

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Doxology"

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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.

"Doxology"
September 3, 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #582....."Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Your daily stage of duty run;
Shake off your sleep and joyful rise
To bring your morning sacrifice.

2 All praise to you, who safe have kept
And have refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

3 Lord, all my prayers ascend to you:
Disperse my sins as morning dew,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with your light my spirit fill.

4 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In your sole glory may unite.

5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, you heav'nly host--
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First LessonExodus 6:2–8

God promises to free his people from slavery

2Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, "I am the Lord. 3I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the Lord, I was not known to them. 4I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. 5I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. 6"Therefore tell the Israelites, 'I am the Lord. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the Lord your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. 8I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.'"

Psalms of the DayPsalm 34

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

C: The eyes of the LORD watch over the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.

M: The Angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

C: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears. From all their distress he delivers them.

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

C: The LORD redeems the soul of his servants. Anyone who takes refuge in him will not be found guilty.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second LessonMatthew 16:13–20

Peter's confession is the Rock of Christ's Church.

13When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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 #239....."Glory Be to God the Father "

1 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

2 Glory be to him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!

3 Glory to the King of angels,
Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations;
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory
To the King of glory sing!

4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!

The Sermon Pastor Mark Bartels..... "Doxology"
Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?" 35 "Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

The Doxology Hymn #334, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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.

Offering

Special Prayers and Intercessions

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

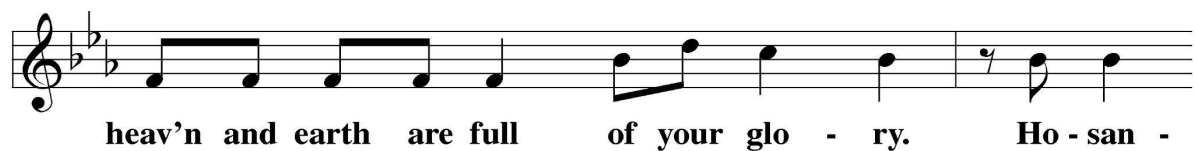
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.

Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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

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you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution & Hymn #310....."I Come, O Savior, To Your Table"

1 I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

7 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car-nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,

All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Holy Cross News & Notes

September 3, 2023

Calendar for the Week - September 4, 2023 – September 10, 2023

Monday

- Worship Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm
- No Church

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Ladies Aid- 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Rally Sunday September 10th: 1st service 8:30 am, 2nd service 10:30 am
- Adult bible class/youth bible class 9:45 am-10:15 am September 10

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Patricia Stiegman, 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/10C094BADA92FA5F5C70-holy>

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.

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.

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.

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.

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>.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Al and Gretchen Warczak on the occasion of their 15th wedding anniversary.

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, ect!

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.