

The Old Testament Reading.Jeremiah 33:14–16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'”

The Epistle Reading. 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

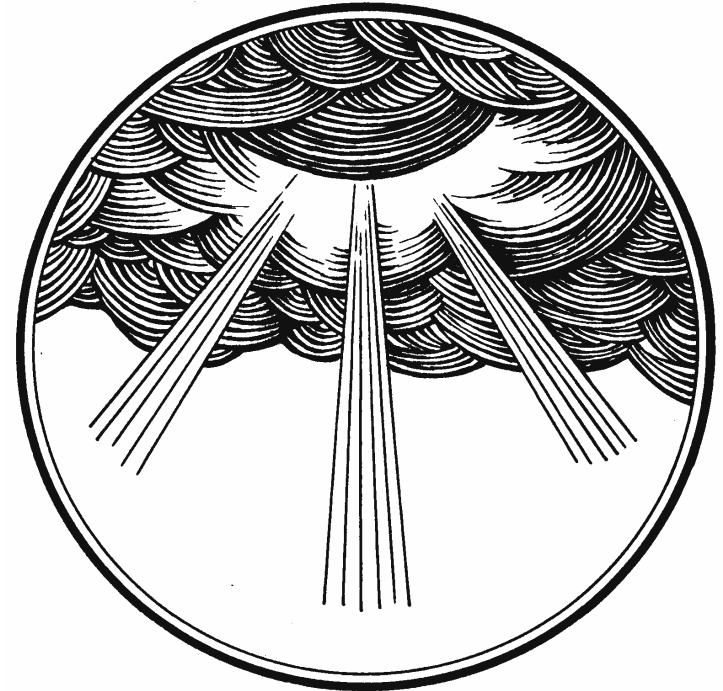
For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Gospel Reading. Luke 21:25-36

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: The season of Advent proclaims the various comings of the Christ. The central focus of all aspects of these comings is the coming of Jesus to that destiny in which the salvation of the world is effected. The cross is the culmination to which all other comings point. This final coming elicits faith, and so this final coming has distinct importance for the life of the Church. The context preceding the *Old Testament Reading* speaks of the restoration of sinful Israel through the forgiveness of sin. Restored, Israel shall be a place of joy and rejoicing. Indeed, the restoration will come through the coming of a "Branch," the Messiah, whose people will have a new name, "The LORD is our righteousness." The *Epistle* reminds us that the coming of Jesus now both prepares us for His final coming and is already a prefigurement of that final coming.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: (The theme prayer of the day.)

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Organist. Myla Miller
Communion Elders. David Johnson & Luther Salonen
Ushers. Curt Wendt, Casey McCormick & David Beck

Psalm 89



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

For who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*

steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessed are the people who know the | festal shout,*

who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

Who exult in your name | all the day*

and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*

our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

10:00 A.M.

Divine Service Setting Three LSB 184

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #355

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Service of the Word LSB 186

Introit - Psalm 89—(printed at left)

Gloria Patri - LSB 186

Kyrie - LSB 186 (*Gloria omitted during Advent*)

Collect of the Day—LSB 189

The Lessons: (printed on back)

The Nicene Creed - LSB 191

Hymn of the Day - LSB #332

Sermon - Rev. Perry Copus

Offertory & Offering - LSB 192-193

Prayer of the Church - LSB 193

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

Preface & Sanctus - LSB 194-195

Lord's Prayer - LSB 196 (Spoken)

The Words of Our Lord—LSB 197

Agnus Dei - LSB 198

Distribution - LSB 199

Hymns—LSB #621

LSB #611

LSB #627

Nunc Dimittis - LSB 199

Benedicamus & Benediction - LSB 201-202

Closing Hymn—LSB #348

Postlude