

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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October 29, 2023

*"In the Midst of Lions, Trust God"*

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## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

**OUR SAVIOR WELCOMES YOU AND SO DO WE!** Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you! Please come back and worship with us again!

**PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES** We love to have children in worship! However, parents who find a need to take their children out of the service are welcome to use the narthex/lobby area while you quiet your little one. The infant care room is also available for nursing mothers. You'll be able to hear the service from the speaker system in the narthex and in the infant care room. A changing table is in the men's and women's bathrooms. If needed, please ask an usher for assistance.

**REGISTRATION CARDS** are in the hymnal racks. Guests may use the registration cards to let us know how we may further assist you. We encourage all members and guests to fill out a registration card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

**A HEARING LOOP** is installed in our sanctuary for your convenience. If your hearing aid has a t-switch, you'll need to activate it when you're in the sanctuary, in order to benefit from the hearing loop.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** Holy Cross offers a full Christian elementary school (grades PreK3 – 8), Kids Crossing Early Learning Center (6 weeks – 5 years), Sunday School and children's youth activities.

**PRAYER CONCERNS?** Contact Sherri Bartels, [sbbartels.sb@gmail.com](mailto:sbbartels.sb@gmail.com). Our prayer chain is a large group of Holy Cross members who join you in calling upon God with your prayer concerns. Galatians 6:2 says "Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

**USHERS** are on duty during church services. Please speak with them if you need assistance.

**LIVE STREAM WORSHIP** If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship, our 8:30 am service is live streamed on the church website.

**PHONE-IN WORSHIP** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (Call any time after 8:20 a.m.; dial 1 (978) 990-5164 followed by access code 6279900#)

**ON DEMAND WORSHIP** View or listen to any of our past worship services by visiting our website and click the tab labeled Live Stream/Sermons and click sermons.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30am and Monday, 6:30 pm.

**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.

# ***"In the Midst of Lions, Trust God"***

***October 29, 2023***

***Festival of the Reformation***

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**Opening Hymn** #200....."A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one  
Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?"  
Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord.  
And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will --  
Hate, steal, hurt, or kill --  
Though all may be gone,  
Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

**Invocation & Responsory for Reformation**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

C: **One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

M: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

M: The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

M: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him.

C: **I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths; O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

C: **I am a sinner and I am a saint. This is what the Lord says. I am a sinner in God's sight, not because God made me a sinner, but because I inherited the sin of my parents and because I sin every day. At the same time I am also holy in God's sight, not because of what I have done, but because God has declared me righteous for the sake of the perfect life and atoning death of his Son. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. I am a saint, God's own child, and an heir of heaven.**

**Choir....."O Church Arise"**

**Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 46  
(selected verses)

M: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: An ever-present help in trouble.**

M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

**C: though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

M: God is within her, she will not fall;

**C: God will help her at break of day.**

M: "Be still and know that I am God;

**C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

**Epistle Lesson**.....Galatians 5:1-6  
*Since Christ has set us free, we do not want to be slaves again.*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. 2 Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you allow yourselves to be circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 I testify again to every man who allows himself to be circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be declared righteous by the law are completely separated from Christ. You have fallen from grace. 5 Indeed, through the Spirit, we by faith are eagerly waiting for the sure hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters. Rather, it is faith working through love that matters.

**Hymn of Praise** #384 (vs 1, 3 )....."By Grace I'm Saved"

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why waver at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
So then this word must true remain:  
By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

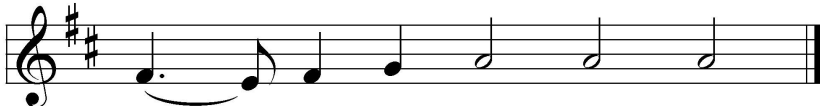
3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise  
When you are by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,  
And when your heart is seeking rest.  
What reason cannot comprehend  
God by his grace to you did send

**Gospel Lesson**.....Matthew 10:16-23  
*Whoever endures in their faith to the end will be saved.*

16 "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. 17 Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. 20 In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

21 "Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 22 You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. 23 And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **Children's Sermon**

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.*

### **Hymn of the Day** #203....."Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.

### **Sermon** .....Pastor Piet Van Kampen.....In the Midst of Lions, Trust God

*Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. 11 Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

12 They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."...

16 Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." 17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. 18 Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

19 At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. 20 As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! 22 My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

23 Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

**Confession of Faith**.....*Excerpts from Luther’s Large Catechism, The Second Article*

M: If you are asked, “What do you believe in the Second Article, concerning Jesus Christ?”, answer briefly:

**C: “I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord.”**

M: There was no counsel, no help, no comfort for us until this only and eternal Son of God, in his unfathomable goodness, had mercy on our misery and wretchedness and came from heaven to help us.

**C: He has snatched us, poor lost creatures, from the jaws of hell, won us, made us free, and restored us to the Father’s favor and grace. He has taken us as his own, under his protection, in order that he may rule us by his righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.**

M: Let this be the summary of this article, that the little word “Lord” simply means the same as Redeemer, that is, he who has brought us back from the devil to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and now keeps us safe there. The remaining parts of this article simply serve to clarify and express how and by what means this redemption was accomplished — that is, how much it cost Christ and what he paid and risked in order to win us and bring us under his dominion.

**C: That is to say, he became man, conceived and born without sin, of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin, that he might become Lord over sin; moreover, he suffered, died, and was buried that he might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owed, not with silver and gold but with his own precious blood.**

M: All this in order to become my Lord. For he did none of these things for himself, nor had he any need of them.

**C: Afterward he rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed dominion at the right hand of the Father.**

M: The devil and all powers, therefore, must be subject to him and lie beneath his feet until finally, at the last day, he will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc.

**C: Indeed, the entire Gospel that we preach depends on the proper understanding of this article. Upon it all our salvation and blessedness are based, and it is so rich and broad that we can never learn it fully.**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church for Reformation**

M: Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, sustain your Church. Deliver us from error and preserve us in the preaching of the gospel, so that people all over the world may fear and glorify you. Bless all who preach and teach your Word. Help them to preach your Law so that everyone is held accountable to you without excuse, and to joyfully proclaim your Gospel so that everyone would know Jesus as their Savior.

**C: Open the eyes of all who are blind to the bondage of their sin and grant them true freedom and a permanent place in your kingdom through the saving truth of your Son.**

M: Keep every household in your Word, bringing your peace to our homes and families.

**C: Encourage fathers and mothers in their godly task of bringing up their children in the fear and instruction of the Lord.**

M: Bless all civil authorities, especially our president, the Congress, and all who make, administer and judge our laws.

**C: Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices, and grant them wisdom to serve with integrity.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Thank you for sending the great reformers of your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us together with them in the true faith and bring us to our heavenly home to meet our Redeemer face to face.

**C: We ask all these things in Jesus' name. 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**#293....."God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

### **Closing Prayer**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### **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 on you with favor and give you peace.



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



## **Announcements**

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". Thanks.

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

October 29, 2023

### **Calendar for the Week - October 29th – November 5th**

#### **Monday**

- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class- 7:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

- Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

#### **Thursday**

- Ladies Aid - 1:00pm

#### **Sunday**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given this week by Tami Reid for her granddaughter, Hailey's, birthday.

### **Andrew Schoenfeld has a Call to Michigan Lutheran High School**

Dear members of Holy Cross,

Last Sunday, Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, MI, called me to be their Athletic Director, teach religion, P.E., and coach a varsity sport. 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 few weeks, I will deliberate where best to serve the Lord and His kingdom. I would ask that you pray for Holy Cross, Michigan Lutheran, and my family as I deliberate. I welcome any prayers, encouragement, and questions you may have.

In Christ,

Andrew Schoenfeld

### **ELC Job or Volunteer Announcement**

"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!'" Isaiah 6:8

If you, or someone you know, has a talent for working with children, is kind, patient, and positive, we need you! We have multiple openings, both part and full time, paid (\$15/hr) or volunteer. Please contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

#### Volunteer Positions:

Snuggling babies, reading books, playing with children, helping students during group lessons.

#### Paid Positions:

Infant room: 7am-12pm

1 year old room: 3:30pm-5:30pm

2 year old room: 7:30pm-4:30pm

Floater (goes to multiple rooms): 8:00am-5:00pm

After School Care: 3:00pm-5:30pm

### **Mystery Dinner Theater Update**

November 18, 2023

Please note if you are attending: the dress code is business casual. Please no jeans/tshirts.

Thanks!

## **GIVING OPPORTUNITY - SCHOOL WISHLIST TREES**

When donating to our school, some people prefer to give toward an item for a specific classroom, as opposed to just giving to a general fund in which they have no idea toward what their donation goes. There is currently a way to make that happen!

Our Holy Cross Lutheran School teaching staff has compiled a wish list for their classrooms, and the teachers' aides have put together a display of those items in the cafeteria. There are "Wishlist Trees" with leaves in fall colors designated for each classroom, as well as a list of items posted next to them that each classroom teacher is "wishing" for. There are three trees: one for kindergarten through second grade, one for third through fifth grades, and one for sixth through eighth grades.

If you are interested in making a donation, please pick a leaf with a dollar amount written on it from the tree and then donate that amount toward the item of your choosing. There will be someone at a table in the cafeteria after each church service to take care of your donation.

On behalf of the Holy Cross teachers, thank you so much for your donation!

## **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**

On Friday, November 10th at 6 PM, Holy Cross Lutheran School Children will be hosting our annual Veterans Day program. We would like to honor all Veterans, if you know of a Veteran, please share the name(s) and branch of the military with us to put on the wall of honor! Send information to [frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org)

## **COOKIE WALK - Save the Date!**

**Saturday, December 9th!** Time to start baking! Sign-up sheet located in the welcome center. Last year we raised around \$3,000 for the School Library! This year proceeds will be split between the Church and School. Last year we ran out of overflow cookies within our 1st hour. We would like for you to help donate MORE cookies, bars, candies, jams & one those Norwegian goodies! Please consider donating to this amazing cause to help support Holy Cross Church & School! Any questions please contact Jodi Hougan at [jspeth11@gmail.com](mailto:jspeth11@gmail.com). We will also have our annual Scholastic Book Fair going at the same time!

## **The Bethany Getaway Weekend**

Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a **FREE** weekend November 9-11, 2023, that's filled with fun and excitement! While on campus, you will do the following:

- Tour our campus
- Experience life as a Bethany Student
- Meet professors, directors, coaches, and new friends

To reserve your spot or obtain more information, go to [blc.edu/getaway](http://blc.edu/getaway), call Bethany's Admissions Office at 507-344-7331, or email any questions to [admissions@blc.edu](mailto:admissions@blc.edu). Your reservation is due by October 31.

## **2023 Biblical Worldview Conference – Chicago**

For Such a Time as This – Discernment, Boldness, & Compassion (LGBTQ+ ideology, pronouns, parenting, schools, gospel outreach)

Saturday, Nov. 4 at St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lombard, IL from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

- Cost: \$25. Box lunch: \$15. Livestream: \$10. Family discounts available.
- Registration, payment, additional info: [www.WorldviewChicago.org](http://www.WorldviewChicago.org) (or call 630-627-2435).

(Presenters subscribe to the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible as expressed in the conservative Reformation)

### **SCHEDULE**

8:45 a.m.	Mr. Joshua Nelson: "Confronting Modern Heresies in Schools and Elsewhere"
10:20 a.m.	Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller: "The Theology of Pronouns"
12:45 p.m.	Dr. Jennifer Kom: "Gender Solid Parenting"
2:20 p.m.	Rev. Dr. John Bombaro: "Christian Witness & Your LGBTQ Friends and Family"
4:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion