

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



March 19, 2023

Christ's Glory is Serving, Not Being Served

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.

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**March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

CWS Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #394....."Blessed Are the Saints of God"

- 1 Blessed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.
They are ransomed from the grave; Life eternal they shall have.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.
- 2 They are justified by grace; They enjoy the Savior's peace.
All their sins are washed away; They shall stand in God's great day.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.
- 3 They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heav'nly birth.
One with God, with Jesus one, Glory is in them begun.
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity.

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



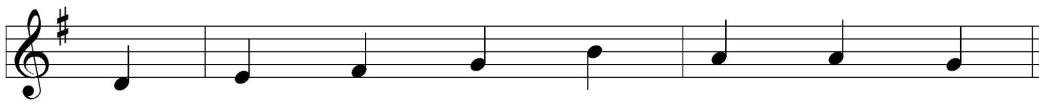
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



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.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First LessonHosea 5:15-6:3

The Law tears us to pieces, but God's grace heals us.

¹⁵I will go. I will return to my place until they admit their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will earnestly seek me.

^{6:1}Come, let us return to the LORD. For he has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us. He has struck us, but he will bandage our wounds. ²After two days he will revive us. On the third day he will raise us up, so that we may live in his presence. ³Let us acknowledge the LORD. Let us pursue knowledge of the LORD.

As surely as the sun rises, the LORD will appear. He will come to us like a heavy rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 42-43

M: As a doe pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

C: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

M: When can I go and appear before God?

C: **Why are you so depressed, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?**

M: Hope in God, for I will again praise him for salvation from his presence.

C: **Send out your light and your truth.**

M: Let them guide me. Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling.

C: **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and gladness. Then I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

The Second LessonRomans 8:1-10

Our sinful nature brings death, but the Spirit gives us life.

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

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 #542....."Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

- 1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give
The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,
They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim
That all may know your saving name.
- 2 They gladly go at your command
To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong
To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave,
And mighty is your arm to save.
- 3 When all their labor seems in vain,
Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do,
Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat
They lay their trophies at your feet.

The SermonPastor Thomas Heyn..... "Christ's Glory is Serving, Not Being Served"
Matthew 20:17-28

¹⁷As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside; and on the way he said to them,
¹⁸"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and experts in the law, and they will condemn him to death. ¹⁹They will hand him over to the Gentiles to mock, flog, and crucify him. On the third day he will be raised." ²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to him with her sons, kneeling and asking something of him. ²¹He said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Promise that in your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right hand and one on your left hand."
²²But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are." ²³He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not for me to give; rather these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." ²⁴When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus summoned them and said, "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It will not be that way among you. Instead whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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.

Offering

Special prayers and Intercessions

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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 willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly



pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.

Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

Words of Institution

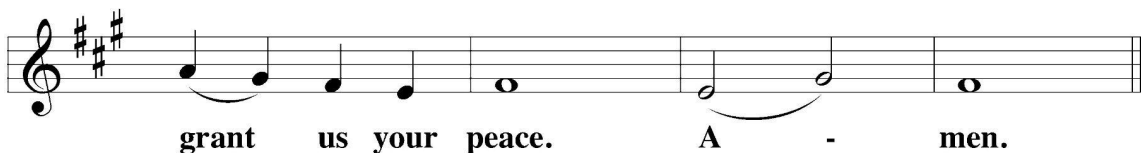
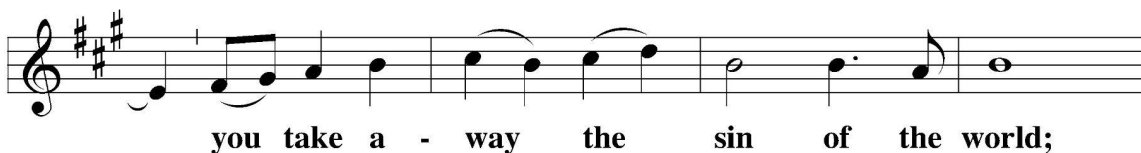
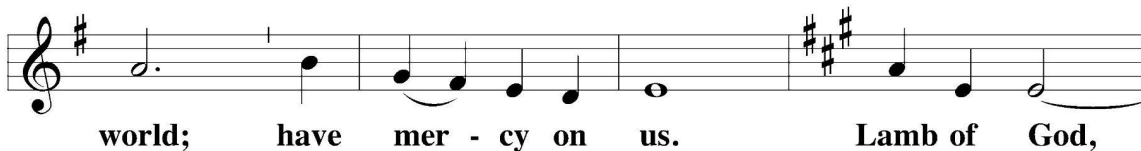
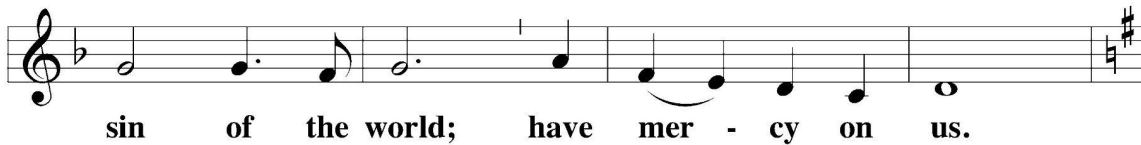
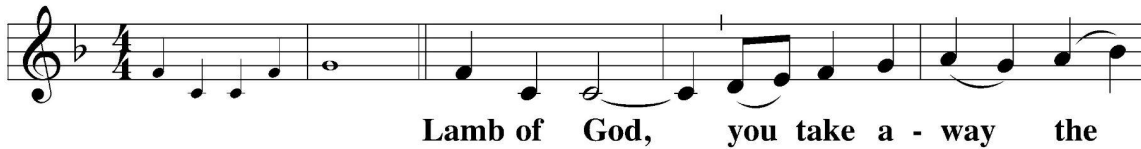
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God



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



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

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: Amen.

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.

Holy Cross News & Notes

March 19, 2022

Calendar for the Week - March 20th – March 26th

Monday

- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Committee - 9:15 am

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Lenten Service - 3:30 pm
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm
- Lenten Service - 6:30 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:15 pm

Thursday

- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Sunday

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by the Seim family in memory of Richard Seim.

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, March 26th 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.

Wednesday Lenten Services

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 22. **Monday evening services will resume on Monday, April 17th.**

Our theme this year is 'His Final Steps'

March 22 - His Final Steps Led to a [Fig Tree](#)

March 29 - His Final Steps Led to [His Enemies](#)

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!

Call News

Principal Poetter: Chris Poetter has received a Call to be principal and upper grades teacher at Peace Lutheran School in Kissimmee, Florida. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best serve.

Chocolate Extravaganza

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. 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).

Operation GO Mission Trip Program

Julianne Dollard, one of the LLHS teens from your congregation is readying toGO with theGospel this summer under the Lakeside Lutheran OperationGO mission trip program, organized and run by Pastor DustinYahnke. We look forward to Sunday, February 26, when Julianne will briefly share with us the plans for her upcoming mission trip. Thanks for keeping these teens in prayer as they get ready for their trip and taking other actions as you're able.

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. Registration opens on February 15 at ELS.org. 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.