

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



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"Hold On. Tightly or Lightly?"

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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 Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Opening Hymn #597....."May God the Father of Our Lord"

1 May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.

2 In Jesus Christ may you be blessed
And brought to his eternal rest.
The work he has in you begun,
He will perform till all is done.

3 The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.

4 May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in grace
You stand before his holy face.

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 contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

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 for 'Amen' is a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It consists of a simple melody of quarter notes: A, - (rest), men.

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 for 'Glory Be to God' consists of six staves. Each staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a single treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth 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 Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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.....Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Lord gave the great city of Nineveh the opportunity to repent.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 2"Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."

3So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the Lord had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. 4Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, "Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!"

5The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least.

10When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 62

M: My soul rests quietly in God alone. My salvation is from him.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I will not be disturbed.

M: My soul, rest quietly in God alone, for my hope comes from him.

C: If your wealth grows, do not set your heart on it.

M: My salvation and my honor depend on God, my strong rock. My refuge is in God.

C: Trust in him at all times, you people.

M: Pour out your hearts before him.

C: God is a refuge for us.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)



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

Gospel Lesson.....Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls his first disciples... and they leave behind their fishing nets and follow him.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

14After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. 15“The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

16As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. 17Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 18Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. 20Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 #434....."Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

1 Lord, you I love with all my heart;
I pray you ne'er from me depart;
With tender mercies cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share;
Heaven itself were void and bare
If you, Lord, were not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in you no one could shake.
You are the treasure I have sought;
Your precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

2 Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify your lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my crosses willingly.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

3 Lord, let at last your angels come;
To Abram's bosom bear me home
That I may die unfearing.
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until your reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That my own eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, your glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise you without end.

Sermon.....Pastor Mark Bartels....."Hold On. Tightly or Lightly?"
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

29 I also say this, brothers: The time is short. From now on, let those who have wives live as if they have none; 30 those who weep, as if not weeping; those who rejoice, as if not rejoicing; those who buy, as if not possessing; 31 and those who use the world, as if not getting any use out of it. For the way of life that belongs to this world is passing away.

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.

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.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - 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 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 #397..... "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

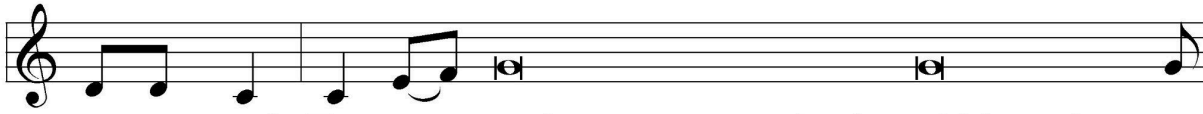
5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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-

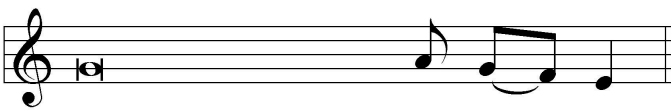


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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

January 21, 2024

Calendar for the Week – January 22 - January 28

Monday

- Evangelism 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
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Open House - 9:00-11:00 am

Sunday

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

ALTAR FLOWERS given this week in honor of Ron's birthday.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Brad Homan was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 1/9/24-1/15/24

\$7,302.57

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 1/15/23

\$445,769.30

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$453,403.98

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

ANDREW SCHOENFELD HAS A CALL TO NORTHLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dear members of Holy Cross,

On December 21, Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI called me to be Recruitment Director, teach P.E., and work with their Mission Advancement team. I am truly humbled to receive this Divine Call. This is an opportunity to evaluate where my gifts best fit in God's mission field. Over the next several weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Northland Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

NICOLE KOTECKI HAS A CALL TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

I am writing to inform you that on January 7th I received a call to teach 3rd grade and coach at St. Paul Lutheran School in Lake Mills.

This opportunity has prompted me to carefully reflect on where God is calling me to best serve His purpose and I seek His guidance to understand His plan for my next steps.

As I deliberate on this call, I humbly ask for your prayers. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and a deep understanding of where God wants me to serve. I would really appreciate your thoughts and support as I navigate through this time of decision-making. Your input means a lot to me.

I also request that you keep both Holy Cross and St. Paul, along with their respective congregation members, in your prayers. Transition periods can be challenging, and I believe that God's plan will unfold in His perfect timing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ's love,

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.

01/14/2024 - When the Lord Speaks, His Servants Listen - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/902718712?share=copy>

2024 ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2024 altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center near the Fireside Room. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, sign up with your name, contact information, and the occasion. You can bring in your own flowers or the Altar Guild will order flowers for you. The usual bouquet is \$40 but you can make it any amount you like. Make checks payable to HOLY CROSS ALTAR GUILD. Drop off or mail your check in an envelope marked ALTAR FLOWERS. You may take the bouquet after the last service and enjoy it at home.

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

TODAY, starting after the second service we will gather for our annual Holy Cross Bean Bag Tournament. We plan to play in the school gym and will have pizza beforehand. Adult and kid teams are welcome to compete. Use the Sign Up Genius link to register as individuals or 2 person teams and we will set up brackets. Please let us know if you have an extra board set you are willing to bring. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BADA92FA5F5C70-47017579-bean>

SCHOOL & ELC OPEN HOUSE

Looking for grade school or child care opportunities? You're invited to a free "Summer in the Winter" Open House at Holy Cross Lutheran School and Kids Crossing Early Learning Center. Come and enjoy live music, snacks, bounce house, games and more. Our Principal and Early Learning Center Director will be here to meet you, give tours of our facilities and answer questions. Saturday, January 27 from 9 - 11 am. Free entrance. Bring the family and escape winter:) Current Church, School and ELC families are encouraged to attend! It would be fun for prospective families to meet you.... and, it will be a good opportunity for you to have some fellowship time with your friends here at Holy Cross!

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

There is no cost to the church or families/individual members. Each family/individual will get a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 directory pose. Anyone who purchases a print product will get a free church directory and 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.

LIVE STREAMING REMINDER

There are two ways to live stream Holy Cross worship services. The first is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church website, scroll down and click the green "Live stream" button, or hover over the "Live Stream/Sermons" drop down menu, click the "Live Streaming" button, and watch from there (or click the "Vimeo" button on the bottom right of the video and watch from there). The second way is to go to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School Facebook page and, on Sunday mornings, it should be the most recent post (right around 8:30AM). Keep in mind, both of these options work for accessing older live streams as well. The best way may be to navigate to the Vimeo website to see a full list of old live streams.

SENIOR MINISTRY BREAKFAST

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