



NOVEMBER 22ND, 2020
LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR ~ ADVENT PREVIEW
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

PRELUDE *"Now Thank We all Our God"* *Paul Manz*

WELCOME AND GREETING *Pastor Tom*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

P In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,
C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou"

LSB 815

**1. All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine,
That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine.**

Alleluia!

**2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By Thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
And by Thy death was God's salvation wrought.**

Alleluia!

**3. Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary.**

Alleluia!

**4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, Thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.**

Alleluia!

**5. Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord,
In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And God the Father be by all adored.**

Alleluia!

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray....

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Let Us Sing Songs of Praise

Psalm 95:1-7
Reader: Cathy Blair

R¹ Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

R³ For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**C⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

R⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**C⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**ALL⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*The Lord God Will Seek Them Out*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

"Free To Worship"

Kip Fox

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

Ephesians 1:3-10

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love ⁵ he predestined us for **adoption to sonship** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Matthew 4:19a

¹⁹ "Come, **follow me,**" Jesus said.

For Thought and Consideration

Are you an adventurous person? Are you willing to try new foods or a new vacation destination? Do you sometimes mix up your route to work or perhaps try a new genre of music? Why or why not? What keeps you from deviating from what you know, if even for just a moment?

Sometimes adventure is hard to come by. We get into routines and routines are hard to break—they're comfortable and predictable. (And we love comfort and predictability!) So, beginning this week, we look at the invitation from Jesus to go on an adventure with Him, a journey which promises us that there will be no routine or comfort, only the reality that He is leading the way and calling us to come and follow. So, pack your bags (bring lots of faith!) and join us as we learn what it means to be "People of ADVENTure."

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~ SETTING THREE

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna,
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who com-eth in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

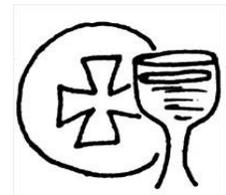
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



LAMB OF GOD

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
Takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
World, grant us Thy peace, A-men.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Shepherd of My Soul"

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

- 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

- 7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

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