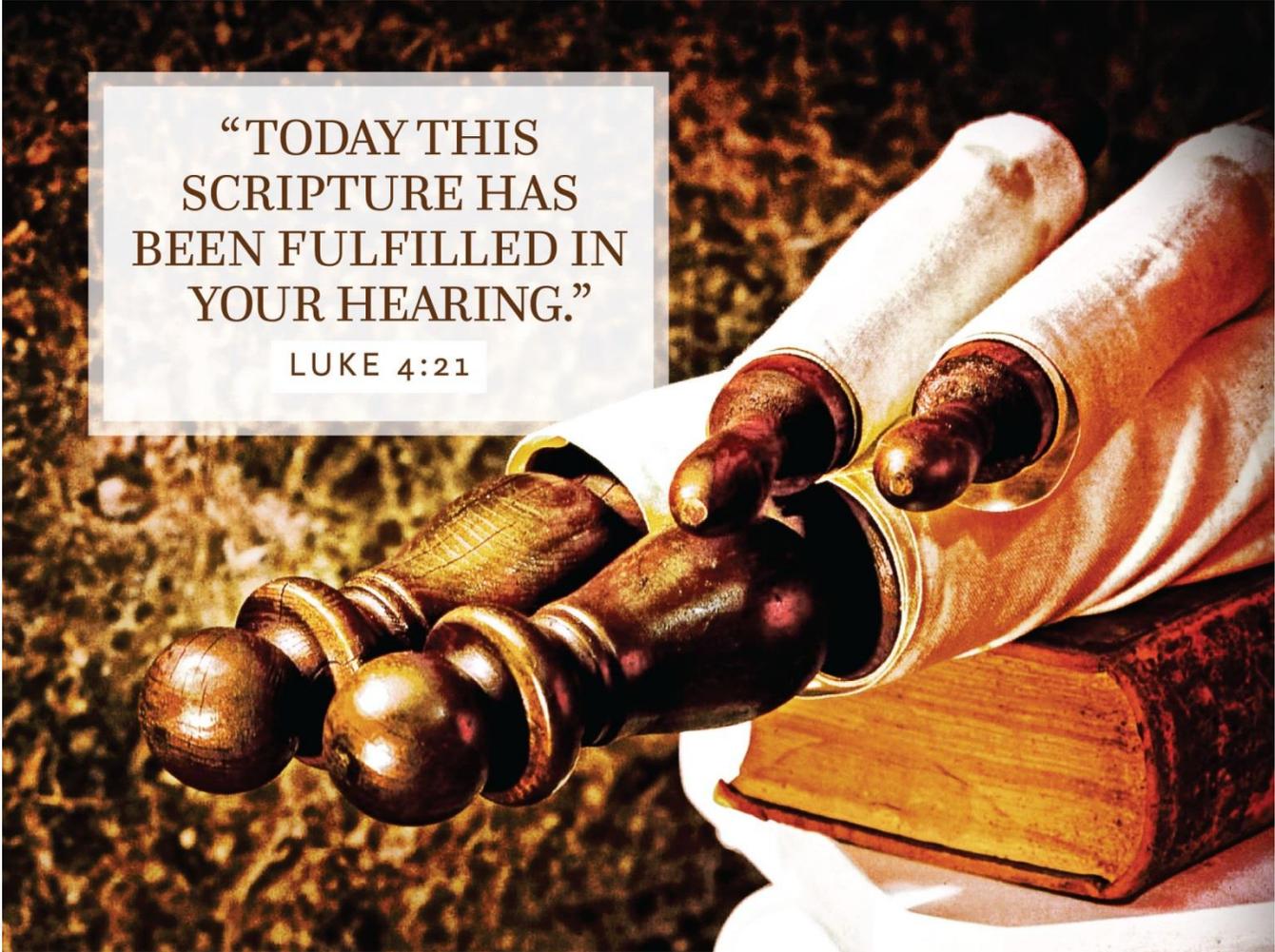


The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2016



“TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE HAS
BEEN FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING.”

LUKE 4:21



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“By God’s grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ.” - *Vision Statement 2010*

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

9:45 am - Sunday School, and Bible Classes for All Ages

6:30 pm - Adult Instruction Class

Hymn

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives...*Chorus*

Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see...*Chorus*

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and meditations of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Pastor While assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

People **Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness *LSB #849*

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp *LSB#973*

Chorus

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end... *Chorus***

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end... *Chorus***

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 4:16-30

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

All **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.**

Hymn **Thy Strong Word** LSB #578 v-1-4

Sermon **"A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!"** **St. Luke 4:18-19**

Anthem (Church Choir) **"Beautiful Saviour"** by David Allen

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Benediction

Pastor 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.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Lord the Light of Your Love

by Graham Kendrick

**Lord the Light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

**Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!**

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me... *Chorus***

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, Shine on me... *Chorus***

Officiant Pastor Roland Syens
Organist Anne Forler
Acolytes (8:30) Grace Radunsky & Nicole Relf, (11:00) Emma Sommer & Emily Steinman
Sound System Operators (8:30) Marty Stanfel, (11:00) Chris Bohl

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Prayer Concerns: Pray for our all congregations in LCC that God would bless the preaching of the Word and ministry of each person. For the gift of reconciliation to individuals and churches effected by the financial difficulties in the ABC district. For Emily Pritchard and those on the CLWR Global Encounter team to Ethiopia that God grant them traveling mercies and eyes to see what He is doing through the work of CLWR and other agencies in Ethiopia. For those who are depressed or struggling with addictions. For those struggling with illness that God bring His healing upon them according to His will. For peace in our World and homes for those who are seeking refuge that they may know Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Pick Up a Voters' Report Today from the Welcome Centre desk. The Voters' Assembly is set for **Sunday, January 31 at 12:30 p.m.** in the church basement.

Coming Events...

Movie & Pizza Night is this **Friday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.** here at the church. Family, friends, Youth and Young Adults are all welcome to enjoy dinner and then a movie. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 27.

This House/Coffee House is this **Friday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Topic this week continues our study on "Is the Bible Reliable: Building the Historical Case (Part 7: Investigating the Historical Authenticity of the New Testament). Anyone is welcome.

Please Note...

Parking Reminder!! Please remember that as the weather gets worse we reserve the use of our parking lot for those in greatest need. Those who are physically disabled, the elderly and families with infants need the parking lot the most. Thank you!!

Today's Education Hour...

Nursery through Grade 6/7 students continue with today's lesson "John prepares the Way" from Matthew 3

Youth continue studies with Marj Sutherland: Being the Body (based on I Corinthians 12:12-27).

YABS will be in the Triple Bible Classroom.

Adults will begin "The Gospel for Muslims". How do we understand Islam and how can we share the hope of Christ with Muslims. This series will explore Islam and equip us to know how to share our faith with Muslims.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance:	117 & 175	Total 292	('15 – 303)
Communion Attendance:	87 & 150	Total 237	('15 – 252)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 47 Staff: 1	Total 48	('15 – 60)
YABS:	Pupils: 2 Staff: 1	Total 3	('15 – 13)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 11 Staff: 1	Total 12	('15 – 6)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 32 Staff: 14	Total 46	('15 – 57)

Memorial: In memory of **GEORGE GENZINGER** to the Unified Church Budget from Reinhold & Anna Schmidt, Earl & Pat Famme, Harold & Elsie Ristau, Mark & Heidi Gallas, Don & Carol Fleming, Shirley Martin, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Virginia Schmidt, Jack & Elaine Kahl, Elroy & Mavis Mann. In memory of **DORIS HILL** to the Unified Church Budget from Don & Mary Belle Poll, Earl & Pat Famme, Jack & Elaine Kahl, Bruno & Jean Fergin, Harold & Norma Blake, Elroy & Mavis Mann, Virginia Schmidt, Grant & Joanne Schaefer, Joan Lautenschlager, Pastor Lloyd & Shirley Wentzlaff. To the Welfare Fund from Gladys Musselman. To the Youth Group from Earl & Betty Hebner. To Missions from David & Wilma Reist. In memory of **GARY LEMON** to Griefshare from Marlene Lemon. In memory of **ESTHER BUSCHERT** to the Sunday School from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **MARJORIE WILES** to the Unified Church Budget from Earl & Pat Famme. In memory of **ROSS HEIMPEL** to Canadian Lutheran World Relief – Ethiopia from Ron & Joyce Stuckhardt.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 25 to Sunday, January 31, 2016

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare Seminar, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Paul's</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	9:00 a.m.
	LINC, <i>Everywhere</i>	5:30 p.m.
	Board of Young Peoples, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Stephen Ministry, <i>Panel Room</i>	1:30 p.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i>	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Pizza & Movie Night, <i>Downstairs</i>	6:00 p.m.
	This House, <i>Parlour</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Activities, <i>Youth Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Divine Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
Voter's Assembly, <i>Basement</i>	12:30 p.m.	