

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"God's Grace is for All People"

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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 9:00 a.m. (Call any time after 8:50 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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August 27, 2023
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #404....."Faith is a Living Power from Heaven"

1 Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n
That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne
And humbly sharing cross and crown.

3 Faith in the Savior brings us peace
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim
And give all honor to one name.

4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament
To trust the one whom you have sent.

5 As you have promised, grant each soul
Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy,
Eternal love and light and joy.

Invocation

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.**

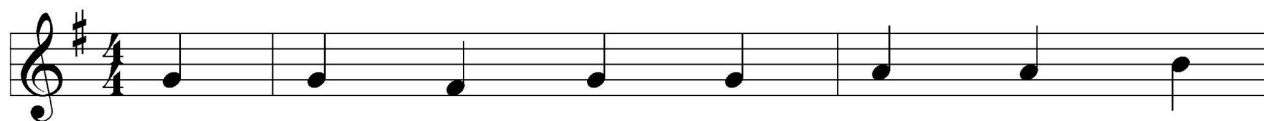
Absolution

- 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.**

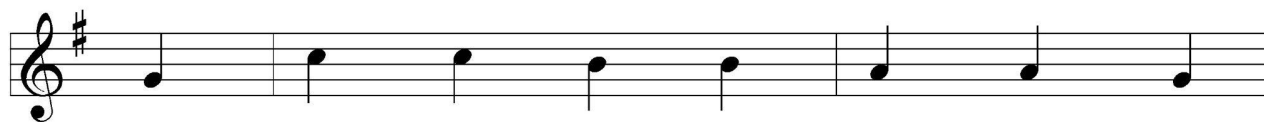
Lord, Have Mercy

- 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: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

The First LessonIsaiah 56:1, 6-8
A house of prayer for all people

This is what the LORD says: Protect justice, and do righteousness, for my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed...6 Then the foreigners, who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD and to become his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—7 I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable upon my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.
8 This is the declaration of God the LORD, who gathers Israel's dispersed ones: "I will still gather others to it besides the ones already gathered."

Psalms of the DayPsalm 133-134
M: How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

C: For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

M: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

C: May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

Second LessonRomans 11:13-15, 28-32
God saves both Jew and Gentile only because of His mercy.

13 I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. 14 Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. 15 For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

28 In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, 29 because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. 30 For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, 31 so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. 32 For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

Verse of the Day

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

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

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

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited to the chancel steps

Hymn of the Day #413....."When in the Hour of Utmost Need"

1 When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before your throne;
To you, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.

3 For you have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before you lay.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,

5 So that with all our heart we may
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

The Sermon Pastor Piet Van Kampen..... "What Does Great Faith Look Like?"
Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!" 23 But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

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, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C:** **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**
- M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C:** **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**
- M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.
- C:** **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**
- M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C:** **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**
- M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C:** **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Hymn #494....."Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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.
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.

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Holy Cross News & Notes

August 27, 2023

Calendar for the Week - August 28th – September 3rd, 2023

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry- 9:15 am
- Jesus Cares Meeting- 5:30 pm

Wednesday

- Wednesday Bible Study - 10 am
- Back to School Night - 6:30 pm

Thursday

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

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Eric Christenson, Katie Krug, Ayda Krug (infant), and Nolan Krug (infant) were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them, our homebound, and for those in nursing homes.

2023 Holy Cross Annual Picnic

Sunday September 10th is both Rally Sunday and the Holy Cross Annual Picnic! At 11:30 the hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and everything in-between will be ready for mass consumption. The picnic will be held in the gymnasium. Please bring a dish to pass if you're willing and able. Last Names A-O bring a dessert. Last Names P-Z bring a salad. Invite friends and neighbors – we love to share. Beverages, buns, condiments, chips, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please use the sign up link below so we have an idea of how much to buy.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADAg2FA5F5C70-holy>

Word of Mouth Advertisement for our School

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 know someone who's trying to decide where to send their child to school, please tell them about Holy Cross. Direct them to our website, or have them call our and ask for our Principal, Rick Holz at rholtz@holycrossmadison.org or 608-249-3101. Thank you!

Senior Choir

Sing praises to the Lord! Please join us for our first Senior Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary. Contact Jim Baxter at baxter4822@gmail.com to let him know of your interest to join us this fall. We plan to sing on Rally Sunday, September 10 and regularly throughout the upcoming 2023-24 season.

Public School Catechism Class

If you have a student in public school who will be entering 7th or 8th grade, please speak with Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen about enrolling them in Catechism class this fall. 608-249-3101. Thank you!

Petting Zoo - Save the Date - September 8th!

Bring your family and friends to Holy Cross on Friday, September 8th, 4pm - 7pm. We'll have a petting zoo outside as well as food, chips and cookies for everyone. Come and have some good Christian fellowship! Bring a friend and introduce them to the Holy Cross campus. Church, school and Kids Crossing staff will be present to meet and answer questions you or your friends may have. No cost.

Creation Bible Class

Creation has been a hot topic in the Christian church for many years. Unfortunately, most people start with what they see and try to reason about how it came to appear as it does today. This is bound to lead to a faulty understanding of God's creation and preservation of the world. In his book entitled *Creation: In the Beginning and Afterward*, Dr. Arthur Eggert presents creation from God's point of view. In a 10-week class at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings beginning September 7, Dr. Eggert will lead a class through the book and present answers to the challenges to creation that do not take a science degree to understand. The live sessions will be held at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie and will be 90 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the class online or view the recorded sessions later. All the necessary information for registering and attending is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website www.interrapaxlp.com. Necessary information, class notes, and session videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis.

Job Openings at Kids Crossing ELC

Thank the Lord for providing helpers for our afternoon slots in our baby rooms! Now we are looking for teachers or volunteers for the positions below. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping care for Jesus' little lambs, please reach out to Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org.

1 Year Old Room: M-F 6:00 am-1:00 pm, or 7:30 am-9 am, \$15/hr

After School Care: M-F, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm, \$15/hr

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.

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.

Thank You

On behalf of Charity and myself, I want to thank all of you for the warm reception our family has received here at Holy Cross. You've done so much to make us feel welcome and a part of the congregation. From the wonderful meal after the installation service to the many greeting cards and gifts we've received to even the friendly conversations after church, there is so much we have for which we can give thanks to God. We look forward to getting to know all of you even more over the next few months as we continue to settle into life here at Holy Cross. "I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus." (1 Corinthians 1:4)
- Pastor Van Kampen

Worship Committee Meeting

This month, the Worship Committee will meet on August 28th at 5 pm.