

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



March 10, 2024

"For God So Loved the World..."

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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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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Choir....."The Tree of Life"

1 The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and women eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.

2 The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.

3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: 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 -



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ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

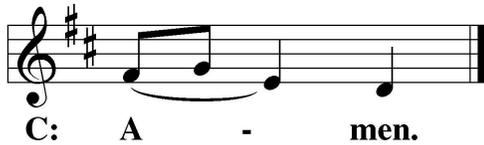


Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with Your salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

The LORD provides a cure for the deadly, painful consequences of sin.

4 They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!"

6 The Lord sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. 7 The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

8 The Lord said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." 9 Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 38

M: Lord, do not rebuke me in anger. Do not discipline me in wrath.

C: Indeed, your arrows have stuck in me. Your hand has come down on me.

M: My guilt has gone over my head. Like a heavy burden, it is too heavy for me.

C: Lord, all my needs lie before you. My sighs are not hidden from you.

M: Yet I wait for you, Lord. You will answer, O Lord my God.

C: Hurry to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 2:4-9

It is by grace you have been saved!

But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! 6 He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. 7 He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

C: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Grades 3-8 "The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain

**This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh to see the pain written on your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought, every evil deed,
crowning your bloodstained brow.

**This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

**This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love.**

**This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God- slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

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Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn #391....."God Loved the World So That He Gave"

1 God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you are a child of God.

2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

5 When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death--
This is the anchor of my faith!

3 God would not have the sinner die—
His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach
How we the blessed goal may reach.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

SermonPastor Piet Van Kampen..... "For God So Loved the World..."

John 3:14-21

14 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but[a] have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. 19 This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. 20 In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. 21 But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God."

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: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the Gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or cost.

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in this life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 #390 (vs 1, 4, 6)....."Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

1 Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.

4 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

5 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;
Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace--
All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.



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, Anna Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

Holy Cross News & Notes

March 10, 2024

Calendar for the Week – March 11 - March 17

Monday

- Bible Information Class - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

- Senior Breakfast at Perkins - 9:00 am

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Wednesday

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Lenten Service - 3:30 & 6:30 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:15 pm

Thursday

- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

Saturday

- Jesus Cares - 10:00 am

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - in between services

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

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 2/27/24 3/4/24

\$31,978.24

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 3/4/24

\$560,558.59

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$562,846.32

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR VAN KAMPEN

Pastor Van Kampen is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 12. Please keep him and his medical team in your prayers. Let's pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery. Thanks to Pastor Gene Kock for volunteering to guest preach for our March 13 Lenten services while Pastor Van Kampen recovers from surgery.

SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Today, after church, we will serve salads, soups, and desserts to members who are 60 years and older. As always, there is no charge.

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Want an easy way to witness to a friend, relative or neighbor? Share Sunday's sermon link with them. Or watch it devotionally yourself.

03/06/24 - "God on Trial - Truth" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/920285700>

WORKING TOGETHER FOR ALL GENERATIONS

It's such a joy to have such a great mix of generations at Holy Cross... the wisdom of age and the exuberance of youth! We wouldn't want it any other way! For the safety of both generations, please remind our children to be careful in the narthex around our senior members. We don't want any accidents for either generation! Jesus loves children and said, "Let the little children come to me." We understand snacks help Jesus' little lambs stay focused, therefore we ask to please be careful with food in the pews that could easily stain the pew fabric. Thank you for helping keep God's house safe and looking great for His glory.

YOUTH GROUP

Our March Youth Group event will be on Sunday, March 10th, from 12-2 here at Holy Cross. There will be an open gym, food, and we will watch an episode of The Chosen and have a Bible study/discussion based on it. Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAD2CA1F85-48279094-march>. Invite your friends - we hope to see you there!

SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024

This summer we will welcome kids ages 5 - 12 years old for a fun, daily program! Days will be 6AM - 5:30PM between June 3 - August 15, 2024. Activities will include: picnics in the park, off-site field trips, water days, bike/scooter days, arts and crafts, story time, and more! The rate will be billed weekly and is as follows:

- Monday - Friday (5 days): \$275/week
- 4 days: \$225/week
- 3 days: \$175/week
- 2 days: \$125/week
- 1 day: \$75/week

There is a 10% off multi-child discount for each additional full time child.

Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024.

Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024.

There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee.

Other information to note: Children may be in our care for a maximum of 10 hours per day. Tuition will be charged on a weekly basis through an automatic withdrawal using our Brightwheel App. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack following USDA Food Guidelines. Rate builds in several days OFF: holidays and up to 5 vacation days for the child. Rate is charged weekly even if the child misses his/her scheduled days.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org or call 608-249-3101.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The season of Lenten is a special time of looking first at the depth of our sin, and then at the depth of Christ's love for us in his passion and suffering. Services will be at 3:30pm (In-Person Only) and 6:30pm (In-Person and Live Streamed) The 6:30 service will also be recorded and available On Demand. Please note the service times.

The 3:30pm service makes attendance easier for school families and those who do not like to drive at night.

Our theme this year is 'God on Trial' (March 6 - Misconceptions, March 13 - Truth, March 20 - Sympathy)

NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH DURING LENT

Beginning February 12 until April 8 there will be no Monday evening worship services. If you normally attend on Monday evenings, we encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings (3:30 pm or 6:30 pm) instead during the season of Lent.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 6:30 pm. This is the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. (includes Individual Absolution and the Lord's Supper)
- Good Friday, March 29 - 1:30 pm. Ponder the day Jesus died for our sins. (includes the Lord's Supper)
- Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection!

DANNY NUSBAUM CALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,
Greetings in the redeeming name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I want to thank you for asking me to serve at Holy Cross as the school's eighth grade homeroom teacher. This is truly humbling and an honor to be chosen for this call. Words alone cannot express my appreciation for the prayers and messages I have received from the workers at Holy Cross. At this time, I will prayerfully consider this call to Holy Cross and my current call at Christ Lutheran in Port St. Lucie, Florida. I ask that the congregation of Holy Cross continue to pray for both schools and myself, that the Holy Spirit will guide me to deciding where I can serve the Lord best and continue in instructing His lambs.
God's Blessings to you all,
Danny Nusbaum

MEGAN DEENIK CALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear families, members, and faculty of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! On Thursday, February 15th, 2024, the Lord led you to extend a call to me to teach at Holy Cross Lutheran School. I am truly humbled by this call to serve as your 1st grade teacher and look forward to learning more about your ministry in the coming days. I ask that you keep my family and I in your prayers as I deliberate my call to serve at Illinois Lutheran School, as well as my call to serve at Holy Cross. If you would like to contact me, do not hesitate to reach out. I pray for God's guidance and trust in his promise of blessing for the ministries of both Holy Cross and Illinois Lutheran's schools.
Joshua 1:9b "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
Thank You!
Yours in Christ,
Megan Deenik

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! June 24-27, we will be inviting children to "DIVE IN!" to God's Word. (Ocean themed) If you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org. We will need help with decorating, crafts, games, bible stories, leading children from group to group, welcoming families at the registration tables, and donating materials. It takes a community to make Vacation Bible School a success. We hope that God can use you to make a SPLASH in a child's spiritual life.

LEARN ABOUT HOSPICE OVER LUNCH

Hospice: Provides a person and family (caregivers) the best quality of life - spiritual, emotional, and physical comfort at the end of life.

On April 14, 2024, join us in the Fireside room to hear about hospice and other assistance ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) provides in Dane County for loved ones. Please sign up by Monday, April 8, 2024 on the sheet in the welcome center. Light lunch will be provided.

BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 734 Holy Cross Way, Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00p.m. Following the meal, Don Westphal, Director of The Bethany Fund, will give a college update (there are many things to share!) and answer questions guests may have. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, you have the option to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to Holy Cross until March 31. If you haven't already done so, don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy (<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

- June 15-19 (Sat.-Wed.), 2024, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN.
- For high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade)
- Registration open until June 1: \$225

Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is a perfect opportunity for high school aged youth to learn from the best. Prof. Dennis Marzolf created the camp in 1986 and will be serving as choir director this summer. He will be joined by Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux (accompanist) and Prof. David Paulson (handbells). The five day camp is an immersive study and performance in our rich Lutheran Musical Heritage, and high school students will be collaborating with both current and alumni members of the Bethany Concert Choir. The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir plans to sing and ring at several performances during the ELS Synod Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to study great music and learn from the best! Information available at <https://els.org/honorchoir/>

CAMP RISE

Camp Rise 2024 takes place Sunday, July 7 to Friday, July 12 at Camp Luwisomo in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp is open to all youth who will have completed grades 4 through 9! All registration info and forms can be downloaded at camprise.org, or can be obtained at the church office. Registration cost is \$430 if registered by April 15; after that the cost goes up to \$460 with the deadline of May 15. In case the cost is too burdensome for some families, please speak with either Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen. Holy Cross has a fund dedicated to helping kids attend Camp Rise, and families can also apply to the Camp Rise Scholarship Fund by May 1 to help ease the costs of registering children for camp.

LYA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

- July 25-28 (Thurs.-Sun.), 2024, at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- For high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade)
- Early Registration until June 1: \$300
- Late Registration from June 2-July 1: \$350

The 2024 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will explore the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. The setting of Chicago will form the backdrop to these topics and will allow us the opportunity to explore, and even serve, the city. Keynote speakers will be Rev. David Locklair and Prof. Pete Bloedel. Highlights of the 2024 LYA Youth Convention include:

- A Divine Service where you will get to commune with hundreds of your brothers and sisters in Christ
- Engaging small group sectionals – register early to get the sectionals of your choice!
- Daily offices: Morning and evening chapel services
- Excursion to either downtown Chicago via the L Train or the Museum of Science and Industry
- Recreation time on Concordia University's campus

For more information and to register, go to <https://els.org/LYA/>.