

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



April 9, 2023

Let Us Celebrate the Festival

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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.

"Let Us Celebrate the Festival"

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Senior Choir....."Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

A Song from Tanzania

CONGREGATIONAL PART

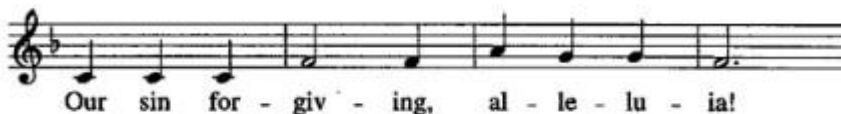
Words by Bernard Kyamanywa
Translated by Howard S. Olson

Traditional Tanzanian
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

Stanzas (Choir)

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia!
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia!
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain (Congregation)



2. For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo.
And in its conquest His might did show.

Refrain (Congregation)

3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave cloths are lying there."

Refrain (Congregation)

4. "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain (Congregation)

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The Victim has become the Victor! Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?
O grave, where is your victory?

C: But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The stone which the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone. Christ – raised from the dead – cannot die again.

C: Death no longer has the mastery over Him. The Lord has done this; it is marvelous in our sight!

Confession and Absolution

P: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

P: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I declare unto you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

Opening Hymn #157....."Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. ²Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. ³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

Hymn #162 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Alleluia No. 1

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Choral Setting by
HAL H. HOPSON

Words and Music by
DONALD FISHEL

Introduction (*Organ, Brass, Choir*)

Refrain (Choir)

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give _ thanks to the ris - en Lord,

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give _ praise to his _ name!

Refrain (*Choir & Congregation*)

Verses:

Choir only 1. Je - sus is Lord of all the _ earth.
Choir & Cong. 2. Spread the good news o'er all the _ earth;
Choir & Cong. 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with _ Christ.
Choir & Cong. 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing _ God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion. Refrain (*Choir & Cong.*)
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Refrain (*Choir & Cong.*)
Now we shall live _ for - ev - er. Refrain (*Choir & Cong.*)
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior. Refrain (*Choir & Cong.*)

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The Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels.....“Let Us Celebrate the Festival”

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ! ⁸So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Hymn #166.....“The Day of Resurrection”

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.

The Offering

The Baptismal Reaffirmation

P: Today we rejoice in the celebration of our Lord's glorious resurrection. Scripture teaches that we have been baptized into death with Christ, and as Christ rose from the dead, so we should walk in newness of life. We know that our sinful nature was crucified with Christ so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. In Baptism we are made dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Let us then, on this Easter Day, renew our baptismal promises.

P: Do you believe that you were born in sin and do you repent of your sin?

C: **Yes, I believe that I was born in sin and I am sorry for my sins. I desire Christ's forgiveness and I want to forsake sin and walk in newness of life.**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Hymn #152 vs 1, 5 & 7..... "Know that My Redeemer Lives"

1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!

5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.

He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death.

He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

The Benediction

P: 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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #149..... "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save; Where your victory, O grave?

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". Thanks.

Holy Cross News & Notes

April 9, 2023

Calendar for the Week - April 10th – April 16th

Tuesday

- Bethany Auxiliary - 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Wednesday Bible Study - 10 am
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm
- Adult Handbells - 6:15 pm

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares Ministry - 10 am

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Wanda Julseth was hospitalized this week. Please pray for her 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: 3 year old room teacher assistant

Kids Crossing is looking for a full-time teacher assistant for the 3 year old room. 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! 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.

Easter flowers

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers for our Easter altar!

Dennis and Joan Behr

Ray and Julie Beutler in memory of our loved ones

Mike and Robin Bradburn in memory of Robert & Jane Braun and Bonnie Braun Marshall

Bob and Karen Bradley in memory of family and friends

Abby Butler

Maria Coffey and June Nichols in memory of Victor Nichols, Allan Coffey, and Michelle Nichols

Sandy Everson

Sue Gomez

Greg and Carol Griffin in memory of loved ones

Judy and Gary Hahn in honor of our great-granddaughter

Patty Horstmeier

Chris and Denise Hrubes in memory of loved ones

Cathy John

Don and Sharon Johnson in memory of Leonard and Agnes Johnson

Judy Meder in memory of Jerry

Sherrie Oswald in memory of Frank Oswald

Carol Peterson in memory of Dan Peterson

Arnold Sawatske

Dennis and Jan Schattschneider

Rachel Sellnow in memory of Rev. Donald C. Sellnow 3/8/1928-4/9/1999

Ralph and Hope Weichbrod Family in memory of loved ones

Sally Wellman in memory of Gary Meyer

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>