

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Christ Reveals His Glory Through Our Troubles"

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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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The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Opening Hymn #238....."Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives my sins,
'Tis he relieves my pain,
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses
And makes me young again.

4 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord has judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

5 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved Son.

Invocation

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins

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

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

Lord, Have Mercy

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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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

C: A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody is simple, consisting of a few notes with a final double bar line.

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory Be to God

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

The musical notation consists of six staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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.

Old Testament Lesson.....Job 7:1-7

Job prays to God from the depths of his suffering.

- 1 Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army?
Aren't his days like those of a hired man?
- 2 Like a slave, he longs for shade, or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay.
- 3 In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of agony have been assigned to me.
- 4 When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?"
But the night drags on, and I am filled with restlessness until dawn.
- 5 My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt. My skin scabs over and then oozes again.
- 6 My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom. They come to an end without hope.
- 7 Remember that my life is just a breath. My eyes will never again see good fortune.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 103

Praise the LORD for His many and gracious blessings.

M: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; he redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with love and compassion,

M: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

C: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

M: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love toward those who fear him;

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

M: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

C: For he knows how we were formed, he remembers that we are dust.

M: Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone.

C: But the Lord's love is with those who fear him from everlasting to everlasting.

Epistle Lesson.....1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Paul does everything he does for the sake of the gospel.

16 You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 If I do this as a volunteer, I receive compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. 18 What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ[a] free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel.

19 In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. 20 To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. 21 To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. 22 To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. 23 And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12)



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

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

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

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn #353....."Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
 With a liberating light;
 Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
 Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
 Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
 With the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children
 With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons
 With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
 To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water,
 Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,
 Christ, who suffered in our place;
 Jesus died and rose victorious
 That we may know God by grace.
 Let us sing for joy and gladness,
 Seeing what our God has done;
 Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the one who makes us one.

Sermon.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen....."Christ Reveals His Glory Through Our Troubles"

Mark 1:29-39

29 They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. 31 He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door. 34 He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

35 Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. 36 Simon and his companions searched for him, 37 and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

38 He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." 39 Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Create in Me

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

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

Offering

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

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

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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



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



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



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



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



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

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: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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



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



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



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



grant us your peace. A - men.

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

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

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

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

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

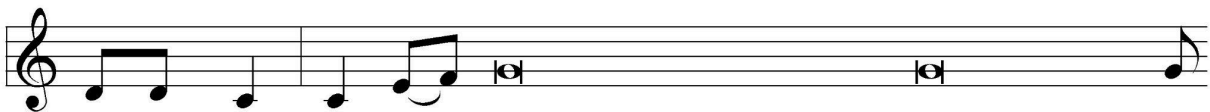
5 Human reason, though it ponders,
Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

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

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

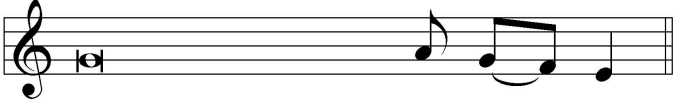


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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



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

Prayer After Communion

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



C: A - men.

Benediction

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



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

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.

Holy Cross News & Notes

February 4, 2024

Calendar for the Week – February 5 - February 11

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - in between services

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week by Ray and Julie Beutler on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

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

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 1/23/24-1/29/24

\$15,199.96

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 1/29/23

\$475,808.22

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$484,673.22

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Holy Cross Church and School,

I want to extend a humongous thank you for all the love, prayers, and support you have offered me and my family during this deliberation process. This truly was a difficult decision to make and God has led me to accept the Call to Northland Lutheran High School.

I have enjoyed seven wonderful years here at Holy Cross. The ministry is strong and Holy Cross is in wonderful hands as the Lord continues His work here in Madison. As sad as I am to leave, I am excited for the ministry that awaits me in Kronenwetter.

Holy Cross will always be like home to me and my family. Thank you again for your wonderful support during my time here as your humble servant. My prayers are with the school as they begin the search to fill my position with God's help and guidance.

Your brother in Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

NICOLE KOTECKI HAS ACCEPTED THE CALL TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

I want to thank you all for the support and prayers you've shared with me during this time of deliberation.

After careful reflection and many prayers, I have decided to accept the call to teach 3rd grade at St. Paul Lutheran School in Lake Mills.

While it may seem like this was an easy decision for me to make, I can assure you that it was not made lightly. The work being done here at Holy Cross and the people I've had the privilege of meeting and working with are truly exceptional. The connections made and the impact of our shared efforts have made a huge mark on my heart. It will be difficult to move on from this wonderful community. However, I trust that He is guiding my next steps.

Your continued prayers for both Holy Cross and myself during this transition mean the world to me. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. I pray that God continues to bless Holy Cross with His grace, wisdom, and an abundance of love.

In Christ,

Nicole Kotecki

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

Holy Cross will begin sharing videos of our most recent sermons with you. Our hope in doing this is twofold. First of all, we hope that, as you watch these videos yourself as a part of your own regular devotional life, the Holy Spirit would strengthen your faith during the week. Secondly, we ask that you share these videos with your friends, relatives, and neighbors as you see fit. You could forward this email on to those you think would be interested, or simply copy and paste the links to your social media feed for all your online friends. For example, if there's a sermon that addresses a particular topic, such as grief, you can pass it on to someone you know is grieving. Our Savior told His disciples to "preach the gospel to all creation" (Mk 16:15), and this is just one more we can fulfill His great commission. And we have the promise from God that, as the apostle Paul says, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ" (Ro 10:17). The Holy Spirit will work on human hearts wherever His Word is proclaimed.

01/28/2024 - "May the Wicked Foe Have No Power Over Us!" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/907204446?share=copy>

ELC JOB OPPORTUNITY

Have a love for working with children? Consider joining our Kids Crossing family. We have 1, full time job opportunity starting at \$15 per hour. Teachers must maintain a christian attitude when working with children, families, and coworkers, pass a background check, and be willing to complete child care training and first aid classes.

Please email Katie Krug at kkrug@holycrossmadison.org if you or someone you know is interested or has any questions.

Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

SENIOR MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The next Senior Ministry Breakfast will be at 9AM on Tuesday, February 13 at Perkins on Hayes Rd.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Member, you have the option to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to Holy Cross until March 31. If you haven't already done so, don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy (<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

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/>

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For more information, click here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:6b3c3e9b-83e7-4a8e-bbbe-b5a9e3947716>

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Holy Cross has teamed up with Harmann Studios to establish an updated picture directory as there have been many changes since our last directory in 2019. The dates available to have your pictures taken are Wednesday, February 28th through Saturday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 5th through Thursday, March 7th. Available check in times are:

- 1-8pm Tuesday-Thursday
- 11am-6pm Friday
- 9am-3pm on Saturday

Each family/individual who is in the directory will receive a free photo directory. Each family/individual will get a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 directory pose. **No purchase is necessary**, however, anyone who chooses to purchase a print product will have the opportunity to purchase any extra prints or digital media.

To sign up for an appointment, please scan the QR code below or on the poster in the narthex.



It is first-come, first-served, so book early. If you are unable to sign up online or need to cancel/modify an existing appointment time, please speak with **Max John** (who will be sitting in the narthex between services the next few weeks) or email at 1johnm2@gmail.com. We would love it if every participant took their picture in-person, but, if unable due to homebound constraints or scheduling conflicts, please contact Max John about ways to submit your own photograph for the directory. We are also in need of volunteers to be greeters for this event to ensure proper check in for appointments and calling members who may not show up for their scheduled times. If you are able to assist any day(s) or time(s) please contact Max John.

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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES COMING SOON!

The season of Lenten is a special time of looking first at the depth of our sin, and then at the depth of Christ's love for us in his passion and suffering. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Services will be at 3:30pm (In-Person Only) and 6:30pm (In-Person and Live Streamed)

The 6:30 service will also be recorded and available On Demand. Please note the service times.

The 3:30pm service makes attendance easier for school families and those who do not like to drive at night.

Our theme this year is 'God on Trial' (February 14 - Accusation, February 21 - Restraint, February 28 - Testimony, March 6 - Misconceptions, March 13 - Truth, March 20 - Sympathy)

NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH DURING LENT

Beginning February 12 until April 8 there will be no Monday evening worship services. If you normally attend on Monday evenings, we encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings (3:30 pm or 6:30 pm) instead during the season of Lent.

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/>.