

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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No Pain, No Gain

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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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15th Sunday After Pentecost

Service of the Word – Page 38

Opening Hymn, "Seek Ye First"
Sung by the Senior Choir at 8:30 and 10:30 services; congregation Monday night

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

3 Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with Your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace. ¹⁶ Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O Lord God of Armies. ¹⁷ I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on? ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Lord says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the Lord. ²¹ I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Holy Cross Lutheran School K-8 "We Are Singing For the Lord is Our Light"

Second Lesson Romans 12:1-8

¹ Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. ² Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. ³ So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. ⁴ For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. ⁷ If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. ⁸ If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

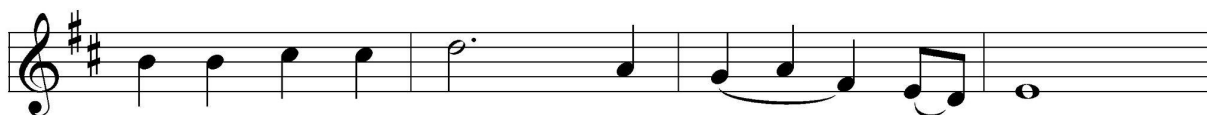
Verse of the Day



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!

Baptism of Ayda & Nolan Krug (10:30 am service)

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #579....."Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

3 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

SermonPastor Piet Van Kampen "No Pain, No Gain"

Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you." ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?

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

8th Grade Handbells, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

Installation of Sunday School Teachers (8:30 am service)

Other Special Prayers/Intercessions

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 #422....."Jesus, Lead Us On" v. 1-2

1 Jesus, lead us on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand
To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe
To our home we go.

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.



C: A - men.

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.



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.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

September 10, 2023

Calendar for the Week -September 11-15

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Senior Coffee at Elie's- 9:00 am
- PTO- 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Senior Choir- 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares- 10:00 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Andrew Gates was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Mystery Dinner Theater

The Senior Ministry Committee invites you to join us for the Mystery Dinner Theater on Saturday, November 18 at 6 pm. The Dinner Theater is located near East Town Mall at 4402 East Washington Ave. Cost is \$65 per person, due September 11th. Menu choices are: Garlic chicken, Herb crusted cod, or Vegetarian. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Linda Netzloff with questions: (608) 241-0218.

Bethany National Auxiliary Day

Bethany National Auxiliary Day will be held on the Bethany Campus on Monday, September 25, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Bethany leadership, tour new facilities, and get an update from the ELS and Seminary over lunch. The group will also take part in the annual business meeting where Auxiliary members vote on special projects to support.

WELS & ELS Singles Retreat

November 10-12, 2023, Camp Phillip, W9944 Buttercup Ave, Wautoma WI

For more information: <https://wels-els-singles.com/2023-retreat/>

Register: <https://forms.gle/5bSBWggghyXYsC2K9>

Registration is \$140 through August 1. After August 1 it is \$150. Registration closes October 1.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Patty Horstmeier.

Adult Handbell Choir

Ring praises to the Lord.....calling all high school youth and older! Please join us for our first handbell practice on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Don't know how to read music? No problem, you don't need to! The music is already marked a certain way for the right and left hands. Please contact Nedra Griffin at ngriffinfab5@gmail.com if you're interested.

Christian Life Resources National Convention

The 40th Anniversary Christian Life Resources National Convention will be held on Saturday, October 14, at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson, WI. Topics of interest: witnessing; abortion; assisted suicide; human trafficking. All presenters will inform and inspire in a concise "TED Talk"-style format. A catered lunch and other

refreshments will be included throughout the day. Registration Fee: In person, \$50; Virtual, \$40; Students enjoy a \$10.00 in-person fee; the student virtual fee is \$5.00. For more information and to register, visit <https://christianliferesources.com/resources/events/national-convention>.

Cookie Walk - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 9th! Dig out those family favorite recipes and start baking because the cookie walk can't happen without cookies, bars, fudge, jam, etc!

Last year we had an amazing selection, but one thing we could definitely use more of is 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.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor appreciation month and we will be having cake and coffee between services on October 8th. There will be a card box in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Please show our Pastors how much we appreciate and love them by joining us October 8th.

Fall Harvest

All Holy Cross Church & School and Kids Crossing Families are invited to the Fall Harvest on Friday, September 29, from 5:30-8:00 pm at Schuster's Playtime Farm (located at 1326 Hwy 12/18, Deerfield). Enjoy an evening with Potluck, Hayride, and Bonfire at the farm (one hayride will take place at 5:30 pm, and supper will be served at 6:00 pm in the round barn). Last names A-M bring a salad, and last names N-Z bring a dessert. BBQ and hot dogs will be provided. Optional activities include petting animals and play on the wooden play structure (free), corn maze (\$10/person), and the haunted forest (\$18.95/person). **Please note that the haunted forest is not recommended for children under 11.** Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAFAD2FA7FF2-fall2>.

Women's Mission Rally

The Women's Mission Rally will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am to 3 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran, Madison, WI. Signup sheet to attend is posted on the Welcome Center counter.

Please sign up by September 25. Donations for Missions can be given to Diane Baxter or Joan Behr and are due by the same date. Reminder that Missions are for women and men. All are encouraged to attend.

Bible Information Class

Our next class begins **Monday, September 11 at 7:30 pm** and runs for 10 consecutive Monday evenings.

The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or teaching; you want to learn how Lutheran doctrine compares to the church you currently attend, or grew up attending; you're interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross; you want to explore what your spouse or fiancé (who may already be a Holy Cross member) believes, and why, and/or you would like to more fully understand the spiritual influence Holy Cross school is having on your children who may be attending here. The class will be informative, and we invite lots of questions. The class will be "team taught" by both of us pastors, so you can get to know us and we can get to know you:)

Camp Rise Fundraiser

This Sunday, coffee hour treats are provided as a fundraiser for Camp Rise. Camp Rise is the ELS summer camp for kids from 4th grade through 9th grade. Any freewill donations will be used to help defray the expenses of those who attend. Make sure you head down for some coffee after church! Thank you!

Job Opening at Holy Cross: Administrative Assistant

This position will serve primarily as the administrative assistant for the church, and requires strong communication and customer service skills. 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