



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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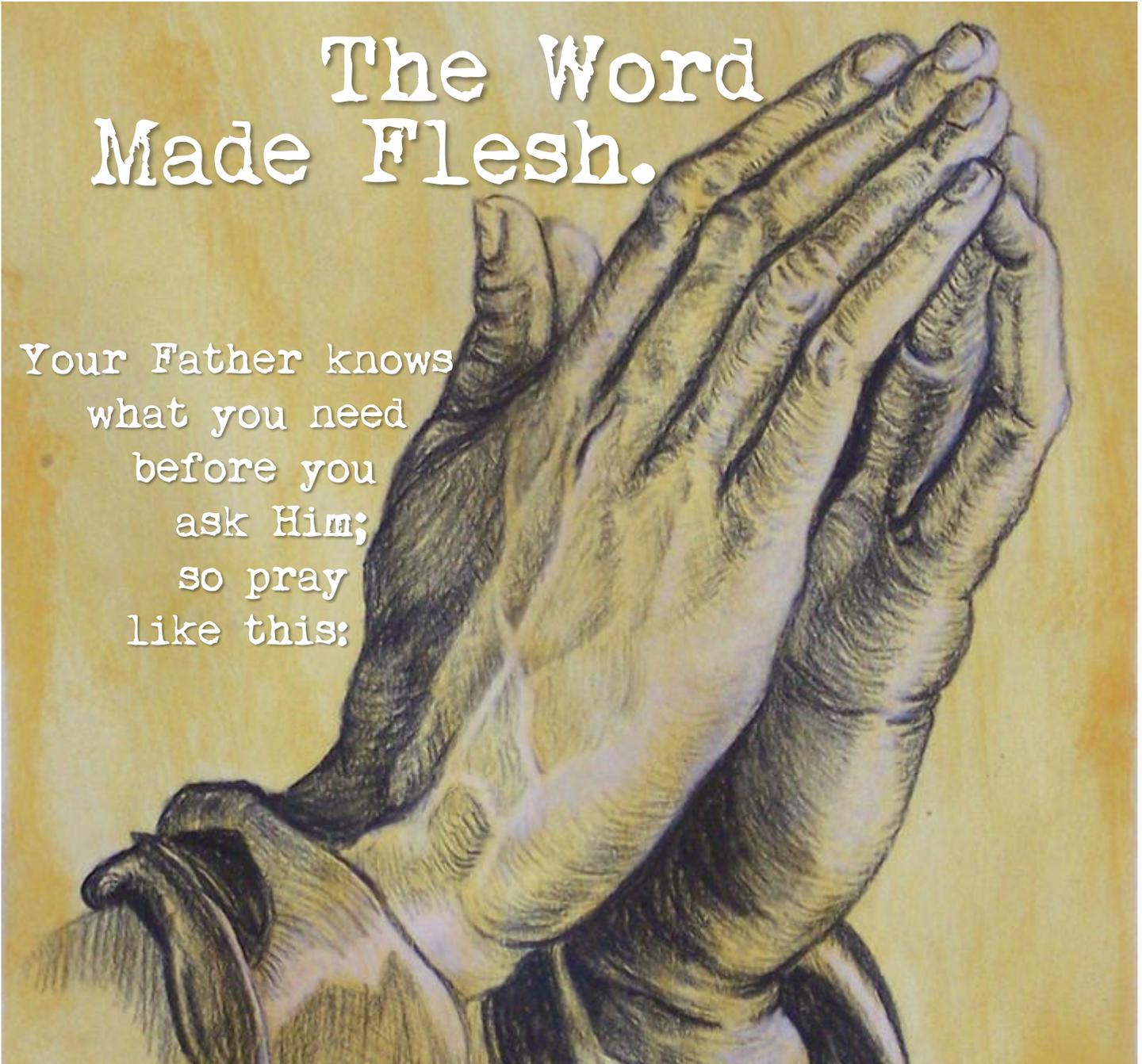
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## The Word Made Flesh.

Your Father knows  
what you need  
before you  
ask Him;  
so pray  
like this:



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

**1873-2020**

*147 Years of Grace*

Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Third Wednesday of Advent

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. During these Advent days, we joyfully prepare to receive our Lord Jesus when He returns in Glory on the last day! Please join us on Sundays at 9am to hear more about this Jesus, Immanuel (God with us!).

**Prelude - Selected**

**The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

*[please stand]*

**Opening Sentences**

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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C:  **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C:  **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 126*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations,

**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us;  
**we are glad.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
**like streams in the Negeb!**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
**shall reap with shouts of joy!**

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
**bearing the seed for sowing,**  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
**bringing his sheaves with him.**

*[be seated]*

**Hymn: Our Father, Which Art in Heaven**

Our Father which 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. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading:** (ESV)

*Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

**Epistle Reading:** (ESV)

*Romans 8:18-30*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility,

not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

[*we stand*]

**Holy Gospel:** (ESV)

*Matthew 6:5-15*

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive

you, <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C:  Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

### Lord's Prayer

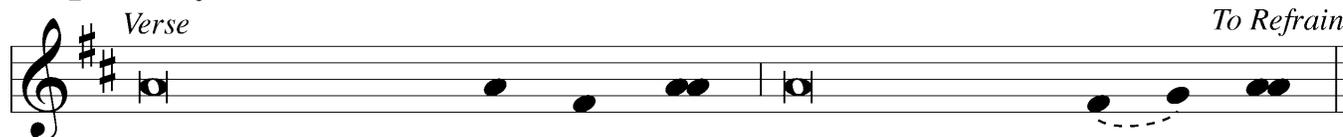
**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

### Responsory

LSB 230



**L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*[please be seated]*

### Sermon

*The Word Made Flesh, pt. 3 (Lord's Prayer)*

<sup>1</sup>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

<sup>2</sup>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has  
done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

<sup>3</sup>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

<sup>4</sup>Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

**The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings**

**The Kyrie**

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♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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.**

**The Salutation**

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**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: ♪ And with thy Spirit.**

## The Collect for Grace/Peace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grand that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C:  Amen

## The Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Bless we the Lord.

C:  Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C:  Amen.

## Closing Hymn: Hosanna to the Living Lord

*Hymn 75*

<sup>1</sup>Ye sons of men, oh, hearken:  
Your heart and mind prepare;  
To hail th' Almighty Savior,  
O sinners, be your care.  
He who of grace alone  
Our Life and Light was given,  
The promised Lord from heaven,  
Unto our world is shown.

<sup>3</sup>The humble heart and lowly  
God lifteth up on high;  
Beneath His feet in anguish  
The haughty soul shall lie.  
The heart, sincere and right,  
That heeds God's invitation  
And makes true preparation,  
It is the Lord's delight.

P: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

<sup>2</sup>Prepare the way before Him;  
Prepare for Him the best.  
Cast out whate'er offendeth  
This great, this heav'nly Guest.  
Make straight, make plain, the way:  
The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing,  
His path all even lay.

<sup>4</sup>Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus,  
Turn not from me aside,  
And grant that I receive Thee  
This blessed Advent-tide.  
From stall and manger low  
Come Thou to dwell within me;  
Loud praises will I sing Thee  
And forth Thy glory show. Amen.

*Please plan to join us for our remaining  
Advent and Christmas Services:*

*Dec. 24 - Children's Christmas Program 6pm*

*Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Worship 9am*