

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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October 8, 2023

*"Repent and Live!"*

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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**"Repent and Live"**  
**October 8, 2023**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**7th Grade Handbell Choir** (8:30 am) ..... "A Joyful Ring"

**Opening Hymn** #339..... "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

1 Today your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

2 Today your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised:  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits.  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without you  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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 -

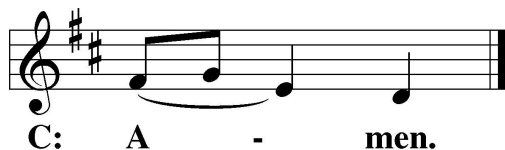
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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Psalms of the Day**.....Psalm 25

(selected verses)

M: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

C: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

M: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

C: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

M: Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

C: Guard my life and rescue me, for I take refuge in you.

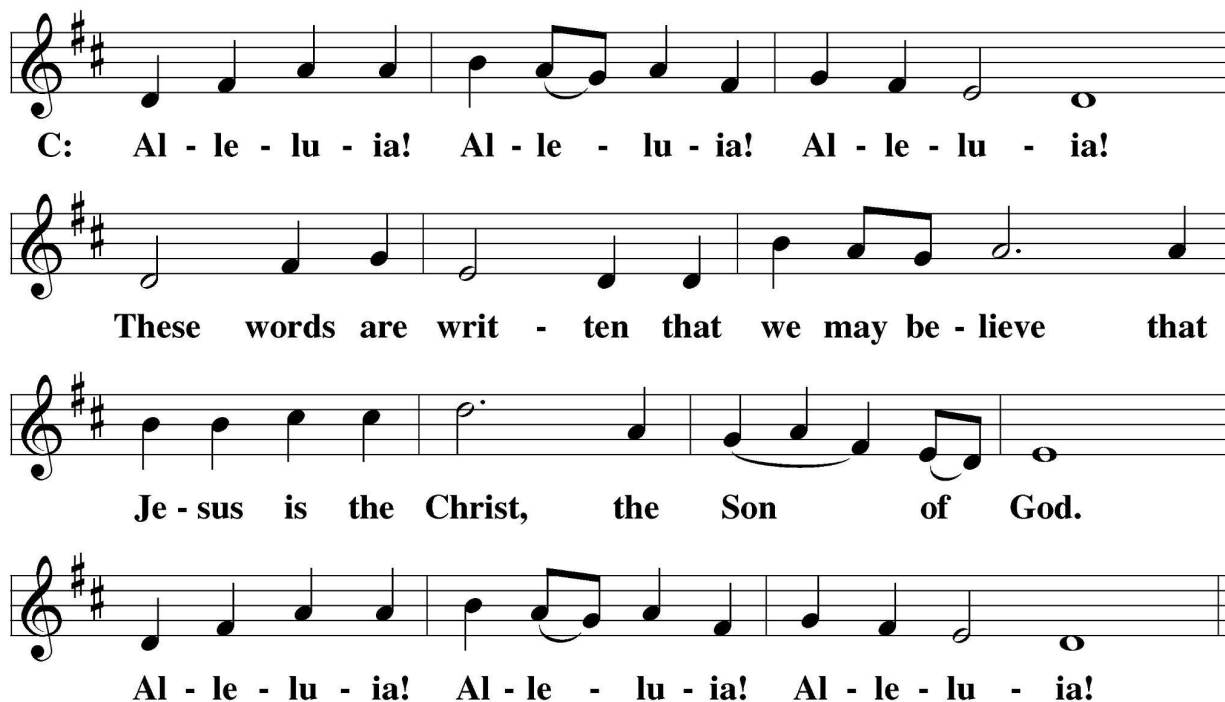
## **8th Grade Handbell Choir** (8:30 am)....."Speak, O Lord"

## **Epistle Lesson**.....Philippians 2:1-11

*Look to the needs of others with an attitude that reflects our Savior's humility.*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Indeed, <sup>[a]</sup>let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, <sup>[b]</sup>he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>[c]</sup><sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature <sup>[d]</sup>of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>[e]</sup><sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### 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.

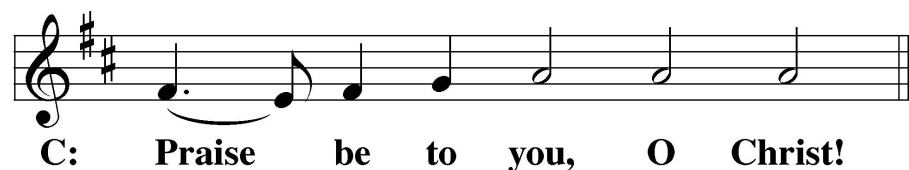
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line is a chorus of 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second line is 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third line is 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth line is another chorus of 'Al - le - lu - ia!'.

### Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 21:28-32

*The parable of the two rebellious sons.*

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, 'I will go, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line is a chorus of 'Praise be to you, O Christ!'.

### Children's Sermon

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.*

1 Jesus sinners does receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
Are not by the Lord forsaken;  
Weary souls who lost their way  
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken  
In his arms that they may live--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

4 Come, O sinners, one and all,  
Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call;  
Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

5 I, a sinner, come to you  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Oh, how blest is it to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

**Sermon** .....Pastor Piet Van Kampen.....“Repent and Live!”

*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 28-32*

The word of the Lord came to me. <sup>2</sup> What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, “Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons’ teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup> As surely as I live, declares the Lord God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup> Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die...

<sup>25</sup> But you say, “The Lord’s way is not fair.” Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? <sup>26</sup> If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die.

<sup>27</sup> But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. <sup>28</sup> Because he has seen and turned away from all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. <sup>29</sup> But the house of Israel says, “The Lord’s way is not fair.” Is

it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair? <sup>30</sup> Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. <sup>31</sup> Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God. So repent and live!

**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: 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**

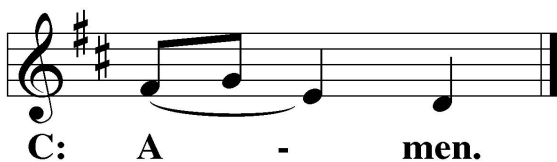
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

### **Closing Hymn** #320....."On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r to hide your face.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation.

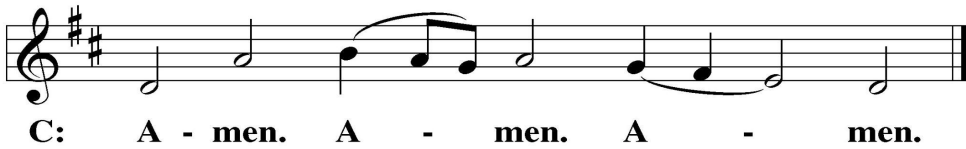
### **Closing Prayer**

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](mailto: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**

October 8, 2023

### **Calendar for the Week - October 9th – October 15th**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Tuesday**

- Coffee at Elie's - 9:00 am
- PTO - 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm
- 5:30PM Website Committee

#### **Saturday**

- Organ Workshop - 9:00 am

#### **Sunday**

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

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Patricia Stigman and Jackie Sharpee were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

#### **Christian Sympathy**

Long-time Holy Cross member, Blanche Armson, fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, October 2 at the age of 97. A private funeral service will be held on Monday, October 9. Our Christian sympathy to her family. May the Lord comfort them with the promise of the resurrection!

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **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>.

### **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](mailto:rholtz@holycrossmadison.org).

[Job Description](#)

### **New Administrative Assistant!**

We've added a new member to the team at Holy Cross! Anna Poellet has joined our staff, working in the front office. Next time you call Holy Cross or stop by the office, please make sure to introduce yourself and say "Hello." Welcome Anna!

### **Trunk or Treat**

Holy Cross will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21st from 10:30am – 11:30am. We are asking for candy donations. We have 2 areas where you can place your donations. One tote will be in the narthex of the church near the doors to the cafeteria. The other tote will be located near the front desk. We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy! Please sign up [here](#). Candy to hand out will be provided."

### **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](mailto:frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org)

### **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.

### **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 Hougau at [jspeth11@gmail.com](mailto:jspeth11@gmail.com). We will also have our annual Scholastic Book Fair going at the same time!

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.