Holy Cross Lutheran Church School and Early Learning Center



March 3, 2024

"The Temple Cleansed"

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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

REGISTRATION CARDS are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK₃ – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

PRAYER CONCERNS? Contact Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com. Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

USHERS are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIPSundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

ON DEMAND WORSHIP View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30 am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION FUND If you have no other way to church, taxi rides to and from church are available. Please speak with the Pastor or call the church office at 249-3101.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

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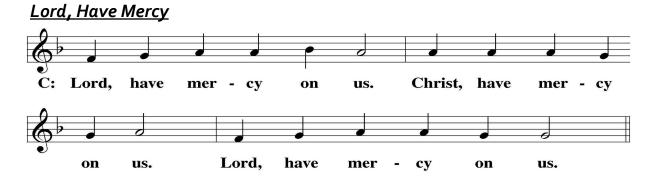
Invocation

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Confession of Sins

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God

O Glory be to God on high, C: and on earth peace, good will toward men. O O We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you, O we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-lyKing, O God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O O O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the O O sin of the world; You take away the have mercy us. on O sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of O For you on-ly are holy; God the Father; have mercy on us. O O you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, O Đ are most high in the glory of God the Father. A men. \sim

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



<u>Prayer of the Day</u>

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Lesson

The Lord gives the 10 Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

3 You shall have no other gods beside me. 4 You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. 5 Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. 6 But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

8 Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. 9 Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, 10but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the Lord your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, 11for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the Lord blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

12 Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the Lord your God is giving to you.

13 You shall not commit murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm of the Day

M: The heavens tell about the glory of God. The expanse of the sky proclaims the work of his hands.

C: Their voice goes out into all the earth, and their word reaches the end of the world.

M: The law of the Lord is perfect. It revives the soul.

C: The commandment of the Lord is bright. It gives light to the eyes.

M: They are more desirable than gold, even better than much pure gold.

C: They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the honeycomb.

M: Yes, by them your servant is warned. In keeping them there is great reward.

C: May the speech from my mouth and the thoughts in my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Verse of the Day

M:Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

The preaching of the cross is God's wisdom.

22 Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

1 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here. Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.

2 I through Christ am reconciled;
 I through Christ become your child.
 Abba, Father, give me grace
 In your courts to seek your face.

3 While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue, That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness. 4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend. Hear me, for your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

> 5 While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.

6 While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name, Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky. 7 From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn, And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

13 The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. 15 He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those selling doves he said, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!"

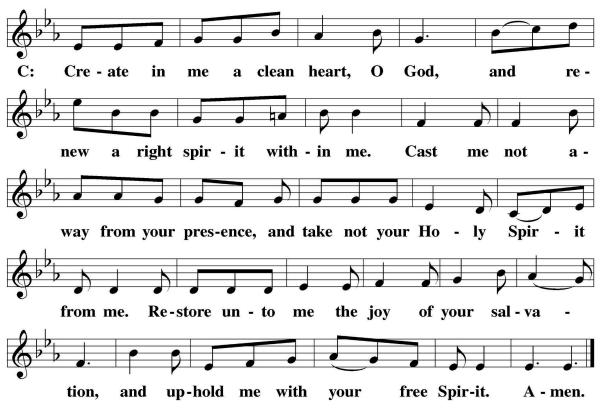
17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

20 The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

<u>Create in Me</u>



Offering

<u>Prayer</u>

<u>The Lord's Prayer</u>

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.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



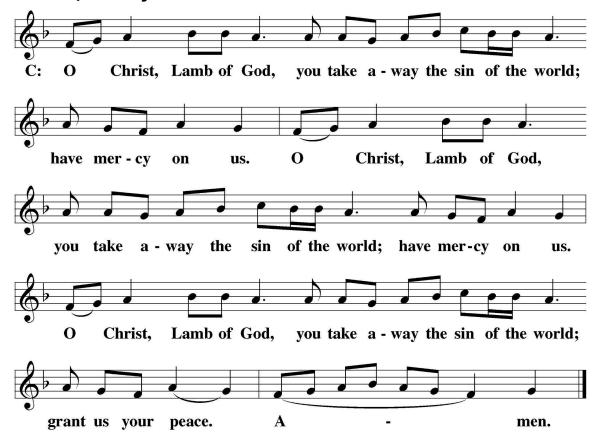
Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution & Hymn #304......"Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

1 Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander. Here is hope for all who grieve--Jesus sinners does receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing, Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing Who with humble hearts believe--Jesus sinners does receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord forsaken; Weary souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken In his arms that they may live--Jesus sinners does receive.

4 Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation. Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation! Firmly in these words believe--Jesus sinners does receive.

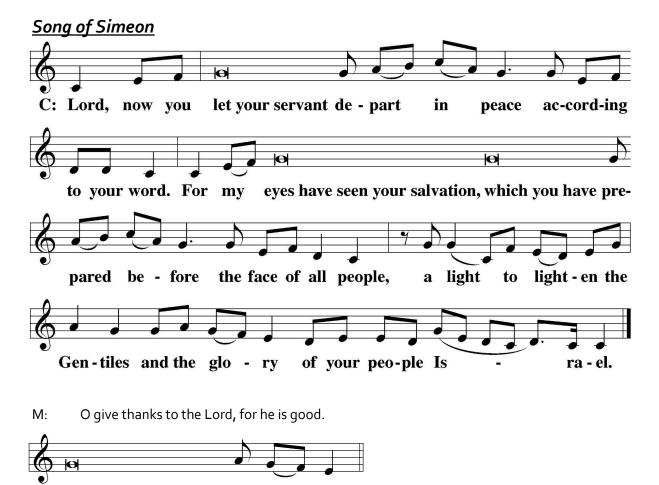
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And his mercy endures for - ev

5 I, a sinner, come to you With a penitent confession. Savior, show me mercy, too; Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve--Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion, For these words I do believe--Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave-Jesus sinners does receive.



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Prayer After Communion

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



<u>Attendance</u>

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

March 3, 2024

Calendar for the Week – March 4 - March 10

Monday

- Worship Committee 5:00 pm
- Bible Information Class- 7:00 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel 8:10 am
- Lenten Worship 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm
- Choir 7:15 pm

Thursday

Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 am
- Adult Handbell Choir in between services

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by Zach and Anna Gavin in memory of Camilo L. Gavin.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Bonnie & Steven Juve were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 2/20/24 - 2/26/24

\$11**,**944.16

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 2/26/24 \$528,580.35

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$547**,**211.70

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

WORKING TOGETHER FOR ALL GENERATIONS

It's such a joy to have such a great mix of generations at Holy Cross... the wisdom of age and the exuberance of youth! We wouldn't want it any other way! For the safety of both generations, please remind our children to be careful in the narthex around our senior members. We don't want any accidents for either generation! Jesus loves children and said, "Let the little children come to me." We understand snacks help Jesus' little lambs stay focused, therefore we ask to please be careful with food in the pews that could easily stain the pew fabric. Thank you for helping keep God's house safe and looking great for His glory.

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Want an easy way to witness to a friend, relative or neighbor? Share Sunday's sermon link with them. Or watch it devotionally yourself.

o2/28/2024 - "God on Trial - Testimony" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen https://vimeo.com/917745196?share=copy

YOUTH GROUP

Our March Youth Group event will be on Sunday, March 10th, from 12-2 here at Holy Cross. There will be an open gym, food, and we will watch an episode of The Chosen and have a Bible study/discussion based on it. Here is the link to sign up: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAD2CA1F85-48279094-march</u>. Invite your friends - we hope to see you there!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, you have the option to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to Holy Cross until March 31. If you haven't already done so, don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy (<u>https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice</u>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024

This summer we will welcome kids ages 5 - 12 years old for a fun, daily program! Days will be 6AM - 5:30PM between June 3 - August 15, 2024. Activities will include: picnics in the park, off-site field trips, water days, bike/scooter days, arts and crafts, story time, and more! The rate will be billed weekly and is as follows:

- Monday Friday (5 days): \$275/week
- 4 days: \$225/week
- 3 days: \$175/week
- 2 days: \$125/week
- 1 day: \$75/week

There is a 10% off multi-child discount for each additional full time child.

Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024.

Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024.

There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee.

Other information to note: Children may be in our care for a maximum of 10 hours per day. Tuition will be charged on a weekly basis through an automatic withdrawal using our Brightwheel App. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack following USDA Food Guidelines. Rate builds in several days OFF: holidays and up to 5 vacation days for the child. Rate is charged weekly even if the child misses his/her scheduled days.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Krug at <u>kkrug@holycrossmadison.org</u> or call 608-249-3101.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The season of Lenten is a special time of looking first at the depth of our sin, and then at the depth of Christ's love for us in his passion and suffering. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Services will be at 3:30pm (In-Person Only) and 6:30pm (In-Person and Live Streamed)

The 6:30 service will also be recorded and available On Demand. Please note the service times.

The 3:30pm service makes attendance easier for school families and those who do not like to drive at night. Our theme this year is 'God on Trial' (February 14 - Accusation, February 21 - Restraint, February 28 - Testimony, March 6 - Misconceptions, March 13 - Truth, March 20 - Sympathy)

NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH DURING LENT

Beginning February 12 until April 8 there will be no Monday evening worship services. If you normally attend on Monday evenings, we encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings (3:30 pm or 6:30 pm) instead during the season of Lent.

DANNY NUSBAUM CALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in the redeeming name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I want to thank you for asking me to serve at Holy Cross as the school's eighth grade homeroom teacher. This is truly humbling and an honor to be chosen for this call. Words alone cannot express my appreciation for the prayers and messages I have received from the workers at Holy Cross. At this time, I will prayerfully consider this call to Holy Cross and my current call at Christ Lutheran in Port St. Lucie, Florida. I ask that the congregation of Holy Cross continue to pray for both schools and myself, that the Holy Spirit will guide me to deciding where I can serve the Lord best and continue in instructing His lambs. God's Blessings to you all,

Danny Nusbaum

MEGAN DEENIK CALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear families, members, and faculty of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! On Thursday, February 15th, 2024, the Lord led you to extend a call to me to teach at Holy Cross Lutheran School. I am truly humbled by this call to serve as your 1st grade teacher and look forward to learning more about your ministry in the coming days. I ask that you keep my family and I in your prayers as I deliberate my call to serve at Illinois Lutheran School, as well as my call to serve at Holy Cross. If you would like to contact me, do not hesitate to reach out. I pray for God's guidance and trust in his promise of blessing for the ministries of both Holy Cross and Illinois Lutheran's schools.

Joshua 1:9b "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Thank You!

Yours in Christ, Megan Deenik

LEARN ABOUT HOSPICE OVER LUNCH

Hospice: Provides a person and family (caregivers) the best quality of life - spiritual, emotional, and physical comfrt at the end of life.

On <u>April 14, 2024</u>, join us in the Fireside room to hear about hospice and other assistance ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) provides in Dane County for loved ones. Please sign up by Monday, April 8, 2024 on the sheet in the welcome center. Light lunch will be provided.

BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on <u>Tuesday, April 2, 2024</u>, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:oop.m. Following the meal, Don Westphal, Director of The Bethany Fund, will give a college update (there are many things to share!) and answer questions guests may have. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend.

LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

- June 15-19 (Sat.-Wed.), 2024, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN.
- For high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade)
- Registration open until June 1: \$225

Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is a perfect opportunity for high school aged youth to learn from the best. Prof. Dennis Marzolf created the camp in 1986 and will be serving as choir director this summer. He will be joined by Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux (accompanist) and Prof. David Paulson (handbells). The five day camp is an immersive study and performance in our rich Lutheran Musical Heritage, and high school students will be collaborating with both current and alumni members of the Bethany Concert Choir. The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir plans to sing and ring at several performances during the ELS Synod Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to study great music and learn from the best! Information available at <u>https://els.org/honorchoir/</u>

CAMP RISE

Camp Rise 2024 takes place <u>Sunday</u>, July 7 to Friday, July 12 at Camp Luwisomo in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp is open to all youth who will have completed grades 4 through 9! All registration info and forms can be downloaded at camprise.org, or can be obtained at the church office. Registration cost is \$430 if registered by April 15; after that the cost goes up to \$460 with the deadline of May 15. In case the cost is too burdensome for some families, please speak with either Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen. Holy Cross has a fund dedicated to helping kids attend Camp Rise, and families can also apply to the Camp Rise Scholarship Fund by May 1 to help ease the costs of registering children for camp.

LYA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

- July 25-28 (Thurs.-Sun.), 2024, at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- For high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade)
- Early Registration until June 1: \$300
- Late Registration from June 2-July 1: \$350

The 2024 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will explore the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. The setting of Chicago will form the backdrop to these topics and will allow us the opportunity to explore, and even serve, the city. Keynote speakers will be Rev. David Locklair and Prof. Pete Bloedel. Highlights of the 2024 LYA Youth Convention include:

- A Divine Service where you will get to commune with hundreds of your brothers and sisters in Christ
- Engaging small group sectionals register early to get the sectionals of your choice!
- Daily offices: Morning and evening chapel services
- Excursion to either downtown Chicago via the L Train or the Museum of Science and Industry
- Recreation time on Concordia University's campus

For more information and to register, go to https://els.org/LYA/ .