

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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Worship online at [www.lutheranvictoria.ca](http://www.lutheranvictoria.ca)

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship *Setting Five*

***We celebrate John the witness, crying out in the wilderness preparing the way for Jesus' Advent. We celebrate the call to be witnesses like John, preparing the way for Jesus' Advent in our time.***

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

Confession and Forgiveness

**Gathering Song**

***Hark, the Glad Sound!***

**No. 239**

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

***Kyrie***

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Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Children's time

Candle lighting

First Reading

**Psalm 126**

Second Reading

**Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Reading

***Each Winter As the Year Grows Older*** verses 3,5 **No. 252**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** ...Thanks be to God

Refrain – ***The LORD has done great things for us.***

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** ...Thanks be to God

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**John 1:6-8, 19-28** ...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**

***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry***

**No. 249**

Prayers of Intercession

God, whose advent is near,  
**hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### MEAL

Offering Song

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

Duet

Great Thanksgiving

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***Holy***

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Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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***Lamb of God***

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**Communion Songs**

***All Earth Is Hopeful***

**No. 266**

*Those communing at home are invited to lift the bread and cup as they are lifted at the table.*

*And may share bread and wine when the words are spoken:*

*"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."*

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

... Amen.

**Sending Song**

***People, Look East***

**No. 248**

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God

Postlude

*"Coffee Time" follows worship on Zoom. If you did not receive a Zoom invitation and would like to join, send an email to [pastorlyle@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorlyle@shaw.ca) or [pastorlyndon@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorlyndon@shaw.ca) or call the Church office.*

### Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister

Tarynn McKenzie

Cantor

Brian Wismath

Choral Scholars

Abby Corpus, Christopher McDonald

Musician

Carolyn Hoekstra

Livestream

Craig Knight

Communion

Tarynn McKenzie

***Worship continues online, Sundays at 10 AM PST.***

***Church of the Cross is currently closed to in person worship.***

***Advent Evening prayer, online, Thursdays at 7:30 PM***

***Tuesday morning prayer continues at 8:30 PM on the website and Facebook.***

***Christmas Eve Worship online, 5 PM PST***

***Christmas Day Worship online, 11 AM PST***

***See the website [www.lutheranvictoria.ca](http://www.lutheranvictoria.ca) for information about online programs.***