

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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The Road to Emmaus

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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.

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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Third Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn #265 vs 1-3....."This is the Feast of Victory"

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God?

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation.

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The First LessonActs 2:14a, 36-47

Christians live in the joy of their risen Savior

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

³²"This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³³So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing. ³⁴"For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says: The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies a footstool under your feet.' ³⁶"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, "Escape from this crooked generation."

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 67

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us. May his face shine on us—

C: **So that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

M: May the countries be glad and sing for joy,

C: **Because you rule the peoples with fairness, and you guide the countries of the earth.**

M: The earth will yield its harvest. God, our God, will bless us.

C: **God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

Second Lesson1 Peter 1:17-21

God raised the Lamb who shed his blood for us.

If you call on the Father who judges impartially, according to the work of each person, conduct yourselves during the time of your pilgrimage in reverence, ¹⁸because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was chosen before the foundation of the world but revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Verse of the Day



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #160....."This Joyful Eastertide"

1 This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels..... "The Road to Emmaus"

Luke 24:13-35

Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹"What things?" he asked them. They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. ²³When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. ³¹Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" ³³They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." ³⁵They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

Hymn #588 vs 1 & 5....."Abide with Me"

1 Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.

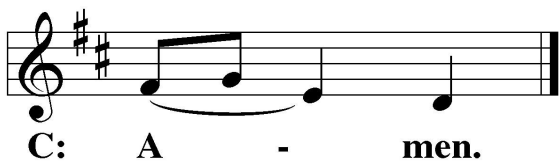
Closing Verse #588 verses 6-7....."Abide with Me"

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.



Announcements

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, Jodi Hougan, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

Holy Cross News & Notes

April 23, 2023

Attendance Last Week:

Calendar for the Week - April 24th – April 30th

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Eric Hoel was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him 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

Job Opening at Kids Crossing: 1 year old & 3 year old room teacher assistant

Kids Crossing is looking for a full-time teacher assistant for the 1 year old and 3 year old rooms. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested; contact Linda Grennan at lgrennan@holycrossmadison.org or call 608-249-3101.

Camp Rise

Sunday, July 9th to Friday, July 14th

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

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 26th to Thursday, June 29th. This year we will be traveling back in time to Jerusalem!

Stop by the front office or email frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org for registration form..

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.

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.

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>