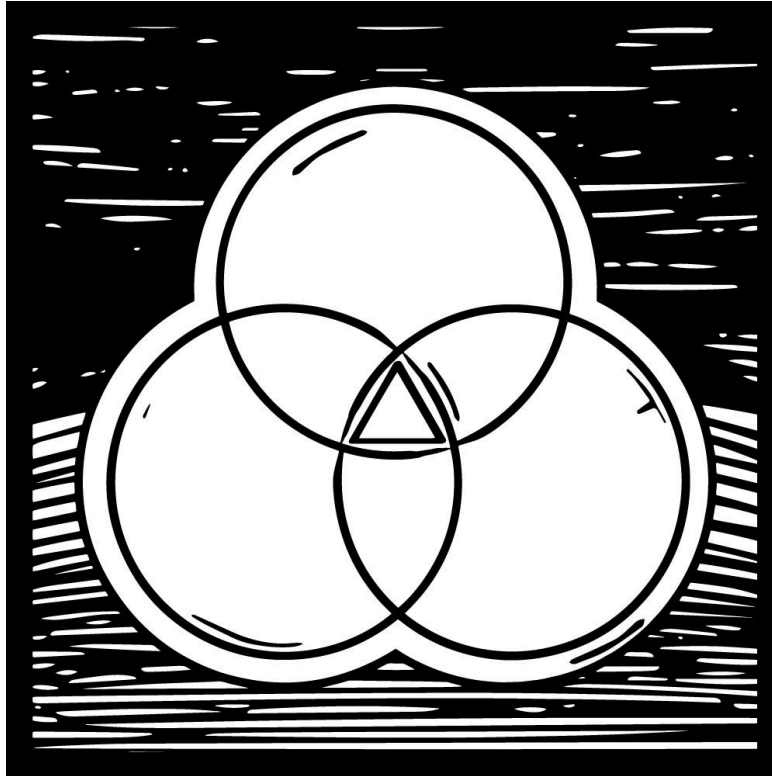


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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September 1, 2024

*"Strong 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](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. (Summer Worship Schedule - Sunday, 9:00 am and Monday, 6:30 pm - Memorial Day through Labor Day)

**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.

**"Strong in the Lord"**  
**September 1, 2024**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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CWS Divine Service of the Word II

**Opening Hymn** #474 (vs 1, 3, 4)....."Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high his royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army shall he lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
Stand in his strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you;  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next, the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory  
Shall reign eternally.

**Invocation**

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

C: Amen.

**Confession**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**Absolution**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## Glory Be to God (melody #597)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fath - er, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Lesson**.....Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

*Israel is called to follow God's commands.*

1 So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. 2 Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you.

6 Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," 7 because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call on him? 8 What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

## **Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 119c

M: How I love your laws! I meditate on them all day long.

**C: I have more wisdom than all my teachers, because your testimonies are my meditation.**

M: I have more understanding than the elders, because I guard your precepts.

**C: I have kept my feet off every evil path in order to keep your words.**

M: I have not turned from your judgments, because you yourself have instructed me.

**C: How sweet are your sayings to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

## **Second Lesson**.....Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Jesus teaches true obedience*

1 The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. 2 They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. 3 In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. 5 The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

6 He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

8 "You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

14 He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. 15 There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

21 "In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. 23 All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

## Verse of the Day



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



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

## Children's Sermon

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

## Hymn of the Day #455....."Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you,  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious;  
Against each foe you'll be victorious;  
Our God will set you o'er them all.  
Fear not the prince of hell -  
Here is Immanuel! Sing hosanna!  
The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,  
And we as conqu'rors hold the field.

2 Jesus, all your children cherish,  
And keep them that they never perish  
Whom you have purchased with your blood.  
Let new life to us be given  
That we may look to you in heaven  
Whenever fearful is our mood.  
Your Spirit on us pour  
That we may love you more,  
Hearts o'erflowing; And then shall we,  
From sin set free, Sing praise through all eternity.

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, 15 and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. 16 At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. 17 Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. 19 Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Special Prayers and Intercessions**

**Preface**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

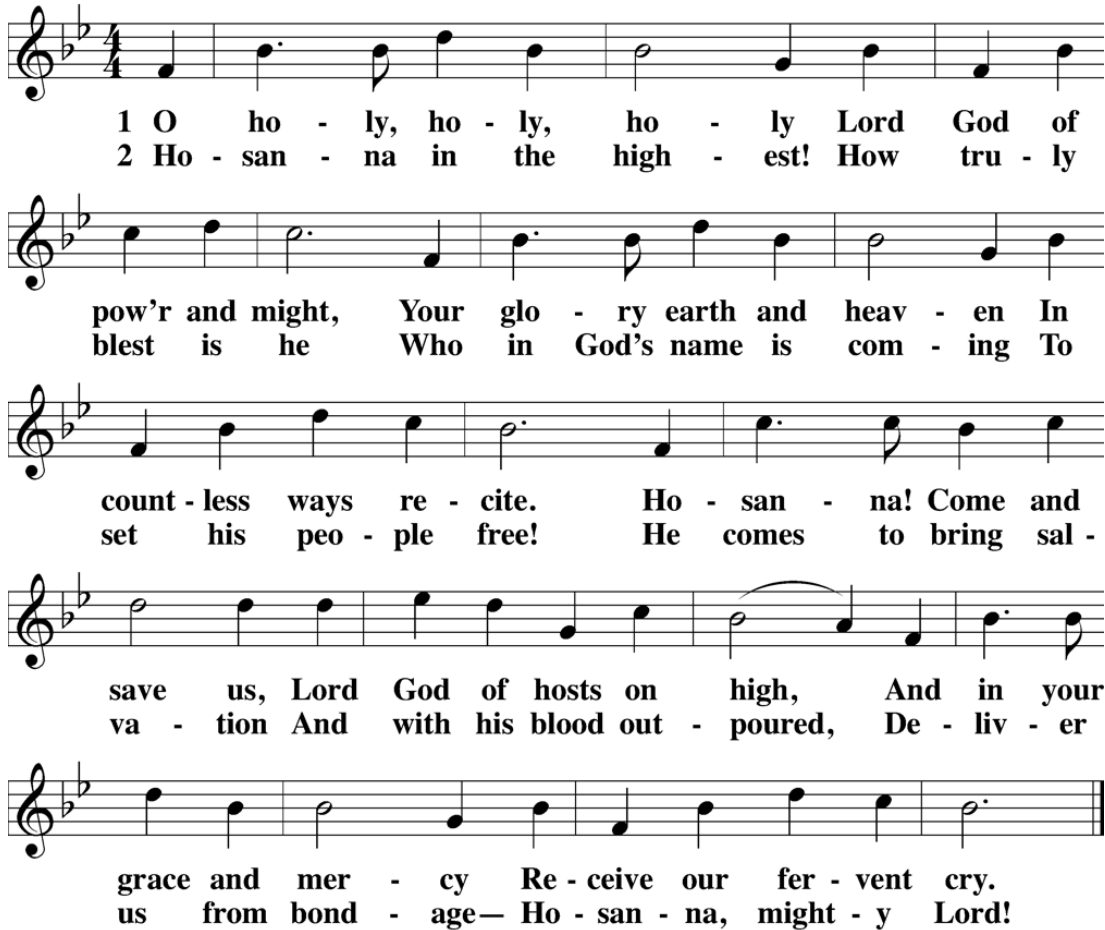
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy names and join their glorious song:

***Holy, Holy, Holy*** (melody #474)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In  
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

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

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

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

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

C: Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer***

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



## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**Distribution & Hymn** #313....."Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives his body with the bread  
And with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;  
Take heed how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe,  
Judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion  
If salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive my grace and favor;  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
Surely you will be his guest  
And at his banquet ever blest.

**Song of Simeon** (melody #614)



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



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



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



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



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

### **Prayer After Communion**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### **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: Amen.**

### **Attendance**

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". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Ballentine, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

September 1, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – September 2 - 8**

#### **Monday**

- NO WORSHIP - LABOR DAY

#### **Tuesday**

- BLC Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00 pm (Our Savior's Lutheran Church)

#### **Wednesday**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Public School Catechism - 4:30 pm

#### **Thursday**

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

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

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Greg Griffin was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 8/20/24 - 8/26/24**

\$10,544.74

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 8/26/24**

\$104,928.75

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$126,153.84

**FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**

\$820,000

### **NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH ON LABOR DAY**

This is just a reminder that there will be no Monday night church on September 2 since it falls on Labor Day.

### **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.

8/25/24 - "We Will Serve the LORD!" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/1002427626>

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Are you interested in helping teach Sunday School this year? We're having an informational meeting TODAY after church in the Fireside Room. Whether you're interested in teaching regularly or just helping substitute teach on occasion, come and join us! Thanks

### **RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Mark your calendar! On Rally Sunday, we'll go back to our regular worship schedule:

- 1st service - 8:30am
- 2nd service - 10:30am
- Adult Bible Class/Youth Bible Class/Sunday School - 9:45am - 10:15am

## SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

"Praise the Lord"! Holy Cross Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4 for the 2024-25 season. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7 pm. We invite you to participate - please talk to Jim Baxter, Director so we have a folder prepared for you. [baxter4822@gmail.com](mailto:baxter4822@gmail.com)  
Be a part of the Choir for Rally Sunday on September 8. Look forward to seeing you there.

## HOLY CROSS CONNECT GROUPS

This fall, you have the opportunity to join a Holy Cross Connect Group! Do you enjoy walking and talking with friends old and new? Or perhaps you enjoy sewing or knitting? Are you a mom of young kids looking for people in a similar stage of life? Do you enjoy playing a casual sport once in a while? Do you love to cook and try new recipes? Then we have a group for you! Take a look at the various Connect Groups that will be gathering this fall, and if you see a group that you'd like to join, then sign up in the Welcome Center!

- **Fiber Friends** - Come join Fiber Friends! If you enjoy creating and sharing your fiber makes with others, then this group is for you. We'll meet once a month to share finished objects, work on our current projects (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, etc) and enjoy conversation and fellowship with other creative makers. This group is open to anyone who enjoys fiber arts and is looking to share that interest and creativity with others. All skill levels and fiber interests are welcome! There are no costs associated with this group, other than the cost of supplies for your own project. Our first monthly meeting will be Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross. For more information, please contact Beth Lunde at [bethlunde@gmail.com](mailto:bethlunde@gmail.com).
- **Food, Fun & Fellowship** - Do you love to cook or bake or try new recipes? Do you want to meet new people? Come join the Food, Fun, and Fellowship group and do both! This group is intended for couples aged 55+ who enjoy sharing a meal together. The only cost involved would be for preparing an entree or dessert for the group. Group size limited to 8 couples (16 people). The first monthly meeting is Friday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Pastor Mark & Sherri Bartels, [sbbartels.sb@gmail.com](mailto:sbbartels.sb@gmail.com).
- **Holy Cross Pickleballers** - Come and join our group! We will be enjoying some fellowship and learning how to play Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America. It is easy to learn, a blast to play, and can be enjoyed by all ages. This group is open to members and friends from 9th Grade - Adults, and will be capped at 16 participants. We plan on meeting twice a month, with our first meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Holy Cross gym. For more information, contact Steve and Beth DePrey at [steve@depreyco.com](mailto:steve@depreyco.com).
- **Moms Connect** - Moms Connect encourages and equips moms to thrive in their role as mothers, grow in their relationship with Jesus, pray for their children's class and build authentic friendships with moms at Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School. The group is open to church and school moms with children from infants through 8th Grade. We meet every other week formally in the evening, with other opportunities for playdates, outings, and a fall "Friendsgiving" dinner. The cost for the season is \$35 per person to cover food, games, childcare as needed, as well as marketing and a moms Christmas dinner. Our first meeting is Thursday, September, 26 at 6:30 p.m. here at church. For more information, please contact Sydney Malain at [sydneymalain@gmail.com](mailto:sydneymalain@gmail.com).
- **Walking in Fellowship** - Come walk with us! Let's start our mornings in a way that'll make our hearts full: God's word, coffee, crisp air of fall and fellowship. One Saturday a month, we will choose a designated place to begin our hour-long walk. The starting location will change, with options of church, coffee shop(s), or maybe even a Kwik Trip! I'll start the hour with a devotion, then we will walk the neighborhood. Conversation will be organic, with no set topics beyond the devotion. Come out, get your steps in for the day, enjoy some coffee, and let's socialize. The only cost involved would be the cost of your coffee and/or donut. Since we do live in Wisconsin and weather can be a factor, we will keep an eye on thunderstorms or extreme cold, and adjust accordingly. NOTE: The group is intended for everyone! So bring your families, friends, and let's put some miles on our shoes. Our first meeting is here at church on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact Josh McCauley at [mccauleyjm87@gmail.com](mailto:mccauleyjm87@gmail.com).



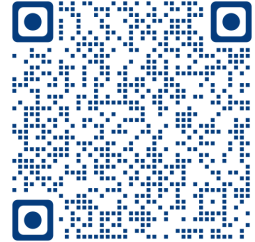
### 2024 HOLY CROSS ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 8th is both Rally Sunday and the Holy Cross Annual Picnic! At 11:30 the hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and everything in-between will be ready for mass consumption. The picnic will be held in the gymnasium with outdoor games available including volleyball and a bouncy house. Please bring a dish to pass if you're willing and able. Last Names A-O bring a salad and last names P-Z bring a dessert. Invite friends and neighbors – we love to share. Beverages, buns, condiments, chips, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please use the sign up with the QR code below so we have an idea of how much to buy.

### MOMS CONNECT GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

Moms Connect in Madison, Wisconsin, encourages and equips moms to thrive in their role as mothers, grow in their relationship with Jesus, pray for their children's class and build authentic friendships with \*moms at Holy Cross Church and School. Let's do this season of life together.

\*You must be attending Holy Cross Church or have children attending the school (infants to 8th grade) to join.



### PRAYERS FOR AN ELECTION YEAR

One of the goals the Holy Cross Board of Elders has set this year is to encourage us as Holy Cross members in our prayer lives. Since this is an election year, the Board of Elders would like to encourage all of us to pray regarding this important matter. When you're at church, please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a little booklet entitled "God Bless Our Native Land: Prayers for an Election Year." Please take one home and make it a part of your prayer life. Thank you! 1 Timothy 2:1-3 says, "I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The Holy Cross 2024 pictorial directories have arrived! If you and your family had your picture taken for the directory, your free copy of the directory--with your family's name on the label--will be available for pickup on Sunday in the Welcome Center. If you did not have a picture taken for the directory, but would still like to purchase a copy, starting on Monday, August 26, you may purchase a directory for \$15 from the church office during business hours while supplies last. Thank you!

### ELS FALL TEEN RETREAT

This year's ELS fall teen retreat is set for October 19-20 at Living Waters Bible Camp near Westby, WI. This year's theme is "Known", based on Galatians 4:9. Youth in grades 7-12 will enjoy a deep dive into God's Word, a bonfire with s'mores and singing, group activities including a 50-foot rock tower, a 500-foot zipline, and more! The cost is \$135 and includes everything (email Pastor Nate at [pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org](mailto:pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org) to request financial assistance). The bus will leave Saturday morning from Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills at 8 a.m., and then from Abiding Shepherd in Cottage Grove at 8:30. Sunday night, the bus will return to Cottage Grove at 7:15 p.m. and Lakeside Lutheran at 7:45 p.m. Those not taking the bus can arrive at 10:45 a.m. Saturday and depart at 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more info and to register, visit

<https://www.abidingshepherd.org/page/140007974/140050466/Fall-Teen-Retreat>

### "THE ENCORE" TEEN POND PARTY

"The Encore" Teen Pond Party (hosted by Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church) is coming up on Sunday, September 8th! From 3 - 8:30pm, enjoy a final "encore" to your summer fun! As we're getting back into the fall schedule, come together with area teens at the Freund Pond (1081 E. Church Rd, Cambridge)! "The Encore" features: swimming; zip lining into the water; fishing (bring your pole; no license required); kayaking; volleyball; dinner; campfire singing. The event is for teens in 7th-12th grade. The cost is FREE. But the registration deadline is Wednesday, September 4th! You can find all the info and register at [www.abidingshepherd.org/theencore](http://www.abidingshepherd.org/theencore). See you there!

## **YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF**

The Youth Group has taken a brief hiatus over July and August as Camp Rise, LYA, sports schedules, and family trips took precedence, but we are excited to announce our New School Year Kickoff event! Teens (grades 7-12) and parents are invited to a chili lunch on Sunday, September 15, after the 10:30 service. We'll meet in the cafeteria for lunch, a devotion, and to go over plans for upcoming events. Bring your friends! All we ask is that you sign up to bring sides/desserts and drinks via the following Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49AEAD2CA1F85-50708220-newschool>

## **SENIOR BREAKFAST**

The next senior breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:00am at Elie's Cafe on E Broadway by Menards.

## **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

Our next class begins Monday, September 9, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through November 11. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or teaching; you want to learn how Lutheran doctrine compares to the church you currently attend, or grew up attending; you're interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross; you want to explore what your spouse or fiancé (who may already be a Holy Cross member) believes, and why; and/or you would like to more fully understand the spiritual influence Holy Cross school is having on your children who may be attending here. The class will be informative, and we invite lots of questions. The class will be "team taught" by both of us pastors, so you can get to know us and we can get to know you :-). Please contact Pastor Van Kampen ([pvankampen@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:pvankampen@holycrossmadison.org)) or Pastor Bartels ([mbartels@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:mbartels@holycrossmadison.org)) if you have any questions or would like to attend.

## **ADULT HANDBELL REHEARSALS**

Don't know how to read music? No problem! Notes are circled for you- you just need to know your right from your left hand! Holy Cross Adult Handbells will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The group generally plays 1x a month. Please talk to Director Nedra Griffin if you'd like to participate or email [ngriffinfab5@gmail.com](mailto:ngriffinfab5@gmail.com).

## **COOKIE WALK & BOOK FAIR**

The annual Cookie Walk and Book Fair date has been set! Please mark your calendars for Dec. 7th. The proceeds will help the church and school. Watch for a sign-up to be posted in early fall. Start planning your treat baking! We will need an abundance of tasty treats!

## **MADISON AREA BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY MEETING**

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road in Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal, Jake Krier, Bethany's Director of Alumni Relations will give a college update and answer questions guests may have. Come and hear about our college in Mankato, MN. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to attend!

## **BETHANY NATIONAL AUXILIARY DAY**

Bethany National Auxiliary Day will be held in Mankato, Minnesota on the Bethany College Campus on Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear presentations from Bethany President, Dr. Gene Pfeifer, the Legal Studies Department, Clay Target Team, and get an update from the ELS and Seminary over lunch. Attendees will also enjoy an organ & piano recital, in addition to taking part in the annual business meeting where Auxiliary members vote on special projects to support at BLC.

### **MADISON AREA WELS/ELS BIBLE STUDY**

The very word "predestination" brings to mind the mysteries of God. It raises scary questions like "Am I saved by predestination or by faith?" The word "conversion" likewise leads people to wonder if they have done the right things to be a Christian. The books Predestination and Conversion from the NPH People's Bible Teachings series discuss these closely related doctrines. Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a class through these two books and supplemental materials in a 13-week course held in two parallel sessions. One will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie, and the other will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday afternoons beginning September 4 at Lord of Love in DeForest. The sessions will be 60 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the video sessions of the course later. All the necessary information to register for and attend this class series is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website [www.interrapaxlp.com](http://www.interrapaxlp.com). Information, class notes, and videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis. The books can be ordered online from the Northwestern Publishing House (NPH).