

"A City Set on a Hill"
February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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Opening Hymn #491....."O Master of the Loving Heart"

1 O Master of the loving heart,
The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you
In thought and word and deed.

2 Your days were full of kindly acts;
Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord,
None came to you in vain.

3 Your face was warm with sympathy;
Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch
Were comforted and healed.

4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord,
So joyous, free and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere,
Be drawn by us to you.

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

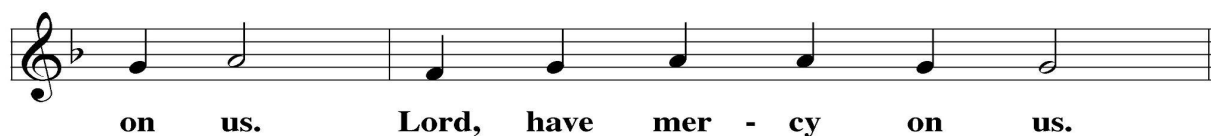
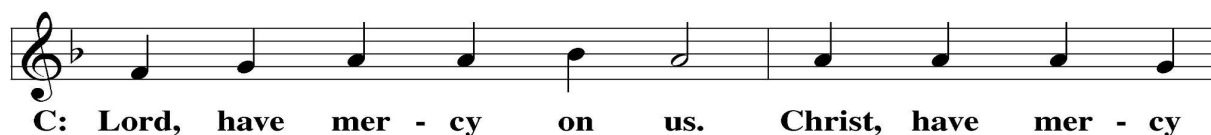


Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Epistle Lesson.....1 Corinthians 2:1-5

We preach Christ crucified

As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. ²For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn ELH # 418.....“How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand”

1 How fair the Church of Christ shall stand,
A beacon light in all the land,
When love and faith all hearts inspire,
And all unite in one desire
To be a fam'ly and agree
To live in peace and unity.

2 'Tis all in vain that you profess
The doctrines of the Church, unless
You live according to your creed,
And show your faith by word and deed.
Observe the rule: To others do
As you would have them do to you.

3 Resentment, hate, and cruel jest,
Must not be harbored in the breast
Where love and charity should dwell;
Then think and speak of others well,
Refrain from all that causes strife
And mars a truly Christian life.

4 So let your tongue, your heart, and mind
Agree to banish ev'ry kind
Of malice, falsehood and disguise,
And here on earth a paradise
Of peace and harmony maintain,
Where concord and good will shall reign.

SermonMark Bartels....."A City Set on a Hill"
Matthew 5:13-20

¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."



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

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise you holy name and join in their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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



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



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



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



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



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

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

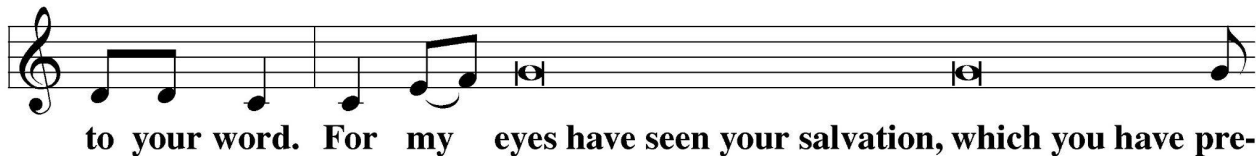
The Distribution & Hymn #311 vs 1-6....."Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.

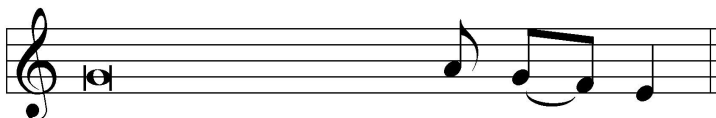
5 Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Song of Simeon



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



Prayer after Communion

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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 lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.



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

Holy Cross News & Notes

February 5, 2023

Calendar for the Week - February 6th - February 12th

Monday

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship-6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study-10 am
- Public School Catechism-4:30 pm
- Handbells- 6:15 pm
- Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday

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

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Greg Griffin was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by the Dettmers family in celebration of Guinevere's and Edward Dettmers' birthdays.

Special Voters Meeting for the Calling of a Pastor

The Holy Cross Board of Elders and Church Council are calling a special Voters Meeting for **Sunday, February 12**. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

Even though Easter isn't until April 9, it's time to order Easter flowers for the altar. You may order Easter lilies or pink azaleas. Orders must be in by Monday, February 20. There is a box on the counter in the Welcome Center with order forms. Easter lilies are \$18.00 and pink azaleas are \$38.00. You may pick up your plant(s) after the second service on Easter Sunday or during the following week to enjoy at home or to give to a home-bound member, family member or friend. Make checks payable to Holy Cross Altar Guild.

Call News

- Pastor Pastor Kyle Madson returned the Call as Associate Pastor at Holy Cross. Our next Call meeting/Voters' meeting will be on Sunday, February 12 at 11:30 am
- Teachers This current year Mrs. Angela Braatz and Mrs. Becky Collyard are serving one-year Calls in our school. Holy Cross has now extended permanent Calls to Mrs. Braatz (3rd grade homeroom) and Mrs. Collyard (4th grade homeroom).
- Prayers May the Holy Spirit grant wisdom and guidance to Angela and Becky as they deliberate their Calls, and may the Holy Spirit guide our congregation in the Calling of a pastor.

Letter of Acknowledgment

Dear members of Holy Cross,

I am pleased to acknowledge the permanent call you've extended to me, to be your third grade teacher. As I prayerfully deliberate this call with my family, I ask for your prayers and guidance. Thank you!

Angela Braatz

Letter of Acknowledgment

Dear members and families of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School, Last Thursday the Holy Cross School Board issued me a permanent call to be the 4th grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School. I am both humbled and honored by this decision. Please keep me in your prayers while I consider where I can best serve the Lord, while keeping the needs of my family in mind as well. I welcome any feedback or encouragement you would like to give. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Becky Collyard

Bean Bag Tournament

On Sunday February 19th, starting after the second service we will gather for our annual Holy Cross Bean Bag Tournament. We plan to play in the school gym and will have sub sandwiches, water and a trophy for the winners. Adult and kid teams are welcome to compete. Use the Sign Up Genius link to register as individuals or 2-man teams and we will set up brackets. Please let us know if you have an extra board set you are willing to bring. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA92FA5F5C70-bean>

2023 Altar Flower Chart

The 2023 altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, sign up with your name, contact information, and the occasion. 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 home.

Benefits of Chocolate

We are excited to announce that our Chocolate Extravaganza will be returning to Holy Cross this year on Saturday, April 1st, from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. The evening will be filled with fine-chocolate tasting, hors d'oeuvres, great fellowship and a silent auction. What are the benefits? You'll have fun, get to spend time with fellow Christians, and best of all, funds raised will go to Partners in Christ, which provides tuition and educational assistance to families here at Holy Cross. Please reserve April 1 on your calendar, and watch announcements for more information. If you or someone you know would like to make a monetary contribution or donate a silent auction item, please reach out to Tricia Blaschka (troachie1@hotmail.com) or Nicolle Ward (dego88m@gmail.com).

Peace Devotions

If you're interested in a brief 5 minute video devotion a couple of times a week, check out this link from our Synod: peacedevotions.com. These devotions are produced by a number of pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

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!6

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.

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our new 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.

Last week Church attendance: 254

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.