

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

"As with Gladness Men of Old"
LBW#82

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Bible Readings

1 Kings 3:4-15
2 Corinthians 2:14-17
Luke 2:40-52

Message

"The Scent of Hope"
Pastor Paul Finley, Guest Speaker

Prayers of God's People

Preparation for Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

After Communion Hymn

"Thank the Lord" LBW#92

Blessing

Closing Song

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
WOV#646

THIS WEEK (Jan 3-8)

MONDAY

Life Application Study Group
10 AM - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

Hebrews Bible Study
10AM - LW Social Hall

Family Night

Every Wednesday at AV
5:30PM Dinner For Everyone
6:30PM Rediscover Church Study
MS & HS Youth Groups
Bible Basics For Kids (K-5th)

THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study
9AM - LW Library & Zoom

Prayer Warriors

11:30AM - LW Prayer Room

JuBellation Bell Choir Practice

5PM - LW Sanctuary

Hebrews Bible Study

6:30PM - LW Library & Zoom

SATURDAY

Men of Integrity
7AM - LW Library & Zoom

Call Committee Members:

Paul Kratzer
Sheila Miller
Kevin Murphy
Dan Olson
Pastor Kevin Sheldon
Constance Sorenson
Liz Travieso

Email your comments or questions to
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COVID Guidelines at this time:
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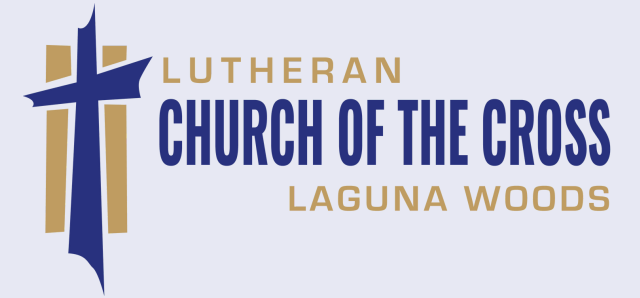
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Welcome
to Worship



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me" —Psalm 51:10

Please pray...

- That as we face a New Year with new challenges and blessings, may our Lord God renew our hearts with a burning passion for Him and always remember His promises in order to draw us closer to our Savior.
- For our pastors and leadership at LCC, that they serve the Lord with a servant's heart, follow where God leads, that all decisions are prayerful and discussions bring glory to God!
- For our marriages and families, that God would be the strong cord that binds them together and gives them strength to fight off the enemy.

Altar Flowers

In memory of our son
From Bob and Mare Stasik

Lectors:

Saturday
5:00 PM Constance Sorenson

Sunday

7:45 AM Ashley Vikander
9:00 AM John Carter
11:00 AM Sue Carlson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 3:4-15

4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7 "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

15 Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? 17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

Luke 2:40-52

40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Who, me Lord?!?:

V14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses _____ to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

2. The offering must burn to give light and scent:

V15 For we are to God the pleasing _____ of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

3. Smells Like Hope:

V16 To the one we are an aroma that brings _____; to the other, an aroma that brings _____.

