

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Five

*Worship in-person and livestream*

***John the Baptist is an example of costly discipleship. What is the church's role in costly discipleship today?***

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

**Confession** *see insert*

**Gathering Song** ***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*** *blue book* **No. 901**

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** *red book* Page 156

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

### WORD

Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Advent Song** ***He Came Down*** *vs. 1-3, red book* **No. 253**

First Reading **Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalms 146:5-10** *on the back cover, sung responsively with the refrain*

Second Reading **James 5:7-10**

**Gospel Acclamation** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia** *red book* Page 160

Gospel Reading **Matthew 11:2-11**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** ***There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*** *blue book* **No. 1078**

**Apostles' Creed** *red book* Page 105

Prayers of the People God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

**Offering Song** ***We Are Waiting for Jesus*** *blue book* **No. 905**

*No offering is collected during worship. There is an offering plate in the entrance.*

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

**Dialogue** *red book* Page 161

**Holy** *red book* Page 162

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord's Prayer *red book* Page 163

**Lamb of God** *red book* Page 164

*All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup.*

*Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server.*

*You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing.*

*Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.*

**Communion Songs** ***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*** *red book* **No. 249**

***Creator of the Stars of Night*** *vs. 1 solo, red book* **No. 245**

***Deep Peace*** *blue book* **No. 1018**

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

**Sending Song** ***People, Look East*** *red book* **No. 248**

Dismissal **...Thanks be to God!**

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.*

*Thank you to Alexa Gordon, Lori McKenzie, and Susanne Standeven for hosting.*

### Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister

Marta Lefsrud

Musician

Carolyn Hoekstra

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Choral Scholar

DJ McGrath

Livestream

Braeden McKenzie

Communion

Nicky Ni, Iris Schoffer

Ushers

Jack Braniff, Craig Knight

*You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.*

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*for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.*

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