

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Praise the Double Glory of Christ"

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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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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Opening Hymn #79 (vs 1, 4)....."How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

1 How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
O David's Son of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of grace,
For you my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy,
Great and glorious, O victorious
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.

4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend,
Are Lord, beginning without end,
The first and last, eternal!
And you at length—O glorious grace—
Will take me to that holy place,
The home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen!
Come and meet me, Quickly greet me!
With deep yearning,
Lord, I look for your returning.

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

C: 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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes or bars.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a few notes, including a half note and a quarter note, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Old Testament Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12a

The prophet Elijah is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?"

Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

But he said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

5 Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord is taking your master away from you?"

He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the Lord has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. 8 Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you." Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

10 He said, "You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not."

11 While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and its charioteers!" Then he did not see him anymore.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is above the earth and the heavens.

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise him in the heights.

C: Praise him, all his angels. Praise him, all his armies.

M: Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all you bright stars.

C: Praise the Lord from the earth, fire and hail, storm winds that obey his word,

M: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, crawling creatures and flying birds,

C: kings of the earth and all peoples, young men and also young women, old people with young people.

M: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Through the gospel Christ removes the veil from our hearts so that we can live in his glory.

Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. 13 We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. 14 In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. 15 Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 But all of us who reflect the Lord's glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. 2 On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of 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!

3K-2nd Grade Songs (8:30am)....."In Moments Like These" & "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn of the Day #97....."Down from the Mount of Glory"

1 Down from the mount of glory
Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story,
Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him
In double glory here;
The greater homage due him
Will in your life appear.

2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly,
Stood radiant in the light,
Light found in Godhead solely,
For human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven,
Confirmed what we here see;
The words "my Son" were given
To seal his deity.

3 Yet mark this glory hidden!
See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden,
His willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation
In deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation
No mind can probe or know.

4 Strange how his journey ended!
In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended
A mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered
Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered
To set the guilty free.

5 Then hail the double glory
Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story
Full of peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him
The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him
Redeemer—yours and mine.

SermonPastor Mark Bartels..... "Praise the 'Double Glory' of Christ"

Mark 9:2-9

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. 3 His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. 4 And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

7 A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: 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 #369 (vs 1, 3, 4)....."Beautiful Savior"

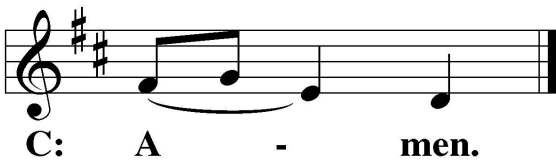
1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Closing Prayer

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through 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.



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

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

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Holy Cross News & Notes

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Calendar for the Week – February 12 - February 19

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Breakfast - 9:00 am
- PTO - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 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 by Tami Reid in memory of her mother Gloria Kriewall's birthday.

Please pray for our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 1/30/24 - 2/5/24

\$15,246.83

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 2/5/24

\$491,055.05

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$500,307.84

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is March 31 and it's time to order flowers for the altar. You may order Easter lilies or pink azaleas. Orders must be in by Sunday, February 18. There is a box on the counter in the Welcome Center with order forms. Easter lilies are \$21.00 and pink azaleas are \$51.00. You may pick up your plant(s) after the second service on Easter Sunday or during the following week. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Altar Guild.

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.

2/4/24 - "Christ Reveals His Glory Through Our Troubles" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/909753878?share=copy>

ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Holy Cross Church and School,

I want to extend a humongous thank you for all the love, prayers, and support you have offered me and my family during this deliberation process. This truly was a difficult decision to make and God has led me to accept the Call to Northland Lutheran High School.

I have enjoyed seven wonderful years here at Holy Cross. The ministry is strong and Holy Cross is in wonderful hands as the Lord continues His work here in Madison. As sad as I am to leave, I am excited for the ministry that awaits me in Kronenwetter.

Holy Cross will always be like home to me and my family. Thank you again for your wonderful support during my time here as your humble servant. My prayers are with the school as they begin the search to fill my position with God's help and guidance.

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

NICOLE KOTECKI HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

I want to thank you all for the support and prayers you've shared with me during this time of deliberation.

After careful reflection and many prayers, I have decided to accept the call to teach 3rd grade at St. Paul Lutheran School in Lake Mills.

While it may seem like this was an easy decision for me to make, I can assure you that it was not made lightly. The work being done here at Holy Cross and the people I've had the privilege of meeting and working with are truly exceptional. The connections made and the impact of our shared efforts have made a huge mark on my heart. It will be difficult to move on from this wonderful community. However, I trust that He is guiding my next steps.

Your continued prayers for both Holy Cross and myself during this transition mean the world to me. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. I pray that God continues to bless Holy Cross with His grace, wisdom, and an abundance of love.

In Christ,

Nicole Kotecki

ELC JOB OPPORTUNITY

Have a love for working with children? Consider joining our Kids Crossing family. We have 1, full time job opportunity starting at \$15 per hour. Teachers must maintain a christian attitude when working with children, families, and coworkers, pass a background check, and be willing to complete child care training and first aid classes.

Please email Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org if you or someone you know is interested or has any questions. Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

SENIOR MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The next Senior Ministry Breakfast will be at 9AM on Tuesday, February 13 at Perkins on Hayes Rd.

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 (<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES COMING SOON!

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

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Holy Cross has teamed up with Harmann Studios to establish an updated picture directory as there have been many changes since our last directory in 2019. The dates available to have your pictures taken are Wednesday, February 28th through Saturday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 5th through Thursday, March 7th. Available check in times are:

- 1-8pm Tuesday-Thursday
- 11am-6pm Friday
- 9am-3pm on Saturday

Each family/individual who is in the directory will receive a free photo directory. Each family/individual will get a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 directory pose. **No purchase is necessary**, however, anyone who chooses to purchase a print product will have the opportunity to purchase any extra prints or digital media.

To sign up for an appointment, please scan the QR code below or on the poster in the narthex.



It is first-come, first-served, so book early. If you are unable to sign up online or need to cancel/modify an existing appointment time, please speak with **Max John** (who will be sitting in the narthex between services the next few weeks) or email at 1johnm2@gmail.com. We would love it if every participant took their picture in-person, but, if unable due to homebound constraints or scheduling conflicts, please contact Max John about ways to submit your own photograph for the directory. We are also in need of volunteers to be greeters for this event to ensure proper check in for appointments and calling members who may not show up for their scheduled times. If you are able to assist any day(s) or time(s) please contact Max John.

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 kkrug@holycrossmadison.org or call 608-249-3101.

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 <https://els.org/honorchoir/>

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/>.