

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Gospel Living"

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WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE! Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

REGISTRATION CARDS are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A HEARING LOOP is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK3 – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

PRAYER CONCERNS? Contact Sherri Bartels, sbbartels.sb@gmail.com. Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

USHERS are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

LIVE STREAM WORSHIP If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

ON DEMAND WORSHIP View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30 am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION FUND If you have no other way to church, taxi rides to and from church are available. Please speak with the Pastor or call the church office at 249-3101.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the following Mondays. We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity of faith in our Savior as well as our unity in all scriptural teachings. Since the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod profess full unity in biblical teaching, members of these church bodies are welcome to commune with us. If you are a member of a different Christian church, we ask that you wait to commune until you have closely examined what we teach and are convinced that we are a church that preaches the true Word of God, and that you are in agreement with our teachings. Please speak with a pastor if you are a guest and would like to commune.

MISSION STATEMENT The mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School is to bring the Gospel of Christ to our community through the Means of Grace, reaching out to the lost, and nurturing our fellow believers. This we do through worship, education, service and fellowship that God's kingdom may grow.

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Opening 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.

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



Confession of Sins

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

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

Lord, Have Mercy

Two staves of music in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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

A single staff of music in C major, showing the melody for the word 'Amen'. The notes are A, C, E, G, and C, with a final double bar line.

C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament LessonIsaiah 55:6-9

Turn to the Lord, for he will freely pardon

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! 7 Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. 8 Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the Lord. 9 Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

Psalms of the DayPsalm 27

M: Hear me, O LORD. With my voice I call.

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me.

C: Do not turn your servant away in anger. You have been my help.

M: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.

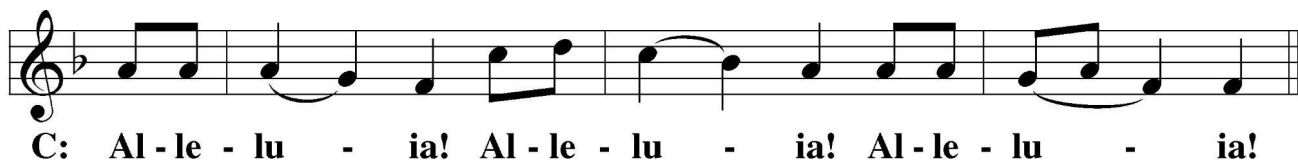
C: If my father and my mother abandoned me, the LORD would take me in.

M: LORD, teach me your way, and lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

C: Wait for the LORD. Be strong and take heart, and wait for the LORD!

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)



Gospel Lesson..... Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the workers in the vineyard



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

"Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. 4To these he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.' So they went. 5Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. 6When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, 'Why have you stood here all day unemployed?' 7'They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' 'He told them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.' 9'When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. 10When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. 11After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: 12'Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!' 13'But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? 14Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. 15Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Children's Sermon (8:30 am)

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 am)

Alan Victor Burris

Hymn CWS#749 "The Lord of Christ, Who Died for Me"

1 The love of Christ who died for me
Is more than mind can know,
His mercy measureless and free
To meet the debt I owe.
He came my sinful cause to plead,
He laid his glories by,
For me a homeless life to lead,
A shameful death to die.

2 My sins I only see in part,
My self-regarding ways;
The secret places of my heart
Lie bare before his gaze.
For me the price of sin he paid;
My sins beyond recall
Are all alike on Jesus laid,
He died to bear them all.

3 O living Lord of life, for whom
The heavens held their breath,
To see, triumphant from the tomb,
A love that conquers death,
Possess my heart that it may be
Your kingdom without end,
O Christ who died for love of me
And lives to be my friend.

Sermon Pastor Mark Bartels..... "Gospel Living"
Philippians 1:18-27

18...I will continue to rejoice, 19because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. 23I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. 24But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. 25And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. 26And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus. 27Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel.

Create in Me

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

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below each staff.

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a common time signature. It consists of a simple melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats, and a common time signature. It consists of a simple melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



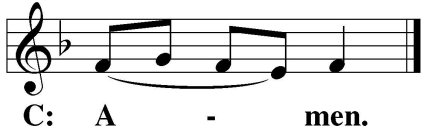
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Words of Institution

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

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution & Hymn #311 vs 1-6....."Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

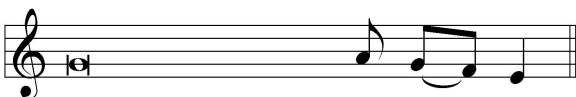
6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



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

Prayer after Communion

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



C: A - men.

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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

Announcements If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home.

Holy Cross News & Notes

October 1, 2023

Calendar for the Week – October 2nd – October 8th

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

Sunday

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

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Judy Meder and Ann Scott was hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School is off to a great start, yet we still have need for volunteer teachers, helpers and substitute teachers for our Sunday School, especially in the 2-4th grade and 5-6th grade classrooms. If you've never helped with Sunday School before, or you have done so in the past, but have "gotten out of the game," so to speak, I would encourage you to consider being a part of our Sunday School. Nor is it required that to be a Sunday School teacher one must have children attending Sunday School. You never know how the Lord will use you to influence the students you teach and interact with as you lead them into the Scriptures and help them grow in their faith. If you would like to help out, please talk to Pastor Van Kampen or Sara James. Thank you!"

Pipe Organ Relocation & Room Acoustics: Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

On Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m., Jim Baxter, will present a program about the logistics in procuring and moving an existing pipe organ to a new location and acoustics for worship spaces at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (734 Holy Cross Way, Madison, WI 53704). Jim is an ACM board member and Organist/Choir Director at Holy Cross Lutheran. Holy Cross Lutheran procured a 1994 Holtkamp organ from Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018. Jim will walk us through and explain how this organ was rehomed to Holy Cross' newly built worship space and what acoustical considerations and enhancements were made to allow the organ to effectively speak and make music in the space. Jared Stellmacher, ACM Vice-President and Director of Worship and Music at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison/Verona, will demonstrate the Holtkamp instrument performing hymns and literature including *Piece Heroique* (Cesar Franck), *Now Thank We All Our God* (Sigfrid Karg-Elert), *Variations on American* (Charles Ives), and *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne)*, J.S. Bach.

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>.

Member Mixer!

Mark your calendars for October 22 as the membership development board will be hosting another "member mixer" event immediately after second service in the fireside room. This is a casual event meant for all congregants--whether you are new to the church or have been attending for decades--designed to help each other learn about their neighbors and make more personal connections. The main focus will be on conversation and mingling and pizza and chips will be provided so there is no need to bring anything. Childcare will also be provided in the gym (although children are also welcome to join the adults). Please sign up by October 18 to ensure enough pizza is ordered by using the sign up sheets located on the doors or in the welcome center and we hope to see you there.

Happy 105th Birthday, Norm!

Norm Marozick turns 105 on October 9! What a blessed milestone! We'll plan to have some birthday cake between services on Sunday, October 1. If you would like to send him birthday thoughts and prayers, here's his address:

2121 Sheridan Dr
Madison, WI 53704

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.

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.

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

Adult Pick-up Basketball

Are you interested in playing pick-up basketball on Wednesday evenings in October through December? If so, please send your email information to Bill Luetzow (bill.luetzow@gmail.com). We are aiming to have 5 v 5 full court basketball Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9/9:30pm. A sign up genius will be sent out to those interested so we can ensure that we have enough people each week.