

"The Epiphany of Jesus At The Jordan"

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after the Epiphany - The Baptism of our Lord

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Opening Hymn #89....."To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father's will And all his promises fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree, "The one I love, who pleases me."
- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute! This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



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

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 42:1-7 *God sends his Spirit on his chosen Servant - a Messianic prophecy*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations. ²He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street. ³A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict. ⁴He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law. ⁵This is what the true God says, the Lord who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it. ⁶I am the Lord. I have called you in righteousness. I will hold on to your hand, and I will guard you. I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to be a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon, and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

Psalms of the DayPsalm 45

M: My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme.

C: **I am reciting my works for the King. You are the most beautiful of the sons of Adam.**

M: Grace is poured out on your lips.

C: **Strap your sword on your thigh, you mighty warrior, in your splendor and your majesty.**

M: In your majesty advance successfully. Ride forward in the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness.

C: **Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds.**

M: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

C: **You love righteousness and hate wickedness.**

M: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy more than any of your companions.

C: **I will preserve the memory of your name through all generations. Therefore peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Historic Lesson

Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.

- ³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon (10:30 am)

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn #82....."Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding Guest, In your Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be; Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine; All will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear; All will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

Sermon.....Eugene Kock....."The Epiphany of Jesus At The Jordan"
Matthew 3: 13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. ¹⁴But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. ¹⁶After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, ¹⁷and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



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

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

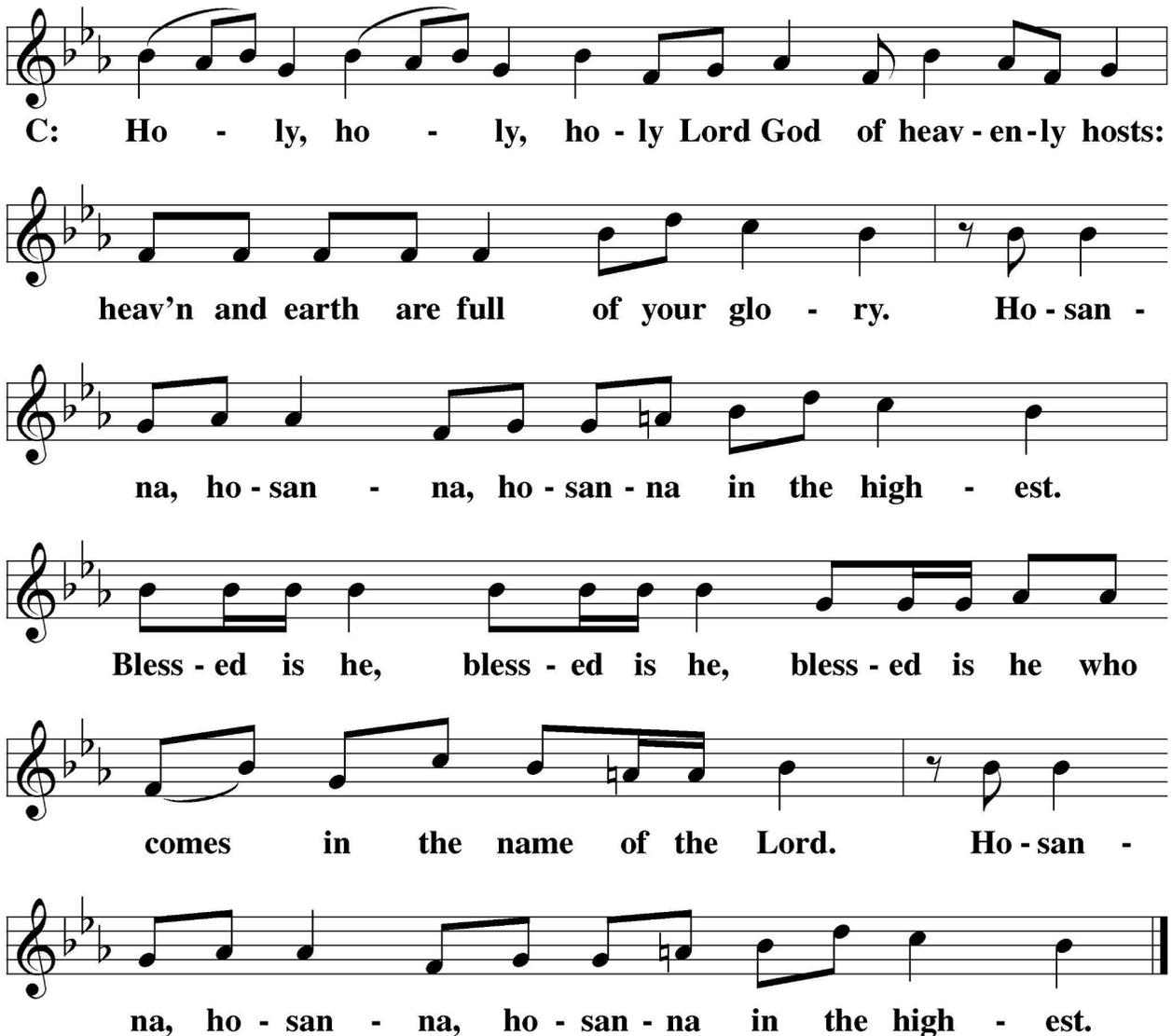
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise you holy name and join in their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution & Hymn #310....."I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

1 I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

7 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.

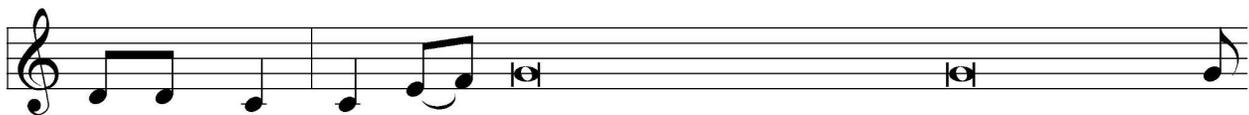
Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

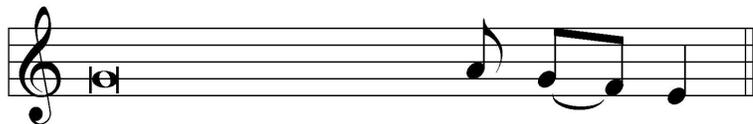


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Prayer after Communion

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Holy Cross News & Notes

January 15, 2023

Calendar for the Week - January 16th - January 22nd

Monday

- Bingo - 1:00 pm
- Worship-6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry - 9:15 am
- Kindergarten Information Night - 4:30 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study-10 am
- Public School Catechism-4:30 pm
- Handbells- 6:15 pm
- Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class- 9:45 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Kathleen Peters was hospitalized this week. Please pray for her and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Pastoral Call News

On Sunday, January 8, the Holy Cross Voters extended a Call to Rev. Kyle Madson to serve as our Associate Pastor. Currently, Pastor Madson serves as pastor at Norseland Lutheran Church and Norwegian Grove Lutheran Church near St. Peter, Minnesota. He has served at those two congregations for 5 years. Prior to that he served at Divine Mercy Lutheran Church in Hudson Oaks, Texas for 4 years. Please keep Pastor Madson, his wife, Alicia and their 6 children, as well as Holy Cross and the congregations he currently serves in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide Pastor Madson in his decision process as he determines where he can best serve Jesus' blood-bought lambs and sheep. If you would like to reach out to him and let him know you're praying for him, his email is:

pr.madson33@gmail.com

Letter from Pastor Madson

Dear members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

With a prompt and heartfelt call from the chairman of your elders, Mr. DePrey, I am in receipt of Divine Call extended to me through your congregation to serve as your associate pastor. I'm humbled by the vote of confidence (in spite of my neighboring-state allegiances;) in this Call. I and my family are very desirous of your prayers as I deliberate where I best might be used in service of God's redeemed people and my family with me.

For a congregation, a time of vacancy while calling a pastor can be toilsome and restless. It's not much different for a pastor tasked with weighing two competing Calls to shepherd in the scales of sanctified reason and prayer. There is good news for both anxious instances, however: the Lord of the Church will provide. The Holy Spirit who has called us by the Gospel and who does enlighten us with His gifts – is keeping us too. God be praised for this patient and persistent care of His congregations and the shepherds that serve them too.

In Christian love,

Pastor Kyle Madson

Bethany Representative Here Today!

Welcome to Jeff Lemke, Vice President of Admissions and Marketing, at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. Jeff will speak briefly after 1st service and make a presentation during Bible Study time in-between services today. Please come and learn about our synod's excellent college and what it has to offer!

2023 Altar Flower Chart

The 2023 altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, sign up with your name, contact information, and the occasion. You can bring in your own flowers or the Altar Guild will order flowers for you. The usual bouquet is \$40 but you can make it any amount you like. Make checks payable to HOLY CROSS ALTAR GUILD. Drop off or mail your check in an envelope marked ALTAR FLOWERS. You may take the bouquet after the last church service and enjoy it at home.

Bingo Is Back!

Monday, January 16th at 1:00 pm.

The Senior Ministry is sponsoring an event to play BINGO with prizes. Everyone young and old is invited. Coffee and cookies will be served following the game. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Welcome Center.

Kindergarten Information Night

Do you have a child or know a child that will be entering Kindergarten this next fall? Holy Cross is hosting Kindergarten information night on **Tuesday, January 17th at 4:30 pm**. Learn more about our program, meet the teacher, aid & principal and tour the classroom. Any question or for more information contact Pam Starkenburg at pstarkenburg@holycrossmadison.org

Holy Cross Open House - Summer in the Winter

Join Us for our School and Early Learning Center Open House on Saturday, January 28th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Our theme this year is "Summer in the Winter." We'll have live music from Bahama Bob, bounce houses, games in the gym, summer-time treats, a photo booth and more. Bring the family and have summer fun on a cold January Saturday. Invite friends who may be interested in our School or Early Learning Center. Staff will be here to join in the fun, meet prospects, and talk with them about whether our school or early learning center is a good fit for them. More details to come soon!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!6

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our new sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK3 – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

Last week Church attendance: 312

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.