THE GLORY”

Third Sunday in Advent
Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

PRELUDE  Variations on “O Come, Emmanuel” by Daniel Pinkham and
People Look East by Robert Edward Smith

WELCOME

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

OPENING HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB-344 (vs 1-4)

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward; Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand; Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

- ¹ **LORD, you were favorable / to your land;** you restored the fortunes of / Jacob.
² **You forgave the iniquity of your / people;** you covered / all their sin.
³ **You withdrew / all your wrath;** you turned from your hot / anger.
⁴ **Restore us again, O God of our sal- / vation,** and put away your indignation / toward us!
⁵ **Will you be angry with us for- / ever?** Will you prolong your anger to all gener- / ations?
⁶ **Will you not revive / us again,** that your people may re- / joice in you?
⁷ **Show us your steadfast love, / O LORD,** and grant us your sal- / vation.
⁸ **Let me hear what God the / LORD will speak,** for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to / folly.
⁹ **Surely his salvation is near to those who / fear him,** that glory may dwell / in our land.
¹⁰ **Steadfast love and faith- / fulness meet;** righteousness and peace kiss each / other.
¹¹ **Faithfulness springs up / from the ground,** and righteousness looks down / from the sky.
¹² **Yes, the LORD will give / what is good,** and our land will yield its / increase.
¹³ **Righteousness will go be- / fore him** and make his foot- / steps a way.

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

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds 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 7:18-28

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

LSB 345 (vs 1-4)

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say. “Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!”

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav’n. Let us haste, with tears
of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv’n.

So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

SERMON “The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory!”

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

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331 (vs 1-6)

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ, And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant’s form puts on To set His servants free.

O Zion’s daughter, rise To meet your lowly King, Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again And His true members all unite With Him in heav’n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin’s dark deeds be gone, The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 380 (vs 1-3)

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

POSTLUDE  O Come Divine Messiah by Cesar Franck

Reminders:

- Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex. Share one with a friend!
- Advent Service– Dec 15, Service at 7pm and Soup Supper at 6pm
- Christmas Carol Sing-a-long – Dec 18 at 7pm
- Alison’s Christmas Concert – Dec 19, 2pm at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion

Birthdays this week: Ryan Follin (Dec 14)

Those Serving for Advent (12/15)

Ushers: Susan Hopkins and Michael Lindsey

Those Serving Next Week (12/19):

Ushers: Bonnie Metcalf and Kelley Sedgwick

Altar Guild: Ruth Hawkins and Kelley Sedgwick