

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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Who is this Jesus?

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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 WORSHIP Sundays 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 10:30am 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.

2023 FLOWER CHART The flower chart for 2023 is now posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. Sign up with your name, phone number and occasion if you would like to provide flowers for the altar. You can bring in your own flowers or the Altar Guild will order flowers for you. The usual bouquet is \$40, but you can make it any amount you like. Make checks payable to **Holy Cross Altar Guild**. Drop off or mail your check in an envelope marked ALTAR FLOWERS. You may take the bouquet after the last church service and enjoy it at your home.

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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Palm Sunday

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Senior Choir....."On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

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.

Lord, Have Mercy



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

C: **We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



C: **A - men.**

Old Testament LessonZechariah 9:9-10

See, your King comes to you!

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalms of the DayPsalm 24

P: The earth is the Lord's and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it,

C: **because he founded it on the seas, and he established it on the rivers.**

P: Who may go up to the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves him.**

P: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in.

C: **Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

P: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in.

C: **Who is he, this King of Glory? The Lord of Armies—he is the King of Glory.**

Verse of the Day

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

Grades 3-8 (8:30) "Come, People of the Risen King"

Piano Accompaniment by Cindy Natvig

Gospel Lesson.....*Matthew 21:1-11*

The humble Servant enters Jerusalem as its King

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

Hymn#130....."Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of saints and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him With heart and life and voice
And in his royal presence Eternally rejoice.

SermonPastor Thomas Heyn....."Who is this Jesus?"
Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise you holy name and join in their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution & Hymn #133....."Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

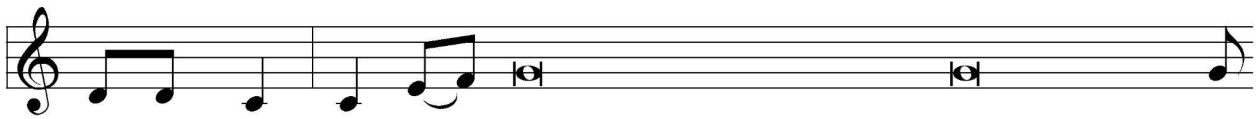
4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

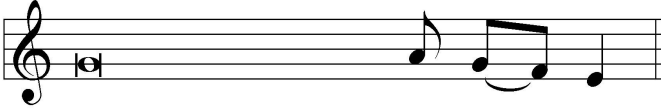


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Prayer after Communion

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Holy Cross News & Notes

April 2, 2023

Calendar for the Week – April 3rd – April 9th

Monday

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Lenten Service - 3:30 pm
- Public School Catechism-4:30 pm
- Handbells- 5:45 pm
- Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- Choir 7:15 pm

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm
- Maundy Thursday Worship - 6:30 pm

Friday

- Good Friday Worship - 1:30 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class- 9:45 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Wanda Julseth and Jim Williams were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Job Opening at Holy Cross – Administrative Assistant/Communications Assistant

This position will serve primarily as the administrative assistant for the church, and requires strong communication and customer service skills. The position will also serve as communications assistant for the church, school and early learning center, assisting with website communication, social media communication and newsletter communication. The position requires strong organizational skills, an orientation to detail, a working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and Google Suite programs with advanced knowledge in Microsoft Word. Database experience is a plus. Experience with managing facebook and website content is highly desired. For information or to apply, contact Pastor Mark Bartels at mbartels@holycrossmadison.org

Camp Rise

Sunday, July 9th to Friday, July 14th

Camp is open to all youth who have completed grades 4 through 9! Early Registration ends April 15th! For more information or to register visit camprise.org or pick up a brochure in the welcome center.

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School : Save the Date!

Monday, June 26th to Thursday, June 29th.

This year we will be traveling back in time to Jerusalem!

Summer ELS Youth Convention

The ELS Board for Youth Outreach is excited to announce that the 2023 LYA Youth Convention will be held at Bethany Lutheran College from Thursday, July 27 - Sunday, July 30. This annual event brings together youth from across the country. The Convention theme is "Created" (based on Genesis 1:27) and will feature keynote speaker, Seminary President Timothy Hartwig. Register at els.org/lya/ Cost is \$250 per person. After June 1, the cost increases to \$300. Register early to ensure your top picks for classes and activities! Please watch for more information on financial assistance and transportation.

Call News

- On Sunday, March 26, the Holy Cross Voters extended a Call to Rev. Daniel Ruiz to serve as our Associate Pastor. Currently, Pastor Ruiz serves as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. He has served there for 4 years. Prior to that he served at Hope Lutheran Church in Leander, Texas for 4 years. Please keep Pastor Ruiz, his wife, Katie and their 4 children, as well as Holy Cross and the congregation he currently serves in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide Pastor Ruiz in his decision process as he determines where he can best serve Jesus' blood-bought lambs and sheep. If you would like to reach out to him and let him know you're praying for him, his email is: pastorruiz@flc-sa.org. He writes:

*Dear members of Holy Cross,
Recently you extended a call for me to be your pastor, and I would like to acknowledge that I have received the call from your head elder. I thank you for the opportunity to evaluate the needs of Faith and Holy Cross's and consider where to best serve.
Please keep me in your prayers as I deliberate where my gifts are best used for the Kingdom of God.
In Christ,
Rev. Daniel Ruiz
Faith Lutheran Church*

- On Sunday we called Mr. Rick Holz (our current 8th-grade teacher and AD) to be our next principal. I ask that you keep Mr. Holz in your prayers as he deliberates the two calls he currently holds. He writes:

*Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School,
Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
I am writing this to inform you that I have received your call to serve as principal at Holy Cross, and I am honored to be considered for this position. I believe that the Lord has truly blessed the ministry here at Holy Cross, and regardless of the decision I am led to make, I am joyful to continue to be a part of feeding the lambs the Lord has entrusted to our care.
I will prayerfully consider both my current call as eighth grade teacher and athletic director and the call to serve as principal at Holy Cross. I humbly ask for your prayers for both Holy Cross and me as I deliberate which position would best serve His Kingdom and which path He wants me to take. Where He leads, I will follow.
In Christ,
Rick Holz*

ELS Giving Counselor Position:

The Rev. Daniel Basel has served the ELS in this position for 16+ years. We have been blessed with his work among us helping members of the ELS to grow in the grace of giving by making planned gifts that are current and/or deferred. Our work together as the ELS has been richly rewarded through this important work done faithfully and diligently. Rev. Basel has announced his retirement effective Jan. 31, 2024. Therefore, the ELS Board of Trustees will be seeking his replacement either by calling a pastor in our fellowship or hiring a layman. We are currently seeking interested parties (laymen) to make application through the Executive Assistant, Elsa Ferkenstad, eferkens@blc.edu. You will find a job description at www.els.org/employment. Please include your resumé and contact information with your application on or before April 21, 2023. The Board of Trustees will be presented a list of all interested parties at the May meeting with possible interviews to follow and will by its August meeting either call a qualified pastor or offer the job to a qualified layman.

In Jesus' name,
Glenn

An Opportunity to Serve: Camp Basic

Camp Basic (WELS Christian Camp for special needs) is looking for camp counselors! Counselors help their campers get ready in the morning, sit with them at meals, encourage them to participate in activities and help them with bedtime routines. In the evenings you prepare for the next day and enjoy some free time with the other counselors! Camp BASIC is an excellent opportunity to acquire volunteer hours. For more information visit <https://campbasic.com/volunteers>