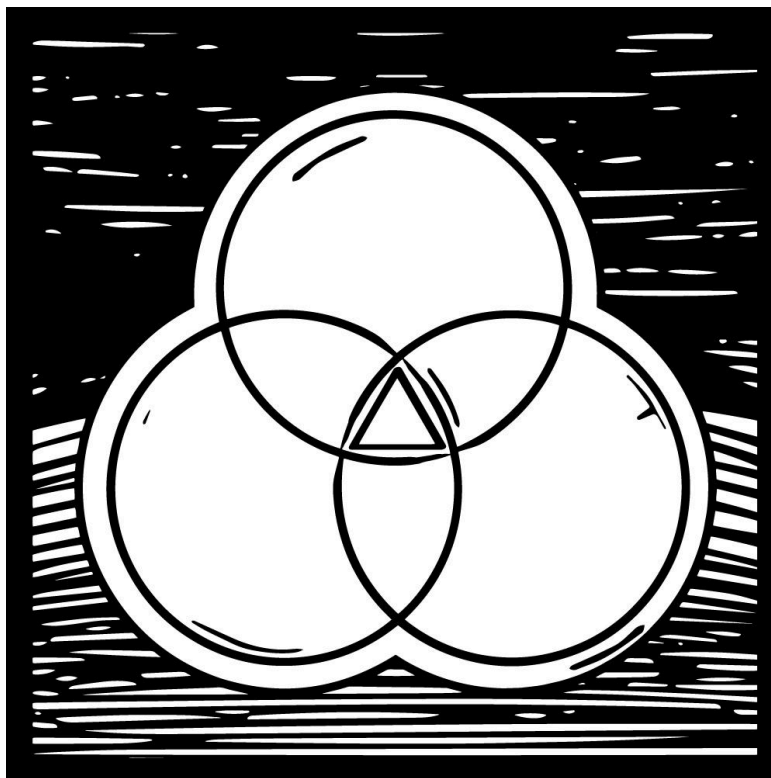


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



June 16, 2024

"Plant the Seed of God's Word"

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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 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.

"Plant the Seed of God's Word"
June 16, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost (Father's Day)

CWS Divine Service of the Word II

Opening Hymn #255....."Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now!

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First LessonEzekiel 17:22-24

The Lord will grow the tiny branch of Israel into a magnificent cedar.

22 This is what the Lord God says. I myself will take part of the tip of the cedar and plant it. From the topmost of its shoots I will pluck off a tender sprig, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it. It will produce branches, bear fruit, and become a magnificent cedar. Flying birds of every kind will live under it. In the shelter of its branches they will nest. 24 Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the Lord, bring down the high tree and raise up the low tree, that I make the green tree dry up, and I make the dried-up tree blossom. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will carry it out.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 92

M: How great are your works, O Lord. Your thoughts are very deep!

C: The senseless man does not know, and the fool does not understand this—

M: when the wicked spring up like weeds, and all evildoers bloom like flowers, they will be destroyed forever.

C: But you are exalted forever, O Lord.

M: The righteous will shoot up like a palm tree. They will shoot up in the courtyards of our God.

C: They will still produce fruit in old age. They will stay fresh and green.

M: Yes, they can proclaim, "The Lord is upright.

C: He is my Rock, and he does no wrong."

Second Lesson2 Corinthians 5:1-10

We walk by faith and not by sight in the hope of heaven.

Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. 2 In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. 3 If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. 4 To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.

Verse of the Day



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



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

Children's Sermon

Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps

Hymn of the Day #544....."Preach You the Word"

1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
To those who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and mortals are forgot.

2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bids us undertake:
To preach the Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.

3 The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that there may be
The wholesome loaves that people need.

4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend his planted Word.

SermonPastor Piet Van Kampen..... "Plant the Seed of God's Word"

Mark 4:26-34

26 He said, "The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, 27 and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come."

30 Then he said, "To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. 32 Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade."

33 With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

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.

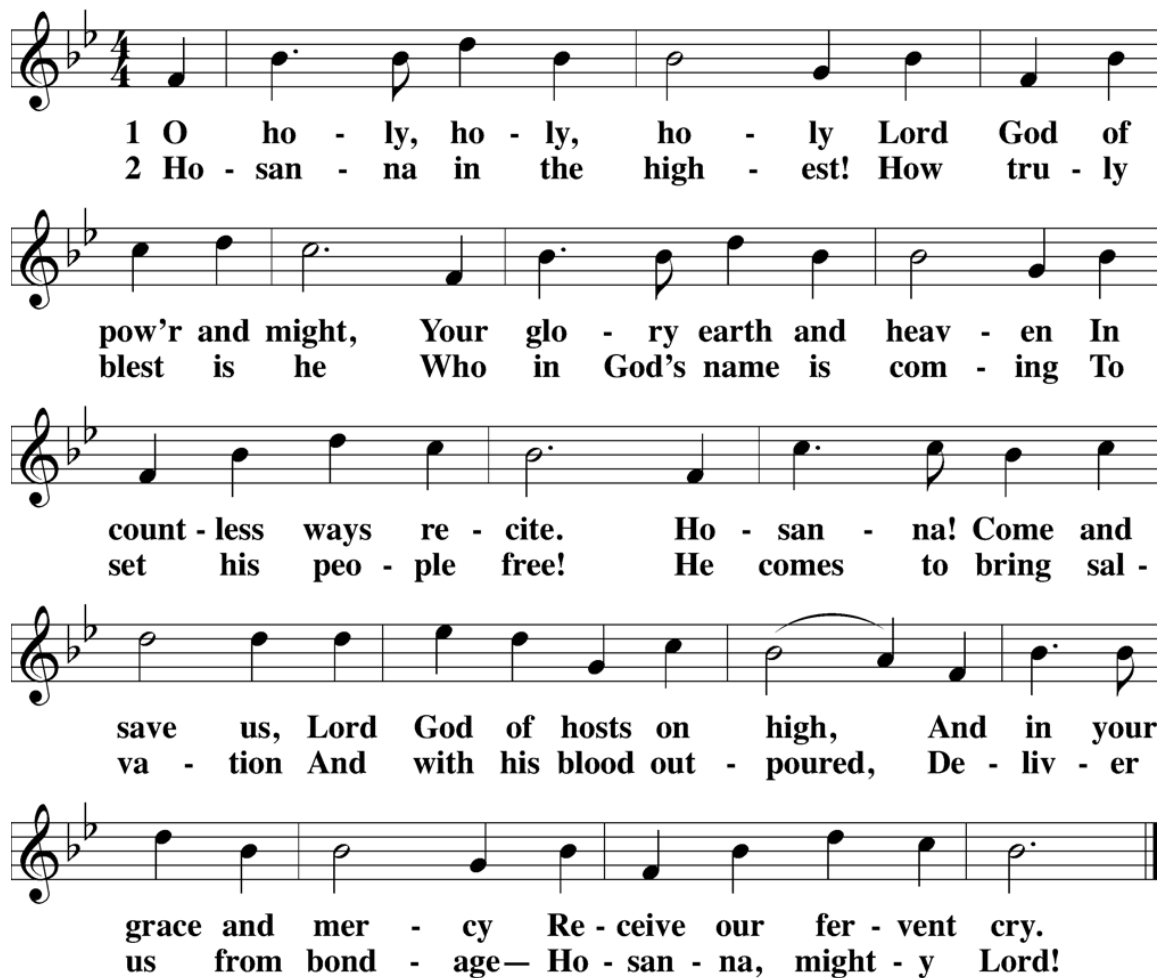
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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!

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 #311 (vs 1-6)....."Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
 Cannot fathom these great wonders,
 That Christ's body must be boundless
 Since the souls it feeds are countless,
 And that he his blood is giving
 With the wine we are receiving.
 These great mysteries unsounded
 Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You have left your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness
 And to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

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

June 16, 2024

Calendar for the Week – June 17 - June 23

Monday

- Worship - 6:30 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- All Boards - 6:00 pm
- Church Council - 7:30 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am
- Presentation (Pastor Ugis Sildegs) - 10:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS given by Ray and Julie Beutler on the occasion of Caitlin Schwartz's birthday.

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

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 6/4/24 - 6/10/24

\$8,599.09

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 6/10/24

\$753,848.92

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$781,731.00

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.

6/9/24 - "The Family of God" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/955518019?share=copy>

DONUTS & DANISHES FOR DADS

Celebrate Father's Day with fellowship after church TODAY! Coffee Hour with donuts and danishes - we hope to see you there!

GUEST PREACHER AND PRESENTER

It will be our privilege on Sunday, June 23, to enjoy the fellowship we share with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Latvia. Our guest preacher at our 9 am service will be Latvian Pastor Ilars Plume. After church, at 10 am, you're all invited to stay for a presentation about Lutheran church work in Latvia by Pastor Ugis Sildegs.

Ilars Plume is a pastor in Kekava, Latvia. He is one of seven pastors that serve in the Confessional Lutheran Church of Latvia, a church body affiliated with our ELS Board for World Outreach. He has written several commentaries on the Gospel of John as well as St. John's first epistle. He is in the United States studying at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in their Summer Quarter session. He is especially interested in church history. We look forward to his being with us on June 23.

LATVIAN GUESTS

We need lodging for 3 guests from Latvia who will arrive in Madison after dinner between 6:30 and 7:30 PM on Saturday, June 22. They will join us for worship and a presentation of the work in Latvia at our Sunday worship on June 23.

We can arrange for you picking them up when they arrive in Madison. It would be helpful if you can provide a breakfast and get them to church by 8:30 AM on Sunday. Please contact Tom Heyn at (608) 335-4612 if you're interested or would like more information.

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!

TEACHER'S AIDE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Holy Cross Lutheran School has an exciting opportunity available for the position of teacher's aide for the 2024-2025 school year. The position has a starting pay of \$15.50 per hour. The responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- providing teacher support in preparation for daily activities and instruction,
- planning, preparing, and developing various teaching materials for use in the classroom,
- assisting children individually or in groups with lesson assignments and testing
- performing miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned

The job requirements are a high school diploma or GED, and at least one year of experience directly related to the responsibilities of the position or a completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement in lieu of at least one year's experience.

Applicants should be able to communicate effectively with others, understand and follow instruction and safety procedures, provide activities for children that encourage healthy growth, supervise children, and provide a supportive and caring environment for children. Additional conditions of employment include the ability to secure and maintain a valid Wisconsin driver's license, obtain CPR & First Aid certification, and pass a comprehensive post-offer, pre-employment background check.

All interested candidates should contact Principal Rick Holz by phone at 608-249-3101 or via email at rholz@holycrossmadison.org.

VBS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! It is June 24-27; if you haven't signed your child up, NOW IS THE TIME! There will be a VBS "kick off" for teachers/helpers on June 23rd at 11:00am. We will be decorating and setting up. Lunch will be provided!

Additionally, we are asking for donations in the form of supplies. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex on the Welcome Center. If you feel so inclined, we would greatly appreciate the help!

Thank you for all your help and support, we can't wait to make a splash when we **DIVE IN** to God's word!

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

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE EXTRA

Northwestern Publishing House Extra is a free program that allows you to designate an organization to receive a portion of the dollars you spend at Northwestern Publishing House. This benefits our church because we receive 1% of the purchases made by those who sign up for NPH EXTRA and designate Holy Cross as their organization! It's super easy too! Go to nph.net/extra and click "Sign Up," fill out all pertinent information, designate an organization, and hit submit. That's all YOU have to do! Then, anytime you shop Northwestern Publishing House, a portion of your purchase will go to Holy Cross. We appreciate your support in our ministry!

BETHANY FUND

Our Bethany Lutheran College is wrapping up its fiscal year on June 30, 2024. The College is striving to meet a fundraising goal of \$750,000 for The Bethany Fund, and is still seeking roughly \$200,000 in gifts to meet the goal. Many of our ELS pastors, congregations and individual members make regular contributions to our College with some sort of financial gift; please consider joining them in this effort. Visit blc.edu/bethanyfund or call the Advancement Office at 507-344-7000 to learn more about how you can help support our ELS college. Thank you for your support and prayers for Bethany!

DEFENDING THE GOSPEL OF GOD

The Apologetics of Jesus, Paul, and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament Records

June 20, 2024 - Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN - Free Admission - In Person and Live Streamed
Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. – "Defending the Historical Reliability of the Gospels" – Dr. Adam Francisco, LCMS
- 12:30 p.m. – "Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Paul" – Prof. Luke Thompson, Martin Luther College, WELS
- 2:00 p.m. – "Understanding and Applying the Apologetics of Jesus" – Rev. David Thompson, Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, ELS
- 3:30 p.m. – Table Talk with presenters

To livestream go to <https://apologeticscenter.org/upcoming-conference/> and click on the livestream link.

LUTHERAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The LYA National Youth Convention is Thursday, July 25 - Sunday, July 28, 2024 at Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, IL. This year's convention theme is "Justified," exploring the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. There are a number of keynote speakers and various optional Bible studies students can choose to attend. We'll also be gathering for worship on Sunday morning and celebrating the Lord's Supper together. For fun, you have a choice between touring downtown Chicago and going to the Museum of Science and Industry.

- This convention is for high school-aged youth (those who have been confirmed or completed 8th grade and up). Early registration is \$300 and open until June 1. Late registration is \$350 and available from June 2-July 1. For more information and to register, please go to ELS.org/LYA. **The early registration deadline is here before you know it, so if you'd like to attend, please sign up quickly (if you haven't already done so.)**
- We need chaperones--at least one male and one female--to accompany our group. So, parents, if you are interested in serving as a chaperone, simply register as a chaperone at the above link, and send an email to Pastor Van Kampen at pvankampen@holycrossmadison.org.
- For transportation this year, Holy Cross is planning on **taking the Amtrak Empire Builder** with a few other area congregations, departing Thursday, July 25 from Columbus at 1:45 p.m. to Chicago, arriving around 4:45 p.m., and then using public transportation from the train station to arrive at Concordia University. For the return trip, we will take public transport back to Union Station and the train will depart from Chicago on Sunday, July 28 at 3:05 p.m. and arrive in Columbus at about 5:55 p.m. As in years past, **Holy Cross will cover the cost of group transportation (on the train) for all students/chaperones who register. The sign-up deadline, however, if you'd like to ride the train is Sunday, June 16. Once you have registered, if you can please send notice to Pastor Van Kampen via email.**