

Holy Cross Lutheran  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – LIFE SUNDAY**

January 17, 2021



**AS WE GATHER** Today our focus is on the Holy Spirit's presence in our daily lives in concert with the Living Word. We are called to remember that our bodies are not our own. Paul reminds us in the Epistle that we were bought with a price: the blood of Christ. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies, even our whole lives, belong to the Lord, and we are called to consider how we are to best steward the bodies God has given us for the sake of His kingdom.

**† IN DOMINE JESU †**  
*(In the Name of Jesus)*

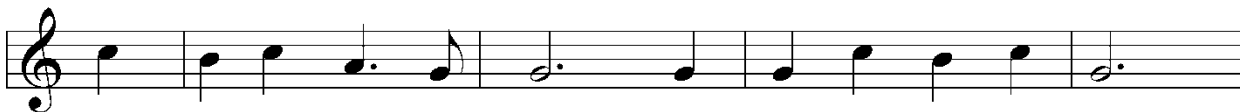
**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24

**GATHERING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LSB 807 vs. 1-3



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer  
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"

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**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Based on Psalm 139:1-2, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

P: O Lord, You have searched and known us.

**C: You discern our thoughts from afar.**

P: Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

**C: Or where shall we flee from Your presence?**

P: If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

**C: If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

P: Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

**C: We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

**C: Heavenly Father, we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. 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. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 139:1–14; antiphon: v. 14*

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**C: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

P: O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

**C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

P: You discern my thoughts from afar.

**C: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P: Even before a word is on my tongue,

**C: behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.**

P: You hem me in, behind and before,

**C: and lay Your hand upon me.**

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

**C: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**

P: If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

**C: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P: even there Your hand shall lead me,

**C: and Your right hand shall hold me.**

P: If I say, "surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,

**C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as day, for darkness is as light with you.**

P: For you formed my inward parts;

**C: you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**C: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

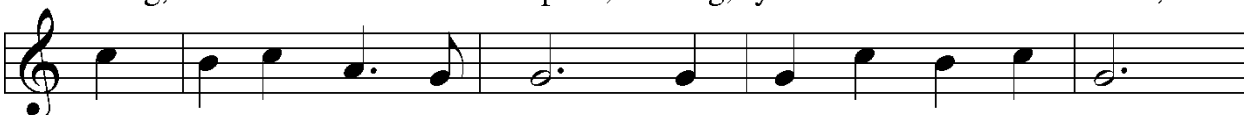
## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*LSB 807 vs. 4-5*



4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, **Lord Jesus Christ, You paid for our lives with the price of Your blood on the cross. Grant us Your strength in body and spirit to serve our neighbor in thought, word and actions to witness the precious gift of every life you have made, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1 Samuel 3:1–20*

*(The Lord calls Samuel.)*

<sup>1</sup>Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

*(To whom does your body belong?)*

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"The Lamb"**

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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**SERMON**

**"To Whom Does Your Body Belong? Two Times Your Mine."**

*Text: Psalm 139:13-14 and 1 Cor. 6:20*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Response from LSB 500:1*

*(after Pastor prays "from sin and sorrow set us free; please pray the response," "may we Your living temples be.")*

*(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)*

P: Spirit, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## † CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** P: In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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.**

**THE PREPARATION** *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

**ONE BODY IN CHRIST** *(As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together: **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You purchased and won us by the blood of Christ. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us to live as worthy witnesses of Your grace and wisdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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 His favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF SENDING**

**“Living Hope”**

*By: Phil Wickham*

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! **C: Amen! We will! Amen!**

**† SOLI DEO GLORIA †**

(To God be the Glory)

**THE POST SERVICE MUSIC**

# HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

## January 17 – January 24, 2021

**WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!** Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

**Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class** - The OT book of Nahum led by Rev. Robert Nowak @ 10:00 back of the sanctuary.

**NIGHT TO SHINE** - We have heard from the Tim Tebow Foundation that the Night to Shine will be held VIRTUALLY this year on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. While this will be different for all of us, I STILL NEED YOU. We are required to provide SWAG BAGS for each of the honored guests. I am hoping for around 160 registered guests this year and that means we will need 160 swag bags. We are required to deliver or mail the bags to our guests by the Wednesday before the event. Here is what I need:

1. **DONATIONS** - I am trying to purchase all items strictly out of monies donated this year. I want to save what money we have for our next in person event. Money donations, Gift Card donations, Connections to restaurants or businesses willing to provide a meal or coupon for our guests, donations for crowns and tiaras (required), donations for extra gifts in the bags, donations for corsages or boutonnieres (required). **PLEASE EMAIL ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY OR A SPECIFIC ITEM. ANYTHING WILL HELP!**

**Please mail donations to:**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 14085 Pike Lake Trail NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372, memo: Night to Shine  
Attn: Shari Schulze

**Informal Prayer Time** - We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

**The Sanctuary Course** - Our "Sanctuary" Class on Mental Health, (Wellness and Illness), meets today at 11 AM – 12 noon.

**Voter's Meeting Sunday, January 31** - Voter's Meeting at 10:00 am Sunday, January 31, 2021. Please plan on attending.

**Youth Sunday, January 31** – The Youth will be performing a play during the Sermon portion of service and also will be ushering and lectoring please plan on attending.

**McKenna visiting Update** - If interested in visiting Lohart, please call McKenna Crossing's office. Currently they have visiting on Thursday by appointment, two persons per week. Pastor and Janean visit on Wednesday however, currently because of Covid restrictions they are the only ones to visit on Wednesdays.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

**SERVING TODAY - SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2021 9:00 am**

**Elder/Communion Helper:** Dave Albrecht  
**Lector:** Carol Albrecht  
**Ushers:** Meg Batchelder  
**Acolyte:** Jonas Petrie  
**AV:** Eric Brown  
**Counters:** Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

**SERVING NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY JANUARY 24, 2021 9:00 am**

**Elder/Communion Helper:** Jon Dobberstein  
**Lector:** Lance Lerum  
**Ushers:** Dave Albrecht  
**Acolyte:** Allie Wagner  
**AV:** Rostina Vannett  
**Offering Counters:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

**CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$21,982.50

Contributions received in December \$26,108.57

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 ATTENDANCE**

Worship:	37	Drive-up Communion:	5
Communion:	36	Sanctuary Class:	6
Zoom:	13	Bible Study:	16



## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>January 17</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany and Life Sunday</b>
	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am	Nahum Bible Study
	10:15 am-10:45	Drive-Up Communion
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Course- Covid Mental Wellness Conclusion
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>January 18</b>	
	5:30 pm	Elder/Leader Weekly Meeting Zoom
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>January 19</b>	
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>January 20</b>	
	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
	7:00 pm	Informal Time of Prayer
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>January 21</b>	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>January 22</b>	
	9:30 am	Cleaning Crew
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>January 23</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>January 24</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	9:00 am	Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
	10:00 am-11am	"Nahum" Bible Study in back of the Sanctuary
	10:15 am-10:45	Drive-Up Communion
	11:00-12 Noon	TBA



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