

**"Wise Foolishness"**  
*January 22, 2023*  
**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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CWS Divine Service II

**Opening Hymn** #510....."I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus"

I pray you, dear Lord Jesus,  
My heart to keep and train  
That I your holy temple  
From youth to age remain.  
Oh, turn my thoughts forever  
From worldly wisdom's lore;  
If I but learn to know you,  
I shall not want for more.

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

Congregation: Amen.

**Confession**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**Absolution**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:  
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Lord, Have Mercy**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

# GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Tune: TALLIS' CANON



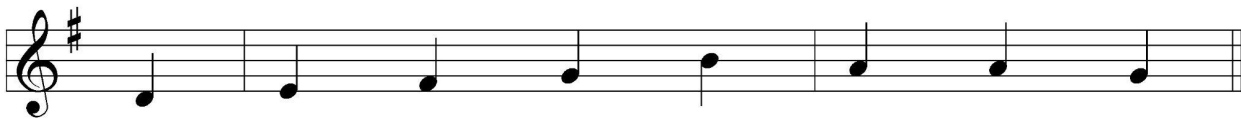
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

**Youth Handbells** (8:30)....."Come, People of the Risen King"

## Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**The First Lesson**.....Micah 6:1-8

*The Lord requires us to act justly and love mercy*

Listen now to what the Lord is saying. Get up. Plead your case to the mountains. Let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Listen, you mountains, to the accusation from the Lord. Pay attention, you enduring foundations of the earth, because the Lord is presenting a case against his people, and he is indicting Israel. <sup>3</sup>My people, what have I done to you, and how have I made you weary? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>I was the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt. I redeemed you from the place where you were slaves. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam ahead of you. <sup>5</sup>My people, remember what Balak king of Moab planned, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him when you were about to travel from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may acknowledge the Lord's righteous acts. <sup>6</sup>With what am I to appear before the Lord? How should I bow down to God on high? Should I appear before him with burnt offerings, with one-year-old calves? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be delighted with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my rebellion, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has told you, mankind, what is good. What does the Lord require from you, except to carry out justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 37

M: Do not fret because of evildoers. Do not be envious of those who do wrong,

**C: For like grass they will wither quickly. Like green plants they will wilt.**

M: Trust in the Lord, and do good.

**C: Dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness.**

M: Take pleasure in the Lord, and he will grant your heart's desires.

**C: Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in him, and he will act.**

M: He will make your righteousness shine like light, your justice like noon.

**C: I was a young man. Now I am old. But I have never seen a righteous person forsaken or his children begging for bread.**

M: Turn back from evil and do good. Then you will remain forever.

**C: For the Lord loves justice. He will not forsake his favored ones. They will be protected forever.**

**Grades 3-8** (8:30)....."How Excellent Is Your Name"

*Guitar by David Lunde*

**Gospel Lesson**.....Matthew 5:1-12

*The Beatitudes show true spiritual riches.*

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Verse of the Day**



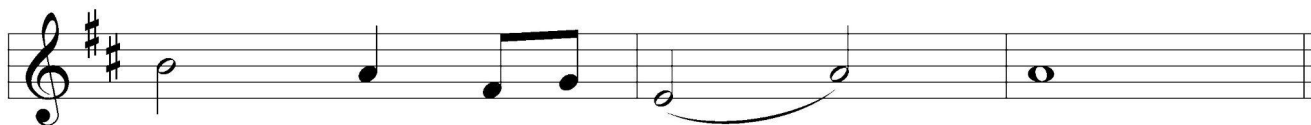
**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**



**Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the**



**mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -**



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

**Children's Sermon**

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**Hymn of the Day** CWS #752....."In Christ Alone"

1 In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**The Sermon** .....Mark Bartels..... "Wise Foolishness"

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

<sup>26</sup>For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, <sup>28</sup>and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before God. <sup>30</sup>But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

**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**

**Youth Handbells** (8:30)....."Be Thou My Vision"

**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 the 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 Verse** to the tune of #484....."Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

May I never boast or glory in the works my hands have done.  
When I boast, Lord, may I glory in the work of your dear Son.  
Send me forth to live for Jesus, guided by his Word alone,  
As I center on his dear cross, headed for my heav'nly home.

### **Closing Prayer**

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.

Amen.

### **Announcements**

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to [frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org), and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home.

## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

January 22, 2022

### **Calendar for the Week - January 23rd - January 30th**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Saturday**

- Open House - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Bible Class - 9:45 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Ron's birthday.

#### **Guest Preacher Next Sunday**

We're privileged to have Chaplain Don Moldstad, from Bethany Lutheran College, as our guest pastor on Sunday, January 29. He'll also conduct Bible Study between services on the topic, "How Was the New Testament Assembled?"

#### **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.

#### **Holy Cross Open House - Summer in the Winter**

Join Us for our School and Early Learning Center Open House on Saturday, January 28th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Our theme this year is "Summer in the Winter." We'll have live music from Bahama Bob, bounce houses, games in the gym, summer-time treats, a photo booth and more. Bring the family and have summer fun on a cold January Saturday. Invite friends who may be interested in our School or Early Learning Center. Staff will be here to join in the fun, meet prospects, and talk with them about whether our school or early learning center is a good fit for them. More details to come soon!

#### **Cyber Safety talk for parents at Lakeside**

On January 25 at 6:30 in the New West, please join us to learn more about the following issues that affect our families:

*Cyberbullying | Screen time limits | safe passwords | Online escape plans | Online predators | Overexposure | sexting and sextortion | Online gaming | Parent/child agreements | Integrating healthy technology in the home | Monitoring options for devices*

No RSVP required. [Childcare available upon request through this Google form](#). Direct questions to Assistant Principal John Dorn at [jdorn@llhs.org](mailto:jdorn@llhs.org). Event link is up at [livestream.com/llhslive](https://livestream.com/llhslive).

**Kids Crossing Job Opportunities:** Contact Linda Grennan at [lgrennan@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:lgrennan@holycrossmadison.org) for more info  
2 year old assistant

**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.

**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: 317**

#### ***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.