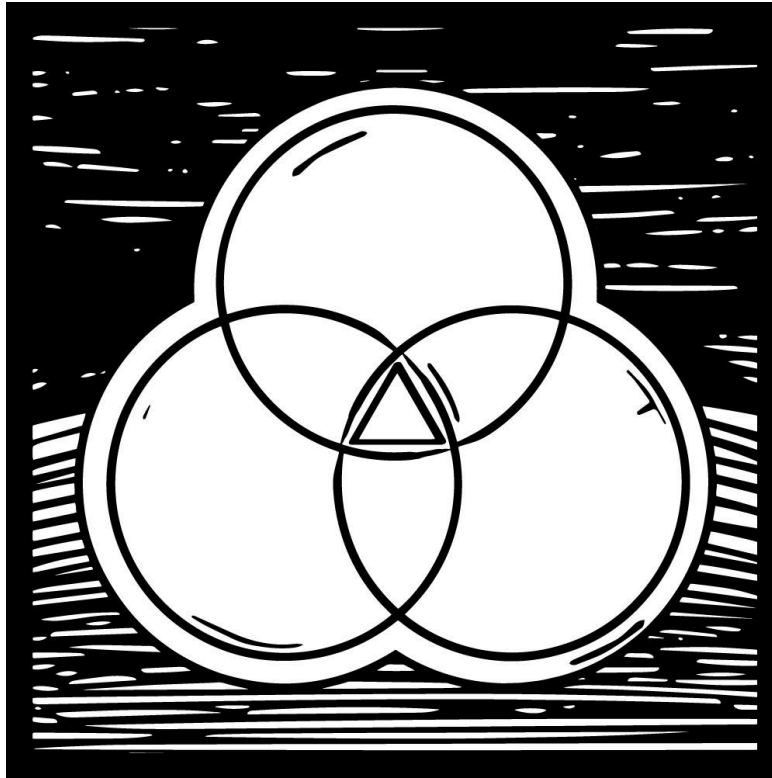


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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July 28, 2024

*"Make the Comparison!"*

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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 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 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.

**"Make the Comparison!"**  
**July 28, 2024**  
**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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**Opening Hymn** #224....."God Himself Is Present"

1 God himself is present --  
Let us now adore him  
And with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple --  
All within keep silence,  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone On his throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise his name forever!

2 God himself is present --  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy" --  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels,  
Worshiping before you,  
May I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will Ever still  
Rule your church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.

**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: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## **First Lesson** .....Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

*There is unity in the body of Christ*

1 As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. 2 Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. 11 He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, 12 for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. 13 This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. 16 From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

## **Psalm of the Day** .....Psalm 84

M: How I love your dwelling place, O Lord of Armies.

**C: My soul grows weak and even wastes away, as I long for the courtyards of the Lord.**

M: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. How blessed are those who live in your house.

**C: They are always praising you. Yes, one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

M: I would rather wait at the doorway of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**C: O Lord of Armies, how blessed is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Second Lesson**.....John 6:1-15

*Jesus compassionately feeds the 5,000.*

1 After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). 2 A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. 3 Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little."

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men.

11 Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted.

12 When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted."

13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

14 When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world."

15 When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**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.**



**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

**Hymn** #256....."How Great Thou Art"

1 Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art,! How great thou art!"

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art,! How great thou art!"

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art,! How great thou art!"

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art! How great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
"How great thou art,! How great thou art!"

**Sermon**.....Pastor Eugene Kock..... "Make the Comparison!"

*Isaiah 40:25-31*

25 To whom can you compare me as if we were equals?  
says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and see who created these things.

See who brings out their army in great number  
and calls them all by name.

Because of his great strength and mighty power,  
not one of them is missing.

27 Why do you speak, O Jacob?

O Israel, why do you say,

"My way is hidden from the Lord,

and justice for me is ignored by my God"?

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the eternal God.

He is the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary.

No one can find a limit to his understanding.

29 He is the one who gives strength to the weak,  
and he increases the strength of those who lack power.

30 Young men grow tired and become weary.

Even strong men stumble and fall.

31 But those who wait for the Lord will receive new strength.

They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary.

## **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** #433....."Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from thee:  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild.  
Boist'rous waves obey thy will  
When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on thy breast,  
May I hear thee say to me,  
"Fear not! I will pilot thee."

**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](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**

July 28, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – July 29 - August 4**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 9:00 am

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

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 7/16/24 - 7/22/24**

\$12,094.14

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/24 - 7/22/24**

\$46,988.07

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$47,307.69

**FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED**

\$820,000

### **THANKS TO PASTOR GENE KOCK**

Our guest pastor today is Pastor Gene Kock, who helped at Holy Cross during our recent pastoral vacancy. Pastor Van Kampen is in Chicago at the ELS Youth Convention and Pastor Bartels is in Portland, Oregon visiting his mother. Thanks so much to Pastor Kock!

### **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.

7/21/24 - "Tending the Flock" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/988018068>

### **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](https://llhs.org/apps/pages/K8dance) to view the flier and to register. *Sign up by July 31.*

### **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!

### **HIRING - INFANT ROOM TEACHER**

Have a love for babies? We are looking for caring Christians to be part-time teachers in the morning. The starting wage is \$15/ hour. The starting wage for a lead teacher is \$16/hour. Email [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) for more information.

### **SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS**

"Praise the Lord"! Holy Cross Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4 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](mailto: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!

### **NEW TEACHER INSTALLATION**

School starts on Monday, August 19! Join us in church on Sunday, August 18 as we install Chloe Kuhlman as our new 8th grade teacher and Hannah Weide as our new 1st grade teacher.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEES INSTALLATION**

Much of the Holy Cross ministry happens through our Church Council, Boards and Committees. During church on Sunday, August 11 our Holy Cross Board and Committee members will be installed into office for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. We thank them for their service and keep them in our prayers:

- Church Council
- Elders
- School Board
- Early Learning Center Board
- Board for Stewardship and Finance
- Membership Development Board
- Trustees
- Endowment Fund Committee
- Worship Committee
- Senior Ministry Committee
- Membership Committee
- Youth and Education Committee
- Evangelism Committee
- Website Committee
- Technology Committee
- Event Planning Committee
- Security Committee
- Lakeside General Board

### **MADISON AREA BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY MEETING**

Please join us! The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road in Madison. The evening will begin with a delicious salad supper at 6:00 p.m. 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](http://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).

### **BETHANY NATIONAL AUXILIARY DAY**

Bethany National Auxiliary Day will be held on the Bethany Lutheran College campus in Mankato, Minnesota on Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Bethany leadership, tour new facilities, and get an update from the ELS and Seminary over lunch. The group will also take part in the annual business meeting where Auxiliary members vote on special projects to support.

If you have any questions about Auxiliary Day or how to support it please contact Christopher Kind at 507-344-7862. Please scan QR code for preliminary schedule.

