

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Rejoice in the Lord!"

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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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Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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Adult Handbells(10:30AM)....."On Eagle's Wings"

Opening Hymn #346....."In You Is Gladness"

1 In you is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.
By you are given The gifts of heaven;
You the true Redeemer are.
Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking.
Who trusts you surely Has built securely
And stands forever. Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see your shining,
Dying or living To you are clinging
Now and forever. Alleluia!

2 If he is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of his glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In him forever. Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him
Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Confession of Sins

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics 'A - men.' are placed below the notes, with a hyphen indicating a syllable that spans across two notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Old Testament Lesson.....Isaiah 25:6-9
The LORD invites all people to eat and drink the good news of his salvation.

6 On this mountain the Lord of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.
7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations.
8 He has swallowed up death forever! The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the Lord has spoken.
9 On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the Lord! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 23
(selected verses)

M: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.**
M: He restores my soul;
C: **he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
M: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
C: **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
M: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
C: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
M: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
C: **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Verse of the Day



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 22:1-14

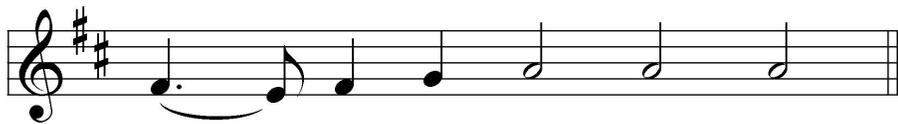
The parable of the wedding banquet.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

4 “Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

5 “But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. 13 Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn of the Day #428.....“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
That God’s Son For me won When his life was given?

2 When life’s troubles rise to meet me,
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sees them;
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.

3 God gives me my days of gladness,
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.
God is good; his love attends me
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.

4 Since I know God never fails me,
In his voice I'll rejoice When grim death assails me.
Trusting in my Savior's merit,
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav'n inherit.

Sermon.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen.....“Rejoice in the Lord”

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. 9 The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. 12 I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. 13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

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

Adult Handbells(8:30AM).....“On Eagle’s Wings”

New Member Reception

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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 #376 (vs 1, 5, 6)....."Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

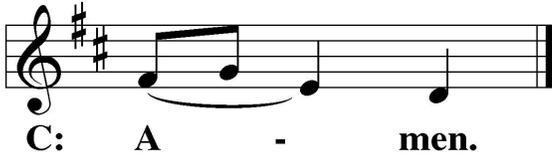
1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

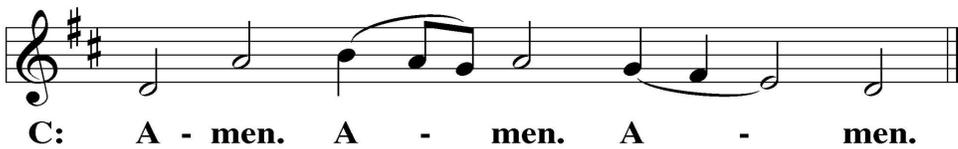
Closing Prayer

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". Thanks.

Holy Cross News & Notes

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Calendar for the Week - October 23th – October 29th

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class- 7:30 pm

Wednesday

- Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Estate Planning Seminar - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Bible Study - 9:45 am

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Andrew Gates, Dorothy Mattie, and Eric Christenson were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

Andrew Schoenfeld has a Call to Michigan Lutheran High School

Dear members of Holy Cross,

Last Sunday, Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, MI, called me to be their Athletic Director, teach religion, P.E., and coach a varsity sport. I am truly humbled to receive this Divine Call. This is an opportunity to evaluate where my gifts best fit in God's mission field. Over the next few weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Michigan Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

Estate Planning Presentation

The Senior Ministry Committee invites you to join us on Thursday, October 26 from 1 pm - 2 pm in the Fireside Room to learn about estate planning and administration. We'll talk about how a good plan can help achieve your goals, what the process looks like and how you and your loved ones can find peace of mind through it all. Topics covered will be: wills, probate, powers of attorney, advanced directives, probate avoidance and more. The presentation will be made by Attorney Johner Allison from Levine Eisberner, LLC. There's no cost for the presentation, but we would encourage you to sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many people to expect. Thanks! Cookies and coffee will be provided.

Mystery Dinner Theater Update

November 18, 2023

Please note if you are attending: the dress code is business casual. Please no jeans/tshirts.

Thanks!

Now Hiring! Teacher's Aide/After School Care Supervisor

Holy Cross Lutheran School and Early Learning Center are looking to fill the position of a teacher's aide/After School Care supervisor. Employment would consist of approximately 30 hours of teacher's aide duties and approximately ten hours of After School Care supervision. Hours will be from 9:30 am - 5:30 pm and starting pay rate is \$15.50 per hour. Contact Principal Rick Holz at rholtz@holycrossmadison.org.

[Job Description](#)

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, November 10th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Lutheran School Children will be hosting our annual Veterans Day program. We would like to honor all Veterans, if you know of a Veteran, please share the name(s) and branch of the military with us to put on the wall of honor! Send information to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org

COOKIE WALK - Save the Date!

Saturday, December 9th! Time to start baking! Sign-up sheet located in the welcome center. Last year we raised around \$3,000 for the School Library! This year proceeds will be split between the Church and School. Last year we ran out of overflow cookies within our 1st hour. We would like for you to help donate MORE cookies, bars, candies, jams & one 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. We will also have our annual Scholastic Book Fair going at the same time!

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.

The Bethany Getaway Weekend

Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a **FREE** weekend November 9-11, 2023, that's filled with fun and excitement! While on campus, you will do the following:

- Tour our campus
- Experience life as a Bethany Student
- Meet professors, directors, coaches, and new friends

To reserve your spot or obtain more information, go to blc.edu/getaway, call Bethany's Admissions Office at 507-344-7331, or email any questions to admissions@blc.edu. Your reservation is due by October 31.