

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



May 14, 2023

The victorious Christ is the reason for our hope.

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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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Opening Hymn #227....."Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne.
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus."
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
"For he was slain for us."
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.

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

Congregation: **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



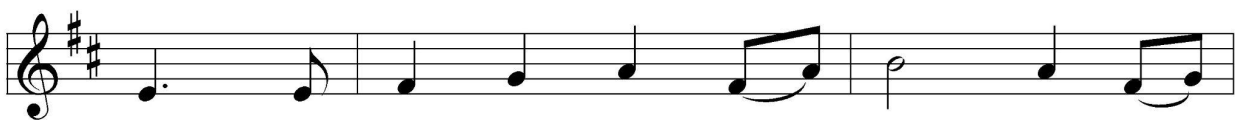
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



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.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The First LessonActs 17:22-31

Paul preaches about the "unknown God"

Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, 'To an unknown god.' Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'Indeed, we are also his offspring.' ²⁹"Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Psalm of the DayPsalm 66

M: Shout praise to God, all the earth!

C: **Make music to the glory of his name! Make his praise glorious!**

M: Bless our God, you peoples. Let the sound of his praise be heard.

C: **He is the one who has preserved our lives. He did not let our feet slip.**

M: Come, listen, all you who fear God,

C: **And let me tell what he has done to save my life.**

M: If I had contemplated evil in my heart, the Lord would not have listened,

C: **But God has surely listened. He has paid attention to the sound of my prayer.**

Second LessonJohn 14:15-21

The Spirit leads us to love and obey

"If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

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!

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #382....."My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 3 His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Sermon.....Pastor Thomas Heyn..... “The victorious Christ is the reason for our hope”

1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. ¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hymn #749.....“The Love of Christ, Who died for Me”

- 1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is more than mind can know,
His mercy measureless and free To meet the debt I owe.
He came my sinful cause to plead, He laid his glories by,
For me a homeless life to lead, A shameful death to die.
- 2 My sins I only see in part, My self-regarding ways;
The secret places of my heart Lie bare before his gaze.
For me the price of sin he paid; My sins beyond recall
Are all alike on Jesus laid, he died to bear them all.
- 3 O living Lord of life, for whom The heavens held their breath,
To see, triumphant from the tomb, A love that conquers death,
Possess my heart that it may be Your kingdom without end,
O Christ who died for love of me And lives to be my friend.

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: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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 #173....."On Christ's Ascension I know Build"

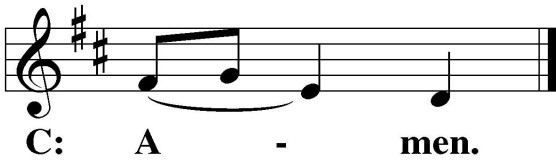
1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension.
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the head is, there as well I know his members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2 Since Christ returned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in him alone, No other rest remaining,
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling your ascension,
That I may serve you faithfully, Adorning your redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

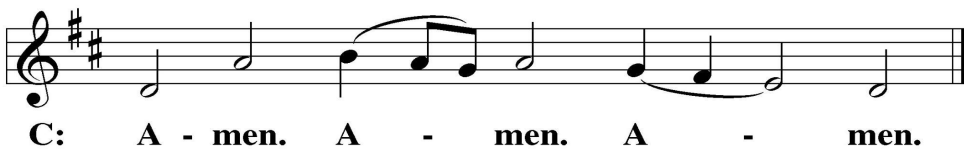
Closing Prayer

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: 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.



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

Holy Cross News & Notes

May 14, 2023

Attendance Last Week: 253

Calendar for the Week - May 15th – May 21st

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm

Tuesday

- Kindergarten Open House - 4:30 pm

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Esther Circle - 1:00 pm
- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 (Bethany Lutheran College Concert Choir)
- Worship - 10:30 am (Confirmation)
- Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Bible Study - 9:45 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK George Cooper 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 Sandy Everson. All praise to God for His endless mercies, and blessings to all moms this Mother's Day.

Call News

On Sunday, May 7, the Holy Cross Voters extended a Call to Rev. Piet Van Kampen to serve as our Associate Pastor. Currently, Pastor Van Kampen serves as pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He has served there for 10 years. Prior to that he served at English Lutheran Church in Cottonwood, Minnesota for 8 years. Please keep Pastor Van Kampen, his wife, Charity and their family, as well as Holy Cross and the congregation he currently serves in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve. We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide Pastor Van Kampen in his decision process as he determines where he can best serve Jesus' blood-bought lambs and sheep. If you would like to reach out to him and let him know you're praying for him, his email is: pastorspvk@christthekinggb.org

Call Acknowledgement

Rev. Piet Van Kampen writes:

Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I hereby formally acknowledge that I have received the divine call to serve as your associate pastor. Having come to Holy Cross for various occasions over the past few years, I've enjoyed getting acquainted with your beautiful church as well as some of the beautiful souls who worship Jesus there. I look forward to visiting with some of you as I deliberate this call to serve among you, and will strive to come to a decision as soon as possible. Over the coming days and weeks I ask that you would keep myself, my wife Charity and our family in your prayers, as well as your brothers and sisters here at Christ The King in Green Bay. The Lord be with you all!

Sincerely,

Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day roses will be available between 1st and 2nd service in the welcome center on Sunday, May 14. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. The rose project supports grants to pro-life groups in Dane County that provide health care, diapers, counseling, education and more.

Back to the Basics

Join us for Wednesday morning 10 am Bible Study! Pastor Kock will begin a new series this Wednesday called, "Back to the Basics." This will be a great review of the basics of the Christian faith. Invite a friend. Plan on learning and having some good Christian fellowship!

Farewell to Mr. Chris Poetter/Card Basket

On Sunday, May 21 we will be collecting cards to give to Mr. Poetter during the last week of school and a chance to thank Mr. Poetter for his 7 wonderful years of service to Holy Cross. There will be a box out to collect the cards.

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

Kindergarten Open House May 16

Choosing where to send a child to school is a huge decision. At Holy Cross, we love kids! Our school is here to assist parents by providing a lovingly-challenging, character building, faith-based education. If you've got a child who will be Kindergarten-age this fall, please come to our Kindergarten Open House Tuesday, May 16 between 4:30 - 6:00 pm. No need to rush home and make supper. We'll have tacos ready for the family. You'll have a chance to meet our teacher, Pam Starkenburg, see our classrooms, and ask lots of questions!

If you know someone who's trying to decide where to send their child as they begin their school career, please invite them to our Kindergarten Open House! Flyers are available at the Welcome Center for you to hand to a friend, neighbor or family member! Thank you!

Holy Cross Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 26th to Thursday, June 29th. This year we will be traveling back in time to Jerusalem! Stop by the front office or email frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org for registration form.

Bethany Lutheran College Choir

On Sunday, May 21 at our 8:30 am service, the Bethany Lutheran College Concert Choir will be here, with conductor Dennis Marzolf to lead us in our worship service. Come, enjoy, and bring a friend!

Summer Worship Schedule Memorial Day - Labor Day

Beginning May 28, we will have one worship service each Sunday, beginning at 9 am. We'll also have Monday Evening Worship at 6:30 pm. There is no Sunday School or Sunday morning Bible Class during our summer schedule. (No Monday Night service on May 29, which is Memorial Day.)

Holy Cross Confirmation

On Sunday, May 21 at our 10:30 am service, 8 young people will be received into communicant membership in the Church through the rite of Confirmation. Please come and support them on this important day in their life of faith! Our confirmands are:

- Ian Apps
- Trayden Brunner
- Jessica Coffey
- Guin Dettmers
- Jesse Dreyer
- Cristabelle Perkins
- Kaden Rolff
- Katelyn Starkenburg

VBS - Make an Impact

Vacation Bible School makes an impact on kids' lives. How about helping make an impact this year! VBS will be June 26-29 (Monday - Thursday). While we've already got most of our teaching staff, our craft leader and our music leader in place, they could use helpers. If you're willing to help with crafts, music, recess or in the classroom, please email Jodi at frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org. Thank you!

Memorial Day AMMO Can

Lutheran Military Support Group AMMO Can Campaign – As Memorial Day approaches, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is seeking donations in support of our military men, women and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the AMMO can located on the countertop in the welcome center you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS chaplain program, the MCP (Military Contact Pastor program training and more. Questions? Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org. THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!!

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.

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/volunteer>