

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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March 24, 2024

*"Your King Comes to You"*

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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 10:30 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 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.

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**March 24, 2024**  
**Palm Sunday**

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**Pre-Service** (10:30am) Adult Handbells....."Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna"

**Choir**....."Come Let Us Worship the King"

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Confession of Sins**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn** #131 (vs 3-5)....."All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

3 All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.

4 All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

5 All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
As you received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King.

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

**C: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Epistle Lesson**.....Philippians 2:5-11

*Because Christ humbled himself and became obedient to death, God highly exalted him.*

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. 6 Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, 7 but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 24

M: The earth is the Lord's and everything that fills it, the world and all who live in it,

**C: because he founded it on the seas, and he established it on the rivers.**

M: Who may go up to the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

**C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, He will receive blessing from the God who saves him.**

M: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in.

**C: Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

M: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in.

**C: Who is he, this King of Glory? The Lord of Armies—he is the King of Glory.**

## **Gospel Lesson**.....Mark 11:1-10

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2 and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'"

4 They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. 5 Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

7 They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. 8 Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

## **Children's Sermon**

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**Hymn** CWS #716....."No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
with banners and with drums,  
no sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
no bells in triumph ring,  
no city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"

2 And yet he comes. The children cheer;  
with palms his path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt he passes by  
as loud hosannas ring,  
or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"

3 What fading flow'rs his road adorn;  
the palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
the King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
the streets with tumult ring,  
as Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"

4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake  
the cross and all its pains  
and chose a servant's form to take,  
the King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
till heaven's rafters ring,  
and all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

**Sermon**.....Pastor Piet Van Kampen....."Your King Comes to You!"

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.  
He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem.  
The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Creed Hymn** #270....."We All Believe in One True God"

1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host,  
By whose mighty pow'r alone  
All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's Son,  
Who descended from his throne  
And for us salvation won,  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both fore'er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity,  
Hear our praise eternally!

**Offering**

**Offertory** (8:30am) Adult Handbells....."Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

## **Prayer of the Church**

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the Gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in this life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

**Hymn** #133....."Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue your road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see th' approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

### **Closing Prayer & Blessing**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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 Poellet, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line.

Thanks.

## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

March 24, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – March 25 - March 31**

#### **Wednesday**

- NO WORSHIP

#### **Thursday**

- Maundy Thursday Worship - 6:30 pm

#### **Friday**

- Good Friday Worship - 1:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Easter Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Steve Juve, Barb Pape, and Phil Buteyn were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 3/12/24-3/18/24**

\$15,875.51

#### **TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 3/18/24**

\$585,419.81

#### **FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$594,115.56

#### **FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**

\$813,000.00

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 6:30 pm. This is the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. (includes Individual Absolution and the Lord's Supper)
- Good Friday, March 29 - 1:30 pm. Ponder the day Jesus died for our sins. (includes the Lord's Supper)
- Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection!

### **SERMON VIDEO LINKS**

03/20/24 - "God on Trial - Sympathy" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/925661425>

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED**

Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! June 24-27, we will be inviting children to "DIVE IN!" to God's Word. (Ocean themed) If you have helped out in the past or are interested in helping this year, please contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto: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.



## **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](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) or call 608-249-3101.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES: ELC/SUMMER ADVENTURES**

Do you or someone you know have a love for children and a passion for creativity? Kids Crossing Early Learning Center is looking for enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team in either teaching in the ELC or leading 5-12 year olds in an enjoyable summer.

### *Job Description*

- Maintain safety of all children.
- Lead or assist in the implementation of activities.
- Actively engage with children
- Maintain cleanliness
- Maintain communication and relationships with families
- Assists in keeping records and attendance

### *Qualifications*

- Must be 16 years or older to work in Summer Adventures, and 18 or older to work in the ELC.
- Enjoys being in the company of children
- Great teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills
- Is alert, patient, and caring
- First Aid and CPR certified, or willing to complete certification

For more information or interest, contact *Katie Krug* at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org)

## **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 6:00p.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.

## **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/>

## 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](http://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://us02web.zoom.us/j/84082014848?pwd=NEhIR3pMODF5TWJLT2NiWXhjLoxKZz09> (Meeting ID: 840 8201 4848; Passcode: 055136). Thank you!