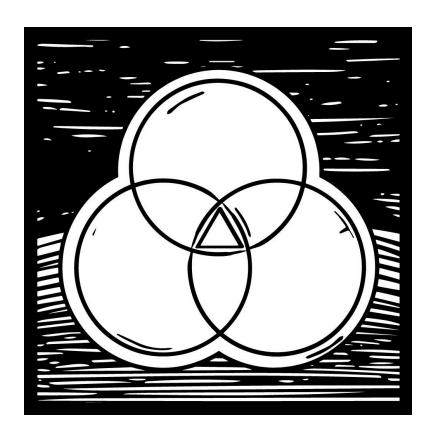
# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

# School and Early Learning Center



July 21, 2024

# "Tending the Flock"

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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 PreK<sub>3</sub> – 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 10:30am and Monday, 6:30 pm. (Summer Worship Schedule - Sunday, 9:00 am and Monday, 6:30 pm - Memorial Day through Labor Day)

**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.

# "Tending the Flock" July 21, 2024 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening Hymn #515 (vs 1, 4, 5)....."Shepherd of Tender Youth"

1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways,
Christ, our triumphant King,
We come your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join your praise.

4 Oh, ever be our guide,
Our shepherd and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By your enduring Word
Lead us where you have trod;
Make our faith strong.

5 So now and till we die Sound we your praises high And joyful sing; Infants and all the throng Who to your Church belong Unite to swell the song To Christ, our King.

#### Invocation

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

# Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

# **Absolution**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

#### C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

#### C: Christ, have mercy.

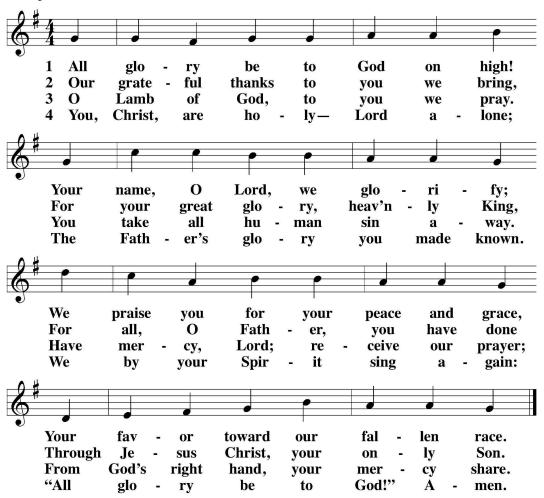
M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

#### C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

# Glory Be to God (melody #597)



## **Salutation**

M: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson ................Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord himself promises to deliver his people from false shepherds and to send true shepherds to his people.

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the Lord.

2 Therefore, this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.

You have driven them away.

You have not taken care of them,

but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done,

declares the Lord.

3 I will gather what is left of my flock

out of all the countries where I have driven them,

and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

4 I will raise up shepherds over them

who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,

nor will any be missing, declares the Lord.

5 Listen, the days are coming, declares the Lord,

when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

who will reign wisely as king

and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

6 In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:

The Lord Our Righteousness.

# Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 23

M: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

C: He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters.

M: He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

M: You set a table for me in the presence of my foes. You drench my head with oil. My cup is overflowing.

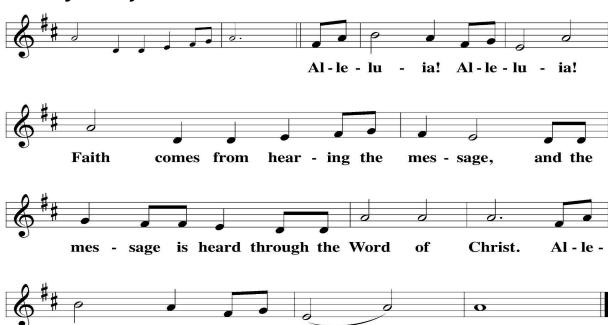
C: Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

#### Second Lesson Ephesians 2:13–22

Jesus came to save both Jews and Gentiles and to make all believers a part of the same family.

13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them 15 when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. 16 And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. 17 He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. 20 You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

## **Verse of the Day**



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### Children's Sermon

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Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

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Hymn of the Day #436....."Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

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1 Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep, Who your Father's flock does keep, Safe we wake and safe we sleep, Guarded still by you.

2 In your promise firm we stand; None can take us from your hand. Speak -- we hear -- at your command, We will follow you.

3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your life salvation wrought; By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.

> 4 Father, draw us to your Son; We with joy will follow on Till the work of grace is done, There to live with you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed, Join th' assembly of the blest, Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you. 30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. 32 They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.

#### 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.

# **Offering**

# **Special Prayers and Intercessions**

# <u>Preface</u>

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

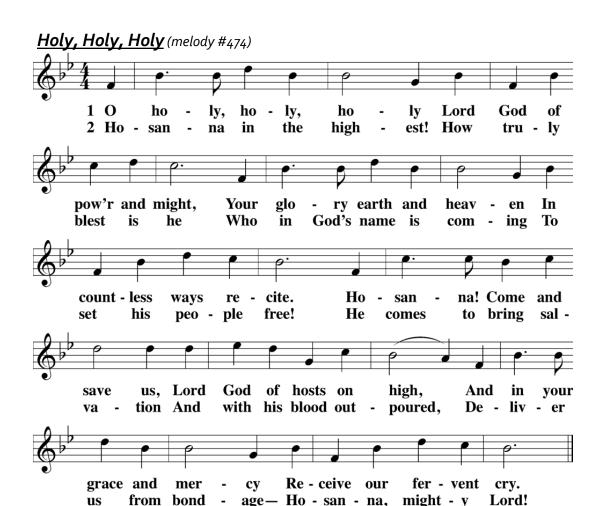
M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



# <u>Prayer of Thanksgiving</u>

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

# **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: Amen.

# Lamb of God



# **Distribution & Hymns**

#360....."The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want"

1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.

He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The guiet waters by.

2 My soul he doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

4 My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be. #372....."I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

1 lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus
To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him. He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem. I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares; He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces;
I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

4 I long to be like Jesus:
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus
Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises,
To learn the angels' song.

# **Song of Simeon** (melody #614)



# **Prayer After Communion**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

# <u>Benediction</u>

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, 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 21, 2024

# Calendar for the Week – July 22 - July 28 Monday

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

#### Wednesday

Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### Sunday

Worship - 9:00 am

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**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Lois Blackbourn and Steve Juve were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

#### **GIVING**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 7/9/24 - 7/15/24

\$16,233.24

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 7/15/24

\$34,893.93

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$31,538.46

**FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED** 

\$820,000

#### 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.

7/14/24 - "Speak God's Word Faithfully" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen https://vimeo.com/983886720

#### 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 <u>TODAY</u>, to give us a report on mission work in Vietnam. Join us in the Fireside room after church!

#### DOOR OFFERING TODAY

After church today we'll be taking a door offering to help support Josh Heyn's mission work in Vietnam for the Friends Network. Over the past 20+ years Friends Network has sent more than 340 ELS/WELS missionaries to Asia. Thousands of new friends have come to know Christ through their faithful witness. Donations may also be made at <a href="mailto:friendsnet.org/donate">friendsnet.org/donate</a>

#### **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!

#### **PETTING ZOO**

Our friends from Havens Petting Zoo will be joining us on August 23, 2024 from 4 - 7PM. They will be bringing lots of sweet animals to pet and feed.

We will be providing a light dinner. Please invite your friends to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!

#### **SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS**

"Praise the Lord"! Holy Cross Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on <u>Wednesday, September 4</u> for the 2024-25 season. The choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7 pm. We invite you to participate - please talk to Jim Baxter, Director so we have a folder prepared for you. baxter4822@gmail.com

Be a part of the Choir for Rally Sunday on September 8. Look forward to seeing you there.

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM CLASS**

If you have a student in public school who will be entering 7th or 8th grade, please speak with Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen about enrolling them in Catechism class this fall. 608-249-3101. Thank you!

#### **K - 8 GIRLS DANCE OPPORTUNITY**

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

#### MADISON AREA BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY MEETING

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on <u>Tuesday, September 3, 2024</u>, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road in Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Following the meal, Jake Krier, Bethany's Director of Alumni Relations will give a college update and answer questions guests may have.

Come and hear about our college in Mankato, MN. All ladies and gentlemen are invited and urged to Attend!

#### MADISON AREA WELS/ELS BIBLE STUDY

The very word "predestination" brings to mind the mysteries of God. It raises scary questions like "Am I saved by predestination or by faith?" The word "conversion" likewise leads people to wonder if they have done the right things to be a Christian. The books Predestination and Conversion from the NPH People's Bible Teachings series discuss these closely related doctrines. Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a class through these two books and supplemental materials in a 13-week course held in two parallel sessions. One will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie, and the other will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday afternoons beginning September 4 at Lord of Love in DeForest. The sessions will be 60 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the video sessions of the course later. All the necessary information to register for and attend this class series is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website www.interrapaxlp.com. Information, class notes, and videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis. The books can be ordered online from the Northwestern Publishing House (NPH).