

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"The Christian's Role in Church and State"

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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 10:30 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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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

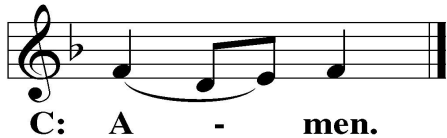
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Opening Hymn #619....."God Bless Our Native Land"

1 God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

2 For her our prayers shall rise
To God above the skies;
On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

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

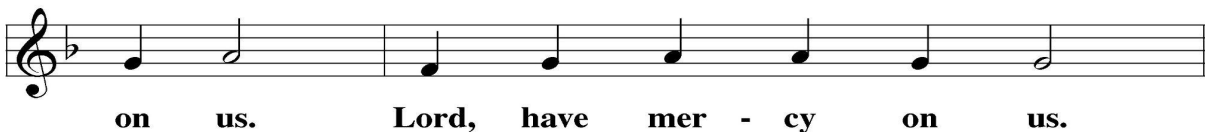
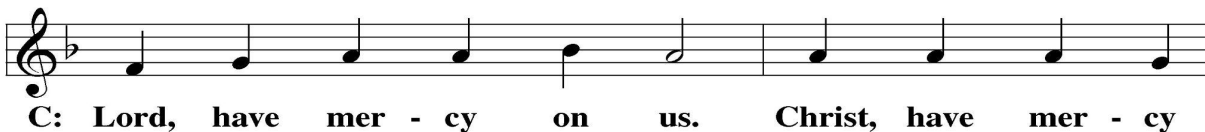


Confession of Sins


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

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

Lord, Have Mercy



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



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 45:1-7

God controls the events of history

This is what the Lord says to his anointed one,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
by stripping kings of their weapons,
to open doors before him
so that the gates cannot be shut.

2 I myself will go before you,
and I will level high mountains.

I will break bronze doors into pieces,
and I will cut through iron bars.

3 I will give you treasures hidden in darkness
and riches concealed in secret places,
so that you will acknowledge that I am the Lord,
the one who calls you by name, the God of Israel.

4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
for the sake of Israel my chosen one,
I will call you by your name.

I will give you an honored name, though you do not know me.

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other.

Except for me, there is no god.

I will equip you even though you do not know me,

6 so that people will know from the rising of the sun
to the place where it sets
that there is no one except me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

7 I am the one who forms light and creates darkness,
the one who makes peace and creates disaster.

I am the Lord, the one who does all these things.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 96

M: Sing to the Lord. Praise his name.

C: Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

M: Tell about his glory among the nations, about his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

C: For great is the Lord and worthy of great praise. He is to be feared above all gods.

M: Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth celebrate. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

C: Let the fields be overjoyed, and everything that is in them.

M: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Epistle Lesson.....1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

The Holy Spirit works a living faith through his gospel

Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you as we make mention of you in our prayers, 3 because we constantly remember before God our Father your work produced by faith, your labor produced by love, and your patient endurance produced by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Dear brothers, loved by God, we know that God has chosen you, 5 because our gospel did not come to you with mere words, but with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Kindergarten - Grade 2 (8:30am).....“Jesus Precious Jesus”

Children’s Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r to hide your face.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.

SermonPastor Mark Bartels....."The Christian's Role in Church and State"
Matthew 22:15-21

15Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. 16They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone's approval because you are not swayed by appearances. 17So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax."
They brought him a denarius.
20He asked them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"
21"Caesar's," they replied to him.
Then he said to them, "Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Create in Me

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

Offering


Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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


Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

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



C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



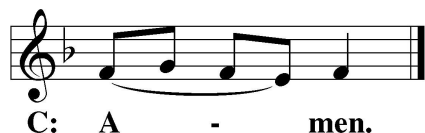
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

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

The Distribution & Hymn #312 (vs 1-6)....."Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see
Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined
To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere
And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

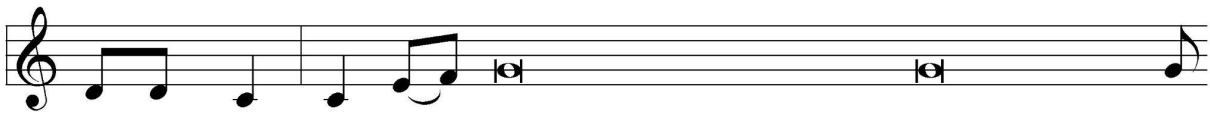
5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace accord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

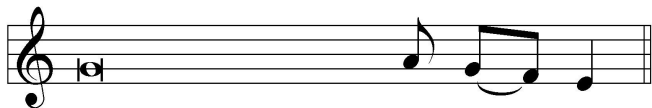


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Prayer after Communion

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

November 5, 2023

Calendar for the Week – November 6th - November 12th

Monday

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

Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

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

Friday

- Veterans Day Program - 6:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am (September to May)
- Bible Class- 9:45 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by Dave and Diane Krszjanek for their 30th wedding anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Donna Devoe and Karen Bradley were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS A CALL TO MICHIGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear members of Holy Cross,

Last Sunday, Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, MI, called me to be their Athletic Director, teach religion, P.E., and coach a varsity sport. I am truly humbled to receive this Divine Call. This is an opportunity to evaluate where my gifts best fit in God's mission field. Over the next few weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Michigan Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

LUTHERAN SENTINEL BY MAIL

The Lutheran Sentinel is the Evangelical Lutheran Synod's magazine, published six times per year, and the official publication of the ELS. Online issues are free. and are available here:

<https://els.org/about/lsl/lutheran-sentinel-archive/>

Some of you have chosen to subscribe by mail. If you're not getting the Sentinel by mail, but would like to, please let Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen know at 608-249-3101. The suggested annual donation to cover the cost of these mailings is \$14. Thank you!

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, November 10th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Lutheran School Children will be hosting our annual Veterans Day program. We would like to honor all Veterans, if you know of a Veteran, please share the name(s) and branch of the military with us to put on the wall of honor! Send information to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org

ELC JOB OR VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENT

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

If you, or someone you know, has a talent for working with children, is kind, patient, and positive, we need you! We have multiple openings, both part and full time, paid (\$15/hr) or volunteer. Please contact Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org if you are interested or would like more information.

Volunteer Positions:

Snuggling babies, reading books, playing with children, helping students during group lessons.

Paid Positions:

Infant room: 7am-12pm

1 year old room: 3:30pm-5:30pm

2 year old room: 7:30pm-4:30pm

Floater (goes to multiple rooms): 8:00am-5:00pm

After School Care: 3:00pm-5:30pm

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Starting this week, Holy Cross will begin sharing videos of our most recent sermons with you. Our hope in doing this is twofold. First of all, we hope that, as you watch these videos yourself as a part of your own regular devotional life, the Holy Spirit would strengthen your faith during the week. Secondly, we ask that you share these videos with your friends, relatives, and neighbors as you see fit. You could forward this email on to those you think would be interested, or simply copy and paste the links to your social media feed for all your online friends. For example, if there's a sermon that addresses a particular topic, such as grief, you can pass it on to someone you know is grieving. Our Savior told His disciples to "preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15), and this is just one more we can fulfill His great commission. And we have the promise from God that, as the apostle Paul says, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Ro 10:17). The Holy Spirit will work on human hearts wherever His Word is proclaimed.

[10/29/2023 \(Reformation\) - "In the Midst of Lions, Trust God"](https://vimeo.com/879172895)

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At Reformation, we are reminded how the Lord does not leave or forsake His people, especially in preserving the truth of His Word for future generations. As Pastor Van Kampen takes us to the familiar account of Daniel's visit to the lions' den, we are reminded that even though the "lions" of this world--the devil and his evil forces in this world--put our trust in God to the test, we can rely on our Lord with confidence that our trust in Him will never be put to shame.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY - SCHOOL WISHLIST TREES

When donating to our school, some people prefer to give toward an item for a specific classroom, as opposed to just giving to a general fund in which they have no idea toward what their donation goes. There is currently a way to make that happen!

Our Holy Cross Lutheran School teaching staff has compiled a wish list for their classrooms, and the teachers' aides have put together a display of those items in the cafeteria. There are "Wishlist Trees" with leaves in fall colors designated for each classroom, as well as a list of items posted next to them that each classroom teacher is "wishing" for. There are three trees: one for kindergarten through second grade, one for third through fifth grades, and one for sixth through eighth grades.

If you are interested in making a donation, please pick a leaf with a dollar amount written on it from the tree and then donate that amount toward the item of your choosing. There will be someone at a table in the cafeteria after each church service to take care of your donation.

On behalf of the Holy Cross teachers, thank you so much for your donation!

COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 9th! Time to start baking! Last year we raised around \$3,000 for the School Library! This year proceeds will be split between the Church and School. Last year we ran out of overflow cookies within our 1st hour. We would like for you to help donate MORE cookies, bars, candies, jams & one those Norwegian goodies! Please consider donating to this amazing cause to help support Holy Cross Church & School! Any questions please contact Jodi Hougan at jspeth11@gmail.com. We will also have our annual Scholastic Book Fair going at the same time!

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER UPDATE

November 18, 2023

Please note if you are attending: the dress code is business casual. Please no jeans/tshirts.
Thanks!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP/PIE SOCIAL

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday, November 22nd. The Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social will be held immediately following the 6:30pm service on November 22nd. Join us in fellowship while eating delicious pies. Please bring a pie to share if you're able, but it's not required. Just drop them off at the kitchen window on the way into worship service. Toppings and beverages will be provided. See you then!

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD DRIVE

In this season of giving, we have a donation opportunity for the Goodman Community Center's 35th annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Cans and non-perishables will be collected in the black bins in the school's common area and in the narthex of the church through the morning of November 16, 2023. Go to goodmancenter.org/thanksgiving for more information.