

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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Can These Dry Bones Live?

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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, 9:00 am 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 Festival of Pentecost

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #184....."O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in
And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living,
To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, Cheer us By your teaching;
Let our preaching and our labor
Praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Your grace And peace On us shower;
By your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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 (sung to melody Hymn #597)



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.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson1 Corinthians 12:3-11

Only the Holy Spirit can bring us to faith.

Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 51b

- M: Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C: **For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.**
- M: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- C: **The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit. A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- M: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me.
- C: **Do not cast me from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**
- M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit.
- C: **I will teach rebels your ways, and sinners will turn to you.**

Second LessonJohn 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit quenches our spiritual thirst.

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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 -

Children's Sermon



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

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn of the Day #188 vs 1-3....."Creator, Spirit, by Whose Aid"

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we your living temples be.

2 O Source of light, our Counselor,
The Father's help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire,
And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us when we sing.

3 Giver of grace, descend from high
In answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see
The glory of the Trinity.

The Sermon Pastor Eugene Kock..... "Can These Dry Bones Live?"

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. **2** He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry. **3** He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." **4** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'" **5** This is what the LORD God says to these bones. I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. **6** I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD. **7** So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. **8** As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. **9** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live." **10** So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army. **11** Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' **12** Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. **13** Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. **14** I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares 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

Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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 #183 vs 1, 2 & 5....."Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

1 Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away;
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free.

5 See, to you I give my heart;
Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be
Now and for eternity.

Closing Prayer

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit of 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. Amen.

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, 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.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

May 28, 2022

Calendar for the Week - May 29th – June 4th

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Jackie Sharpee was hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Gena Erickson. May God comfort all who mourn.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Sue Gomez.

Annual Voters Meeting

Sunday, June 11 after the 9:00 am Church Service

All voting members are encouraged to attend our annual voters meeting. Agenda items include:

- The 2023-2024 budget will be presented for adoption.
- Elections will be held for Boards and Committees

Usher Announcement

We are looking to expand the number of people helping with the usher program. Thank you to all that have helped usher and look forward to your continuing as we add more to our overall cadre of ushers. Our goal would be to enlist enough people and establish a schedule so people only have to usher once a month. Training and orientation will be provided for new ushers. There are sign up sheets on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Or, you can indicate your interest in ushering by calling Kermit Traska at 608-345-3021 or emailing him at ktraska66@gmail.com.

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.)

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

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!!

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.

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!

VBS Supply List

As we prepare for VBS at the end of June, please consider donating the following:

- Old buttons different sizes and colors
- Clean empty water bottles with lids (100)
- large bag of bird seed
- 6" Gold foil doilies(125)
- Gold ribbon
- Red, yellow and orange construction paper
- Molded heavyweight paper plates
- Two/ three rolls of masking tape
- Dried beans
- 1" wood hearts
- Pony beads white, black, red, green , yellow , clear
- Hemp cord
- black permanent markers
- Multi colored foam sheets 5 x 7
- black craft foam 5x7 sheets
- Hot glue gun
- Gallon glue
- Single hole punch
- Child scissors
- Adult scissors
- Rubber bands
- Birthday candles
- Paper clips
- Q-tips
- Small light bulbs (christmas lights)

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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.