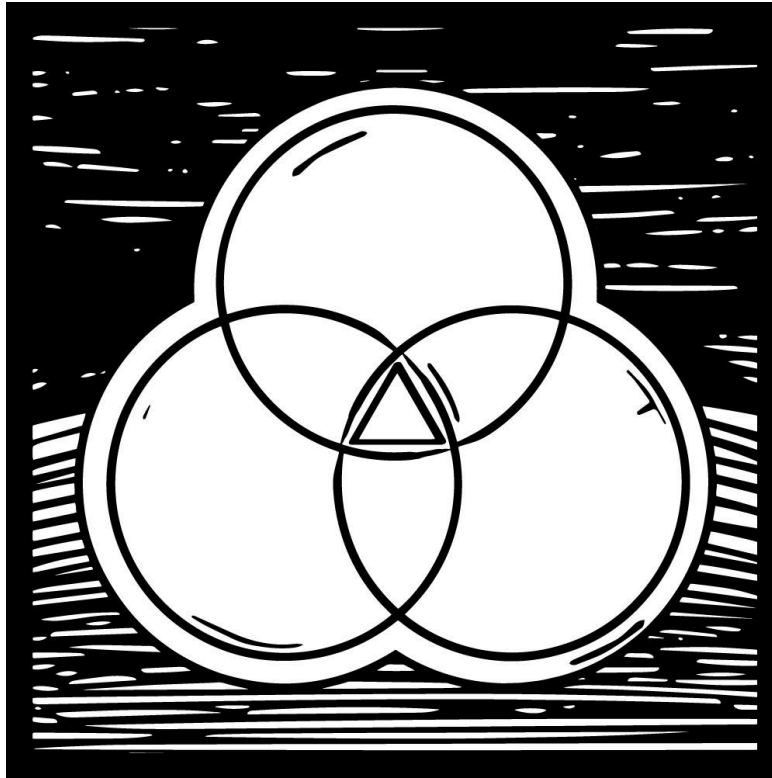


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



July 14, 2024

"Speak God's Word Faithfully"

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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 9:00 am service is live streamed on the church website.

PHONE-IN WORSHIP Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (Call any time after 8:40 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, 9:00 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.

"Speak God's Word Faithfully"
July 14, 2024
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of the Word – Page 38

Opening Hymn #512....."Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw,
And which our fathers told.

3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

2 Make unto them his glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace,
And we'll convey his wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

4 Oh, teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget his works,
But walk in his commands.

Invocation

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.

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.

Prayer and Praise

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

Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 78

M: Give ear, O my people, to my instruction.

C: Turn your ear to the words of my mouth.

M: I will speak about puzzling problems from long ago,

C: things we have heard and known, things our fathers have told us.

M: We will not hide them from their descendants.

C: We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

M: He set up testimony for Jacob. In Israel he established the law.

C: Then the next generation would know it, they would rise up and tell their children.

M: Then they would put their confidence in God

C: And they would not forget the deeds of God, but they would keep his commands.

First LessonEphesians 1:3-14

We praise God for blessing us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

4 He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, 6 and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

7 In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. 9 He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. 10 This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. 12 He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

13 In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. 14 He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

Verse of the Day



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

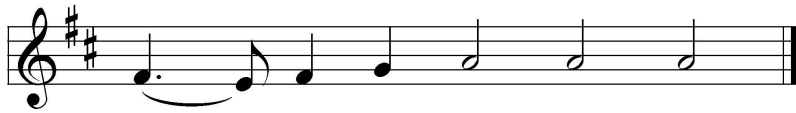


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Gospel Lesson.....Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sends his disciples to faithfully preach his Word.

7 Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts.
9 They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats.
10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area.
11 Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them."
12 They went out and preached that people should repent.
13 They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children’s Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.

Hymn #518.....“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” (sung to the tune of #383)

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring, Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.	3 Priests to the world, yes, royal priests As members of Christ’s family, Cleansed by the great high-priestly death, We preach atonement full and free.
2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with him his servants gain. With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.	4 Christ on our lips, his Word we speak. Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim Christ's truth in love, that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show That in his Church all nations find Their hearth and home where Christ restores True peace, true love, to humankind.	

SermonPastor Piet Van Kampen..... “Speak God’s Word Faithfully”

Amos 7:10-15

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:
Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words.
11 This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."
12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there.
13 But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."
14 Then Amos responded to Amaziah: "I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees.
15 But the Lord took me from tending flocks, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church for the Sundays after Pentecost

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.

Closing 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.



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.



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

July 14, 2024

Calendar for the Week – July 15 - July 21

Monday

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

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- All Boards - 5:30 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Friday

- Bikes, Bubbles, & Book Share - 5:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am
- Report from Vietnam (Josh Heyn) - 10:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS were given by Janet Schumann on the occasion of her daughter's birthday.

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

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 7/1/24 - 7/8/24

\$18,660.69

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 7/8/24

\$15,769.23

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

SERMON VIDEO LINKS

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

7/7/24 - "Strength in Weakness" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/979974738?share=copy>

SENIOR MINISTRY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Senior Ministry breakfast will be held at Perkins on Hayes Rd at 9AM on August 13. We hope to see you there!

K - 8 GIRLS DANCE OPPORTUNITY

Girls in K-8 are invited to join Lakeside Lutheran High School for their Barbie Dance Clinic, Friday, September 6, 2024 at 4:45 PM. This clinic will also have a performance at halftime at that night's football game. Visit llhs.org/apps/pages/K8dance to view the flier and to register. *Sign up by July 31.*

REPORT FROM VIETNAM

Holy Cross member Josh Heyn is doing mission work in Vietnam with the Friends Network. Friends Network has been sending ELS/WELS missionaries to Asia since 2001. Josh is back visiting in the states and will be here next Sunday, July 21, to give us a report on mission work in Vietnam. Join us in the Fireside room after church next week, July 21.

BIKES, BUBBLES, & BOOK SHARE EVENT

Join us for a delightful evening of fellowship and fun at our Bubbles, Bikes, Book Share event on Friday, July 19th from 5-7pm! Bring your family, friend or neighbor and enjoy a picnic dinner while socializing with fellow members. Don't forget to bring gently used books (or new) to swap with the group and take home!

Please bring your own chairs/blankets and bikes/scooters for an evening of outdoor enjoyment. Bubbles, food and plenty of fun will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there! This event will be held on the school side near the playground and parking will be available in the church parking lot.

Sign up via QR Code below or the sign up sheet in church narthex.

If you do not plan to attend but would like to donate books (looking for ages 8-15), or have any questions, please contact Tanya Homan at tanyamhoman@gmail.com.

