



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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**MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY  
BREAD ALONE,**

*but by every*

**WORD**

*that proceeds from the  
mouth of the Lord.*

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149 Years of God's Grace

*Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!*

Divine Service  
9:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &  
Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.

*Welcome to*  
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Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Thanksgiving Eve

**GUESTS & VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

**IN TODAY'S READINGS:** *We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word*  
The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "*man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD*" (Deut. 8:3). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: "*Go and show yourselves to the priests*" (Luke 17:14). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "*rise and go your way; your faith has made you well*" (Luke 17:19). So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessing to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).

**PRELUDE** - *Selected*

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"What Our Father Does is Well"*

*Hymn 571*

*[Please stand]*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

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**P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C**  And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C**  Make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*

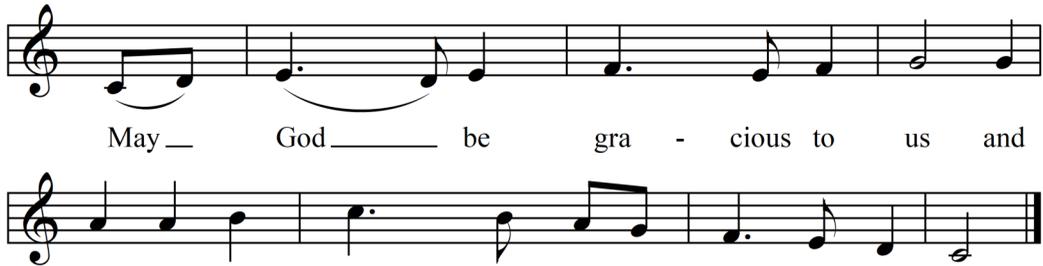
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

## PSALMODY

### PSALM OF THE DAY - *Psalm 67*

*Cantor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.*

**Congregation: Refrain**



May — God — be gra - cious to us and  
bless us and make His face to shine up - on us.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,  
that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the  
nations upon earth.*

### **Refrain**

*Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!*

*The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.*

*God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!*

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

### **Refrain**

*[Please sit]*

## OFFICE HYMN

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

*Hymn 574*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1*



*The eyes of all look to | You, O Lord,\*  
and You give them their food in due | season.*

**You o- | pen Your hand\***

**and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | He is good,\*  
His steadfast love endures for- | ever.*

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 4:6-20*

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**  **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

*[Please stand and face the pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 17:11-19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter:

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**  **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

**SERMON HYMN** *“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”*

*Hymn 568*

SERMON

“Thankful for Discipline?”

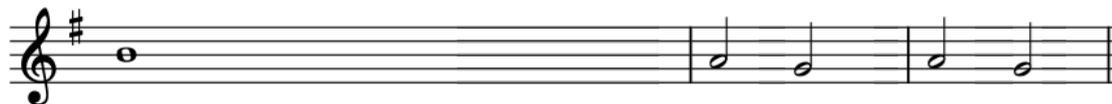
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MAGNIFICAT

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1 My soul doth - - - magni- fy the Lord:  
 2 For He - - - hath re- gard- ed:  
 3 For, be- - - hold, from hence- forth:  
 4 For He that is mighty hath done to me great things:  
 5 And His mercy is on - - - them that fear Him:  
 6 He hath showed - - - strength with His arm:  
 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seats:  
 8 He hath filled the - - - hungry with good things:  
 9 He hath holpen His servant Is- rael in remembrance - of His mer- cy:  
 Glo - ry be to the Father - - and to the Son:  
 As it was in the beginning, is  
 Now, and ev- - - er shall be:



1 and my spirit hath rejoiced in - - - God, my Sav- ior.  
 2 the low estate of - - - His hand- maid- en:  
 3 all generations shall - - - call me bless- ed.  
 4 and ho- - - ly is His name.  
 5 from generation to - - - gen- er- a- tion.  
 6 he hath scattered the proud in the imagi- nation of their hearts.  
 7 and exalted them - - - of low de- gree.  
 8 and the rich He hath sent - - - emp- ty a- way.  
 9 as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham,  
 and to his - - - seed for- ev- er.  
 and to - - - the Ho- ly Ghost;  
 world with- - - out end. A- men.

Luke 1:46-55

[Please sit]

## RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

**PAUSE TO PONDER: Deuteronomy 8:7 – “For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land ...”** Have we received any less than the sons of Israel in this great and glorious land? We are so very blessed! Let us then outdo even the sons of Israel in giving thanks!

*[Please stand]*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we raise our voices in thanksgiving for Your blessings. Once again the earth has yielded its increase by Your undeserved kindness. Hear us in Your Son’s name, be gracious to us and shine Your face upon us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, our God, since we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes out of Your mouth, bless those You send to proclaim Your Word, that we may hear it and live. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father in heaven, watch over the homes of Your people, that they would be places of blessing and love. We pray that husbands and wives would cherish each other and honor their vows of faithfulness, and we ask You to bless the children given to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We give You thanks, O God, that You have kept us safe from our enemies. Continually defend us against all who threaten violence and war. Bless our president, and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Make the nations to dwell in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious Lord, have compassion on the sick and suffering, especially Dennis June, Jeanette, Layne, Edward, Christine, Mark, Sandra, and Ronnie. Bring healing to all in need according to Your will, and deliver them from their afflictions. Give them a patient heart in adversity and grace to sustain them in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, graciously remember the needs of Your children. Sustain the weary with hope, lead Your Church to be generous in their support of the poor and the hungry, and bring an end to all jealousy and strife. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of comfort, bless those who mourn with confidence in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Receive our thanks, together with the whole Church, for those who have gone before us in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## KYRIE

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**C** **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Mark 10:47*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C** **♪ Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

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**P** O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C**  **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

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**P** Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

**C**  **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

**C**  **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*“O Lord, Whose Bounteous Hand Again”*

Hymn 567

## POSTLUDE

**OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 17:11-19** - Leprosy was a dreadful disease in Bible times. Lepers were outcasts who were isolated from other people. Jesus healed the ten lepers who asked Him for pity. All ten were healed from their physical leprosy, but only one gave evidence that he was also healed from the leprosy of sin. We are like cleansed lepers who can help others find true healing for both body and soul in Christ alone.

**The Gospel According to...** *A Series of Advent Meditations:* Advent Midweek Vespers at Holy Cross this year will help to *prepare the way of the Lord* by focusing on the early chapters of Sts. Luke and Matthew. Dive deep with us in meaningful reflections of the events surrounding the incarnation and birth of Jesus from the perspectives of **Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Mary**. These services will provide a new view into the lives and significance of these individuals. Come and see how God faithfully brings about His salvation through ordinary lives as He sends forth an extraordinary Savior—Jesus Christ.

### **Advent Midweek Vespers at 7pm:**

November 30 - Zechariah

December 7 - Elizabeth

December 14 - Joseph

December 21 - Mary



**Altar Flowers** given to the Glory of God by Gary and Diane Becker in thanksgiving for God's many blessings to their family.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

Rev. Dennis Tegtmeier, hospitalized in Austin

June Pietsch, back at home

Jeanette Schramm, under hospice care at home

Layne Schramm, recovering from a procedure on Nov. 16

Edward & Christine Buscha, various health issues

Mark Landry, son-in-law of Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky, home following hospital stay, dealing with circulation issues in his legs

Sandra Behrens, friend of Roger Heinrich, Sr., with various health problems

Ronnie Peschke, son of Betty Duke, recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his kidney

*Those who serve today:*

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mrs. Carol Schramm  
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk

Pastor  
Organist  
Audio/Video System

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Church Office Closed—Thanksgiving

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Matins

10:15 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School

2:00 p.m.

G.E.M.S. Group in Fellowship Hall

