

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



April 30, 2023

The Good Shepherd

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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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word – Page 38

Opening Hymn #76 vs 1, 3 & 5....."Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.

3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen here on earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall his people save."

5 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we, too,
Flee, O God, in faith to you.

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.

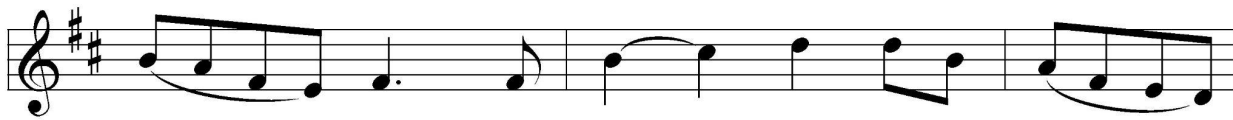
Taste and See



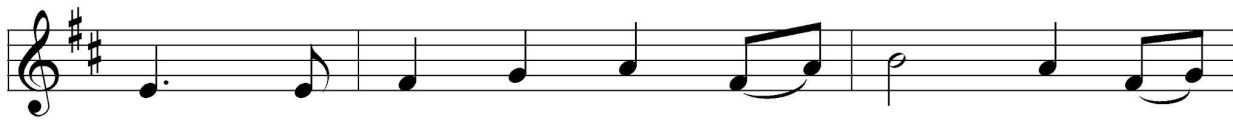
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



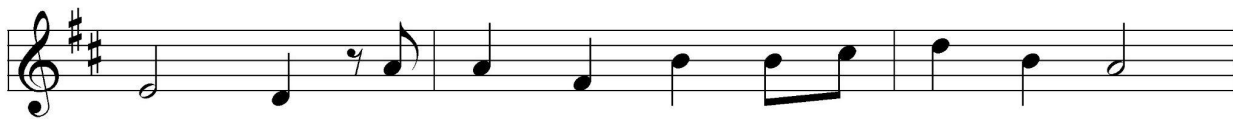
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



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 Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The First Lesson1 Peter 2:19-25

The Shepherd calls straying sheep to return

For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. ²⁰For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God. ²¹Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. ²²He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 23

M: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C: **He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

M: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,**

M: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C: **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

M: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second LessonJohn 10:1-10

The sheep know and follow their Shepherd

"Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 #360....."The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want"

1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

SermonPastor Eugene Kock..... "The Good Shepherd"

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn #436 vs 1-3....."Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep"

1 Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you.

2 In your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from your hand.
Speak -- we hear -- at your command,
We will follow you.

3 By your blood our souls were bought;
By your life salvation wrought;
By your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow you.

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

New Member Reception

Christopher Johnson

Derek Kramerson, Treyson, Easton & Brextin

Kelli Wallace & Eddilynn

Linda Kaczmariski & Kyle

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 Hymn #436 vs 4 & 5....."Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep"

4 Father, draw us to your Son;
We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done,
There to live with you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest
In the fold with you.

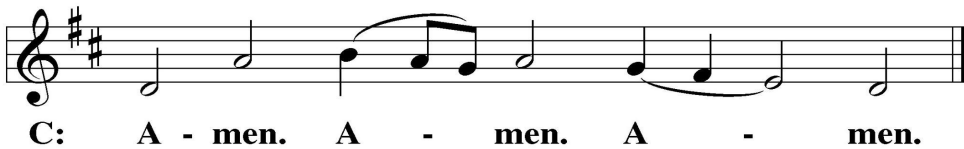
Closing Prayer

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 30, 2023

Attendance Last Week: 321

Calendar for the Week - May 1st – May 7th

Monday

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Bible Study - 9:45 am
- Special Voter's Meeting - 11:30 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Catherine Bartels and baby girl and Dalton Weum were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Rev. Thomas and LaRue Heyn on the occasion of their daughter Rachel's marriage yesterday to Tyler Lecy.

Special Voters Meeting for the Calling of a Pastor

The Holy Cross Board of Elders and Church Council are calling a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, May 7th at 11:30 am. The purpose of this special Voters Meeting is to extend a Divine Call to fill the Pastoral vacancy here at Holy Cross. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this very important matter and please plan to attend this special meeting.

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

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day roses will be available between 1st and 2nd service in the welcome center on Sunday, May 14. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. The rose project supports grants to pro-life groups in Dane County that provide health care, diapers, counseling, education and more.

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 a registration form.

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. Must register by May 15th!

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>