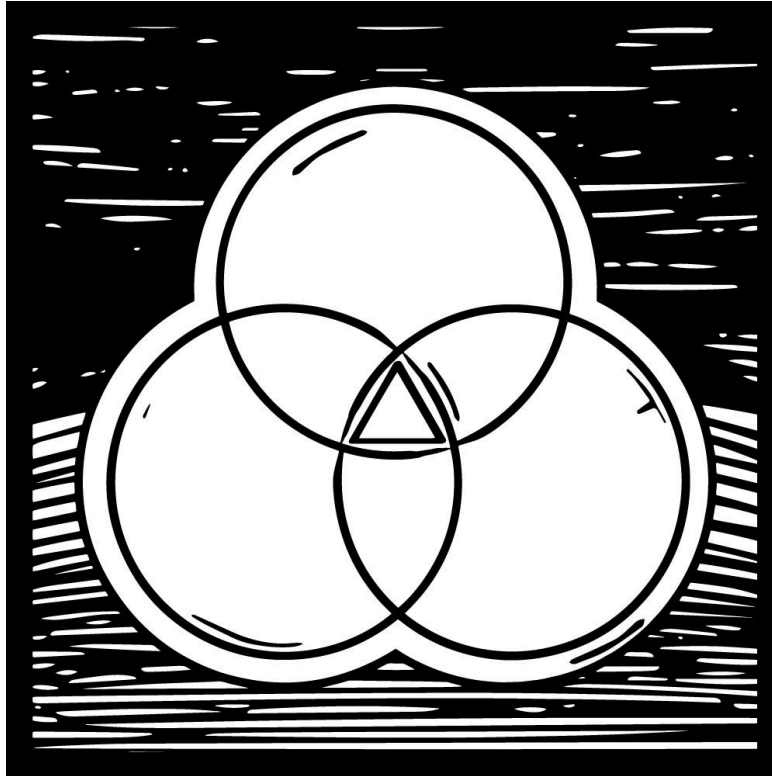


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



July 7, 2024

"Strength in Weakness"

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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 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.

"Strength in Weakness"
July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

CWS Divine Service of the Word II

Opening Hymn #619....."God Bless our Native Land"

1 God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

2 For her our prayers shall rise
To God above the skies;
On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

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)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First LessonEzekiel 2:1-5
Ezekiel's call to a rebellious Israel

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.
3He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. 4These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the Lord God says. 5Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 143

M: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

C: Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

M: My spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.

C: Answer me quickly, O Lord; do not hide your face from me.

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

C: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Second Lesson.....Mark 6:1-6

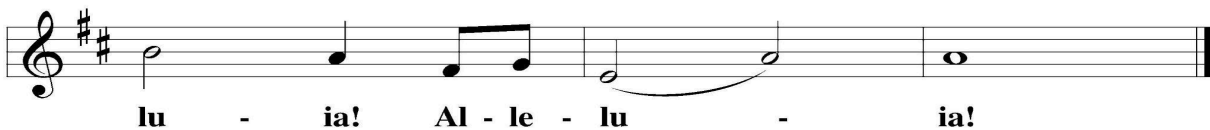
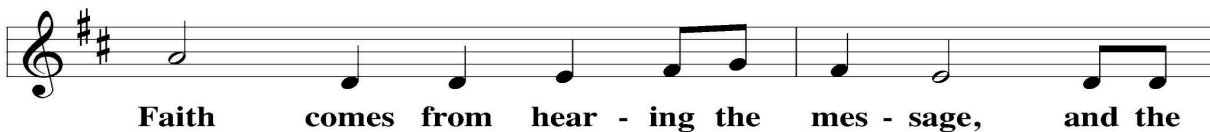
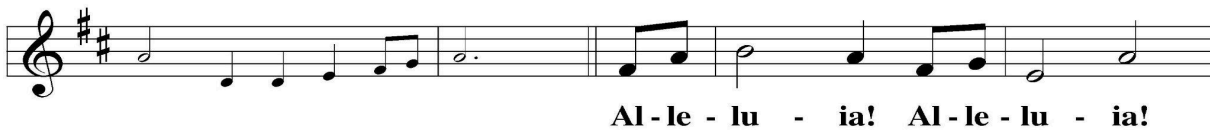
Jesus was without honor in his own hometown

1 Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? 3 Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house." 5 He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

6 He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

Verse of the Day



Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn of the Day "Joy In All Life's Trials Keep"
by Jonathan Bartels

1. Joy in all life's trials keep,
Pray, keep watch, don't fall asleep.
Persevere, run to the prize,
You've been granted paradise.

2. When life's shadows on us cast
Gloom and fear, they cannot last
Trust his promises and cease
Doubting in the Prince of Peace.

3. Jesus, Lord, to you we pray
Keep us in the narrow way.
You, the only who can save
Granting victory o'er the grave.

4. Though a sinner still I be
Christ in all humility.
Took my guilt and shame to bear
On the cross he suffered there.

5. Where, O death your victory?
Daughter, son, all family
Those in Christ receive his grace
We will see them face to face.

6. I can say with my last breath,
"Jesus Christ has conquered death.
He has ris'n, and so will I."
This shall be my battle cry.

7. Now I lay me down to sleep
Pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I die before I wake
Pray the Lord my soul to take.

SermonPastor Mark Bartels..... "Strength in Weakness"
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

7 Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. 9 And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

10 That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

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

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

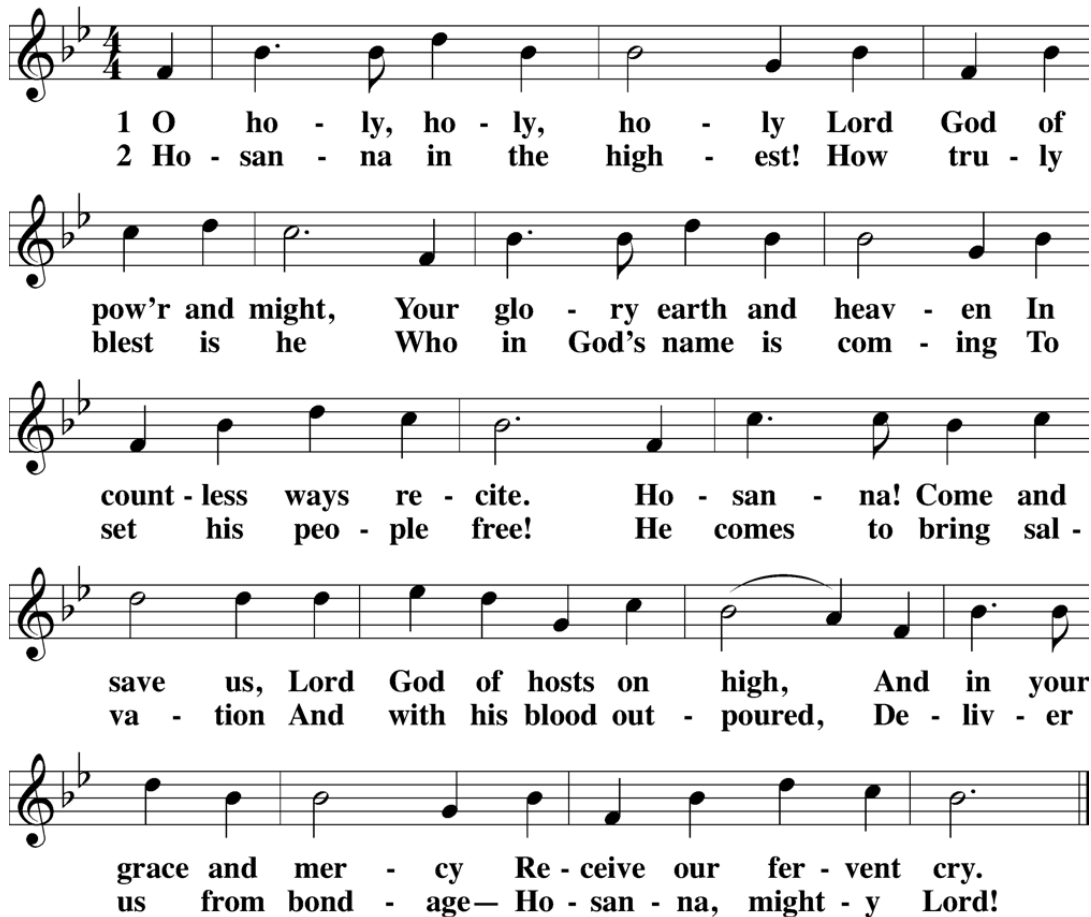
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 names and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (melody #474)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymn #310 (vs 1-9)....."I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

1 I come, O Savior, to your Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain:

*Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy
May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me,
Look only unto You, O Lord!

Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never
Nor will your faithfulness depart.

Refrain

4 Oh, let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul
That I through willful sinning never
May see your judgment take its toll!

Refrain

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning;
So let me, too, come trustingly.

Refrain

6 Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.

Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.

Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy Table
The testament of your deep love;
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.

Refrain

9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.

Refrain

Song of Simeon (melody #614)



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

Benediction

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 7, 2024

Calendar for the Week – July 8 - July 14

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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ALTAR FLOWERS were given by Dave and Beth Lunde on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Chris Lahaie and Ann Cooper were hospitalized this week. Please pray for them and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 6/25/24 - 6/30/24

\$11,143.83

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

\$784,535.66

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000

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.

6/30/24 - "The Lord's Compassion Never Fails" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/972339702>

ANNIVERSARIES TODAY AT OUR SAVIOR'S

Today, July 7, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1201 Droster Road is celebrating 50 years in their current location, and the 25th anniversary of Pastor Cory Hahnke's ordination. Picnic lunch to follow. All are welcome!

Here's an interesting connection we have with Our Savior's: For decades, prior to moving to Droster Road, Our Savior's was near the state capitol at 401 East Washington Ave, in what is now Prost Beer Hall and Restaurant. Nearly 100 years ago, long before moving to its present location, Our Savior's started a little daughter congregation on what was then the outskirts of Madison. The daughter mission congregation came to be known as Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and chose Milwaukee Street as the spot to build a church. So, Our's Savior's is our "mother" congregation:)

BIKES, BUBBLES, & BOOK SHARE EVENT

Save the date! Bikes, Bubbles & Book Share will take place on Friday, July 19th at church. Join members of Holy Cross for a delightful evening of fellowship and fun beginning at 5pm. Along with a bike or scooter, feel free to bring a gently used book(s) to swap with the group and take home! Bubbles, food and plenty of fun will be provided. We look forward to seeing 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.*

SENIOR MINISTRY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

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

GREECE/PAUL TOUR

You are invited to join a 11 day tour of Greece; in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul. The tour, April 22-May 2, 2025 will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock (a well-known friend of Holy Cross), who has been there about 10 times. It includes a 3 day cruise on the Mediterranean Sea as well as an optional 3 day tour to Rome. Some of the Biblical places to be visited: Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus etc. For more information contact pastorkock@yahoo.com

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