

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)**

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 22, 2023**





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**8 AM and 10:30 AM**

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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.  
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Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.  
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### **Prayer for the Nativity of Our Lord**

Lord Jesus Christ, You came bringing light and life and hope to a world that lies in spiritual darkness and under the shadow of eternal death. As the Gentile men knelt and adored You, so we bow our hearts in praise to You, our Savior and King. Praise be also to the Father in heaven who, by sending You to be our Savior, has commanded the light of the hope of everlasting life to shine into a sin-darkened world. O Jesus, Savior of the nations, Light of the Gentiles, and the Glory of Israel, shine Your bright beam of life and salvation into the farthest corners of the world and into the darkest recesses of human hearts, that people everywhere will be drawn to You. And lead us at last out of this evil world of darkness to heaven where we will enjoy, with all the saints and angels, a life that will never end. We ask this in Your name, O Christ, the Light who shines in us. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- 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.*

#### Confession of Sins

- 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.

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

**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.



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22*



I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

**All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore you.**

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.

**All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.**

Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

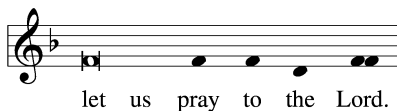
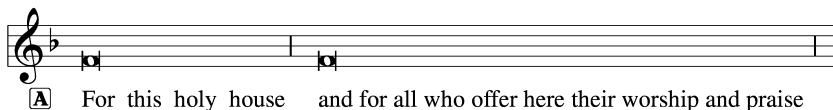
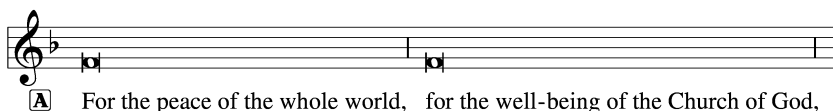
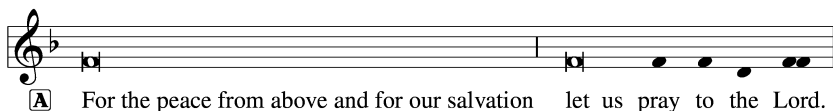
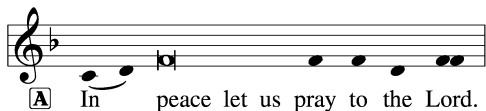
**they shall come and proclaim his righteousness  
to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.**

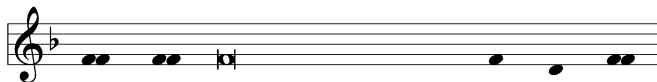
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47





**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.  
You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*



**Praise the LORD, all | nations!\***

**Extol him, all | peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\***

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\***

**bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



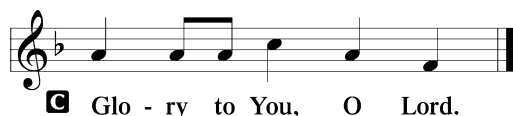
## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



## Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—  
the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and

healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

## 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

### Sermon

#### "Follow Me"

Text: Matthew 4:12-25

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Stand*



### 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

*After each portion of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Sit*

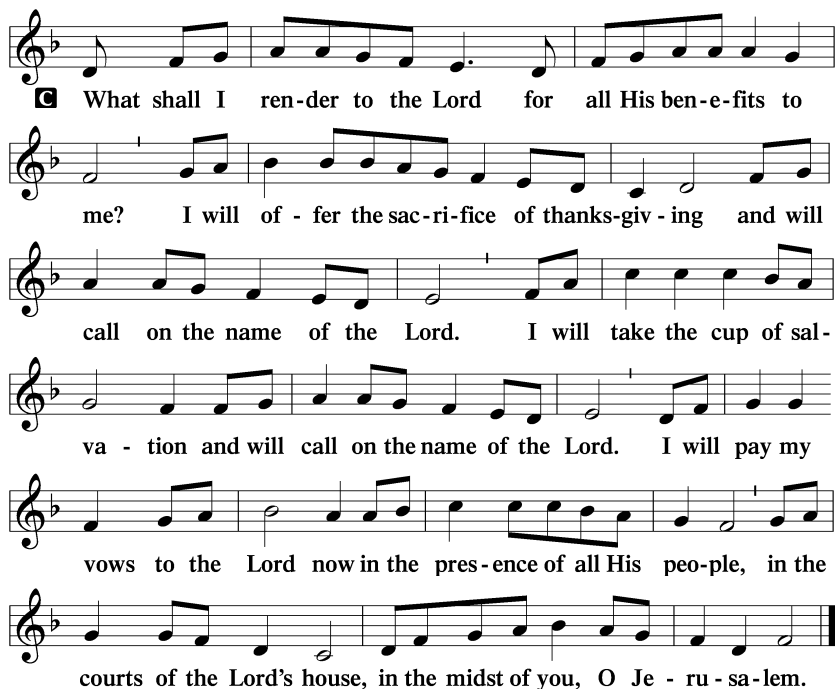
## Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

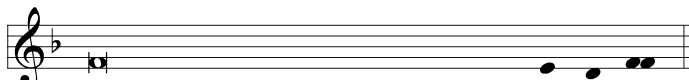
## Closing Collect

- P** Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



## 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 favor and ✠ give you peace.



856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



*Soli Deo Gloria!*  
*(To God alone be the glory.)*

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**Announcements**



Assisting Elders:  
8 a.m. – Scott Schlapkohl  
10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson

**Calling the Disciples (Matt. 4:18-22)**

F K L M U I J S A P  
M O C Q J Q V I N M  
G A L I L E E M D B  
B P J L N L L O R N  
W O S X O J R N E E  
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R C K T G B E A C S  
G V J A M E S D F S  
F I S H E R M E N H  
K P Z J O H N S Z S

**ANDREW  
FOLLOWED  
JOHN  
FISHERMEN  
JAMES  
GALILEE  
NETS  
SIMON  
BOAT**



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

# HEART HEART

Congratulations to *Heart 2 Heart* founder Linda Garriity, who we have supported through donations over the past 2 years. She has been nominated for Fox 31 News' "Remarkable Women Award". The station manager called to tell her in mid-January, that her entry was 1 of 4 out of 400 that had been selected for consideration. Linda was shocked and assured him that she was not in the least bit remarkable! He laughed and said that was a typical response.

They will do an interview in February which will run for one week in March. Then, on March 29, they have a gathering of all the people at the station to announce the final winner. Family and friends will be included at that event.

A big "thank you" to all who have supported *Heart 2 Heart* through your donations. These donations have helped so many homeless veterans, battered women, and kids aging out of foster care and going out into the world on their own.

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***Heart 2 Heart*** provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

***Heart 2 Heart*** is in need of queen or king size sheets, pots and pans, cups, etc. We really went through our donations over the holidays!

If you have any items that you no longer need, you can bring them to church and Steve and Becky White will drop them off at Linda's.

**Petitions and Prayers:** Prayer is to seek “the Lord and His strength.



### **Health concerns:**

*Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayer for those who are sick. Be for them the grace sufficient for them in this time of suffering. Remind them that in their weakness Your power is being brought to perfection. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people, even as we anticipate the ultimate healing in the joys of heaven. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Kathy Harrington's sister, Barbara, in Hospice
- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris should officially be on heart transplant list soon
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

### **Prayer of intercession:**

*Heavenly Father, on this day You said, “Let there be light,” and You scattered the darkness. On this day You brought Your Son forth from the tomb, dispelling the powers of darkness with the light of His eternal glory. On this day You sent forth Your Holy Spirit to shine the light of the Gospel on Your Church. This day gather Your saints on earth and in heaven to sing the glory of Your name. Gather Your children together around Word and Sacrament to receive the salvation You have prepared for us through Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life January 22, 2023**

“When someone struggles with the overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness’ (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved.”

*Deaconess Pamela Buhler and Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, Word of Hope  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



**"You shall worship the Lord your God and  
him only shall you serve."**

***Matthew 4:10***

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get to know you they will  
get to know Christ.**