

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



March 31, 2024

"The Victory Is Ours!"

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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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Easter Sunday

Choir....."Halleluia!"

Invocation

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

Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

M: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: The Victim has become the Victor! Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

C: But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: The stone which the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone. Christ – raised from the dead – cannot die again.

C: Death no longer has the mastery over Him. The Lord has done this; it is marvelous in our sight!

Confession and Absolution

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I declare unto you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

Hymn #157....."Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson.....Isaiah 12:1-6

1 In that day you will say:
I will give thanks to you, Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away,
and you comfort me.
2 Surely God is my salvation.
I will trust him and will not be afraid,
because Yahweh, the Lord, is my strength and song,
and he has become my salvation.
3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
4 In that day you will say:
Give thanks to the Lord! Proclaim his name.
Declare among the peoples what he has done.
Proclaim that his name is exalted!
5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done amazing things!
Let this be known in all the earth!
6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

Hymn #162....."He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead, but now is living!

Gospel Lesson.....John 20:1-18

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she told them, "and we don't know where they put him!" 3 So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 5 Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. 7 The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. 12 She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him."

14 After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.
 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"
 Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him."
 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."
 She turned and replied in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means, "Teacher").
 17 Jesus told her, "Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.'"
 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" She also told them the things he said to her.

Sermon Hymn #166....."The Day of Resurrection"

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
 From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
 Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil That we may see aright
 The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
 And, list'ning to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful; Let earth her song begin.
 Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
 Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
 For Christ the Lord has risen; Our joy shall have no end.

Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels....."The Victory is Ours!"

1 *Corinthians 15:51-57*

51 Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
 53 For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:
 Death is swallowed up in victory.
 55 Death, where is your sting?
 Grave, where is your victory?
 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hymn #141 (vs 1-3)....."At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 Praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide
 Flowing from his piercéd side. Alleluia!

2 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

3 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

Offering

Baptismal Reaffirmation

M: Today we rejoice in the celebration of our Lord's glorious resurrection. Scripture teaches that we have been baptized into death with Christ, and as Christ rose from the dead, so we should walk in newness of life. We know that our sinful nature was crucified with Christ so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. In Baptism we are made dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Let us then, on this Easter Day, renew our baptismal promises.

M: Do you believe that you were born in sin and do you repent of your sin?

C: Yes, I believe that I was born in sin and I am sorry for my sins. I desire Christ's forgiveness and I want to forsake sin and walk in newness of life.

M: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: I do renounce them.

M: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: Yes, 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.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

M: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Hymn #152 (vs 1, 5 & 7)....."I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

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 upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn #149....."Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo, he sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where your victory, O grave?

Attendance

If you attended online services at Holy Cross, please send an email to frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org, and in the subject line write "Attended" and after that the number of people who watched from your home. So if three of you watch the service on Sunday, your subject line would say, "Attended 3". Please don't write anything in the text of the email, since our secretary, Anna Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers for our Easter altar!

Brenda Barry

Dennis and Joan Behr in memory of our parents

Ray and Julie Beutler in memory of our loved ones

Michael and Robin Bradburn in memory of Bob and Jane Braun and Bonnie Marshall

Bob and Karen Bradley in memory of Isabel

Abby Butler

Sue Gomez in memory of loved ones

Greg and Carol Griffin in memory of loved ones

Patty Horstmeier

Chris and Denise Hrubes in memory of loved ones

Jeff and Cathy John in memory of Jim Granger

Don and Sharon Johnson in memory of Leonard and Agnes and John Johnson

Jeff and Jody Keller in memory of our loved ones

Sherrie Oswald in memory of Gilbert Nottling

Betty Rhyner in memory of Werner Rhyner

Dennis and Jan Schattschneider

Rachel Sellnow

Sally Wellman in memory of Gary Meyer

Holy Cross News & Notes

March 31, 2024

Calendar for the Week – April 1 - April 7

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Bethany Auxiliary Meeting (Fireside Room) - 5:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

Sunday

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

Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 3/18/24 - 3/25/24

\$11,522.52

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 3/25/24

\$596,942.33

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$609,750.18

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

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

03/28/24 - "Where the Many Become One" - Maundy Thursday - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/928629191>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to DIVE IN to God's Word with ocean-themed crafts, songs, bible stories, snacks, and more!

- June 24-27, 2024
- 9:00 am - 11:30 am
- Ages: 3 years old (must be toilet-trained) to completing 6th grade

Visit the welcome center for a registration form.

ADDITIONALLY, if you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org. We will need help with decorating, crafts, games, bible stories, leading children from group to group, welcoming families at the registration tables, and donating materials. It takes a community to make Vacation Bible School a success. We hope that God can use you to make a SPLASH in a child's spiritual life.

LEARN ABOUT HOSPICE OVER LUNCH

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

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

BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING

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

SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024

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

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

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

Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024. Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024. There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee.

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

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

LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

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

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

HYMN FESTIVAL

You are invited to a hymn festival. Holy Cross will host an afternoon of music on April 28, 2024 beginning at 3:00 pm. This Madison area Association of Church Musicians program will present five organists, local choirs and nine hymns from our Christian Worship Hymnal for you to add your voice. Hymns programmed include: "I Know My Redeemer Lives," "This Joyful Eastertide," "The Day of Resurrection," "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" and more. There is no fee for this event and you are welcome to invite family and friends to join us in singing praises to our Lord.

Please contact Jim Baxter (baxter4822@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CAMP RISE

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

LYA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

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

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

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

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

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PEACE LUTHERAN IN KISSIMMEE, FL

Peace Lutheran Church in Kissimmee, Florida has asked the senior youth of Holy Cross for volunteers to assist with their Vacation Bible School from June 3-6. They are looking for *6-12 confirmed youth (9th through 12th graders)* to help with coaching soccer skills in the mornings and teaching Bible stories in the afternoons. Lodging and food will be provided by the congregation, but volunteers must provide their own transportation and spending money. In addition, student volunteers will also need at least one male and one female chaperone. Peace Lutheran, as a thank you, will even organize an outing to Sea World and the beach. We will be holding an informational and organizational meeting to discuss this opportunity on Monday, March 25, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you cannot attend this meeting in person and would like to participate virtually, please use the following Zoom link and passcode: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84082014848?pwd=NEhIR3pMODF5TWJLT2NiWXhjLoxKZz09> (Meeting ID: 840 8201 4848; Passcode: 055136). Thank you!