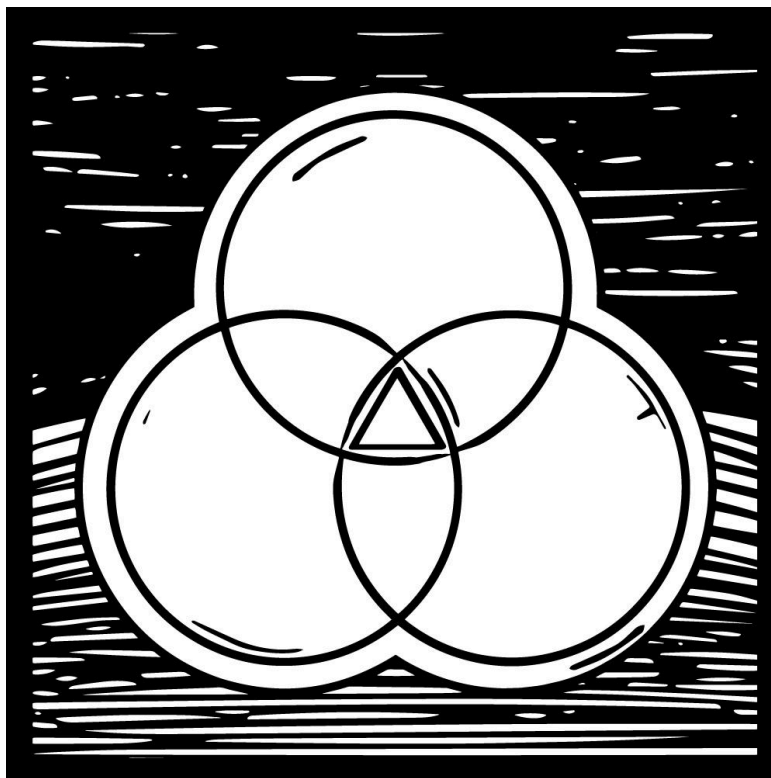


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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June 2, 2024

*"The Day of Rest"*

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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 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 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.

**"The Day of Rest"**  
**June 2, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Pentecost**

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CWS Divine Service of the Word II

**Opening Hymn** #252....."Oh, Sing to the Lord"

1 Oh, sing to the Lord; make a jubilant noise!  
Glory be to God!

Oh, serve him with joy; in his presence now rejoice!  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

2 Not we, but the Lord is our Maker, our God;  
Glory be to God!

His people we are, and the sheep led by his rod;  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

3 Oh, enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;  
Glory be to God!

To bless him and thank him our voices we will raise;  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4 For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;  
Glory be to God!

To all generations his truth shall still endure;  
Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

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, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **First Lesson** .....2 Corinthians 4:5–12

*We have the treasure of the Gospel in jars of clay.*

5 Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

7 We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; 9 persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. 12 So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

## **Psalms of the Day**.....Psalm 126

M: When the Lord restored the captives to Zion, we were like dreamers.

**C: Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

M: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**C: The Lord has done great things for us. We are glad.**

M: Restore our fortunes, O Lord. Those who sow with weeping will reap with joyful shouts.

**C: The one who walks along weeping, carrying a bag of seed to sow, will come back again with joyful shouts, carrying his sheaves.**

## **Second Lesson**.....Mark 2:23–28

*Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath*

23 Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. 24 The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

25 He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? 26 He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

27 Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath."

## 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 #229....."This Day at Your Creating Word"

1 This day at your creating word  
First o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine,  
And fill our souls with light divine.

2 This day the Lord for sinners slain  
In might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, raise your people, too,  
From death of sin to life in you.

3 This day the Holy Spirit came  
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
With grace to hear and grace to pray.

4 This day of light and life and grace  
We gather in our worship-place:  
This holy hour, blest gift of love,  
Give we again to God above.

5 All praise to God the Father be,  
To Christ, who set his people free,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

**Sermon** .....Pastor Mark Bartels..... "The Day of Rest"

**Deuteronomy 5:12–15**

12 Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the Lord your God commanded you. 13 Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, 14 but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the Lord your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. 15 Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

**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.

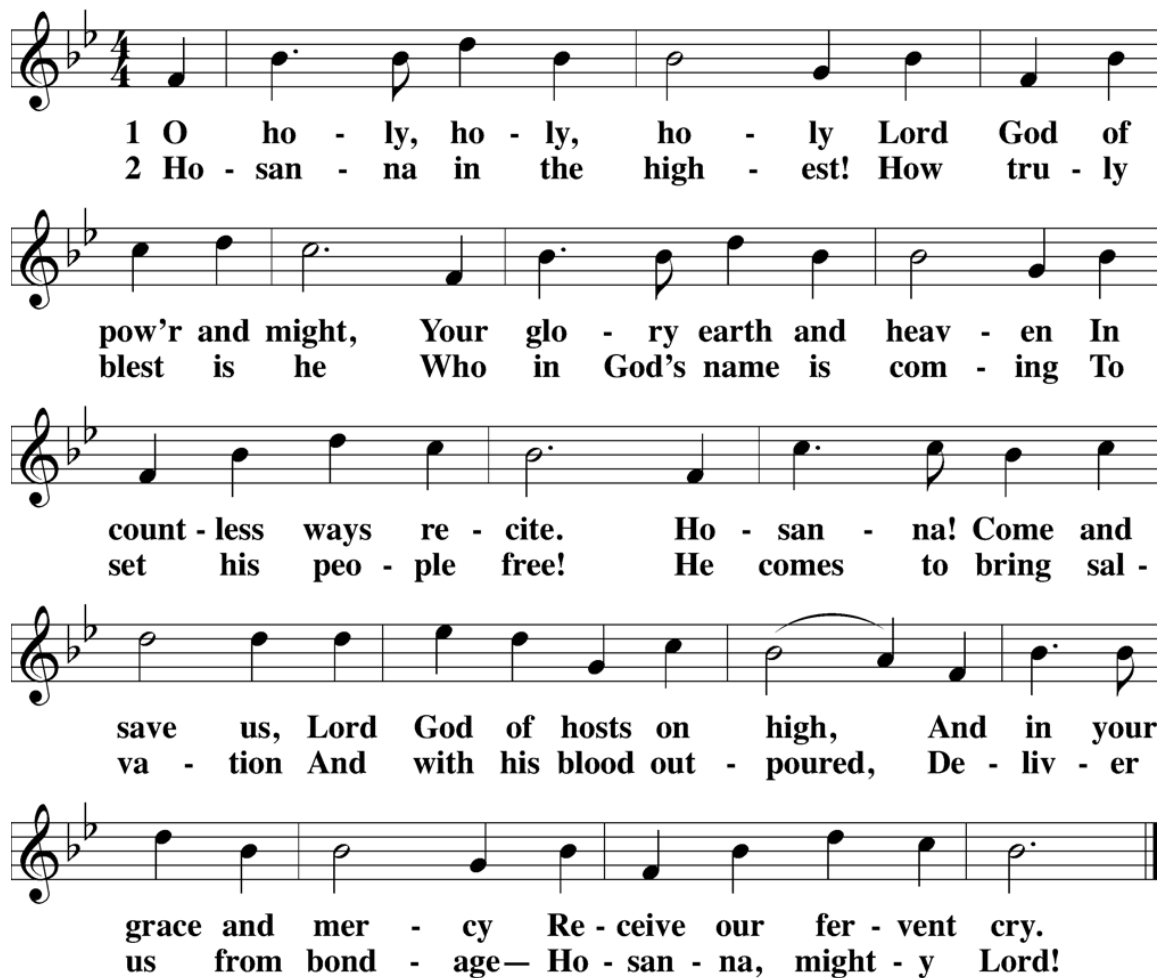
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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** #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*

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*

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*

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](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**

June 2, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – June 3 - June 9**

#### **Monday**

- Worship Committee - 5:00 pm
- Worship - 6:30 pm
- Bible Information Class - 7:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

#### **Thursday**

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 9:00 am
- Annual Voter's Meeting - 10:00 am

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Don Johnson was hospitalized this week. Please pray for him and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 5/21/24-5/27/24**

\$5,242.52

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 5/27/24**

\$719,241.42

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$750,461.76

**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.

5/26/24 - "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/951939866?share=copy>

### **NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?**

Holy Cross has a Transportation Fund to provide free taxi rides to and from Holy Cross events, for members who have no other way of getting to church. The Holy Cross Senior Ministry Committee administers the Transportation Fund through Union Cab. This service has been a great blessing to a number of our members over the years. If you would like to make use of this service, please call one of the pastors at Holy Cross and we'll explain to you how it works.

Thanks!

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

Our next class begins Monday, June 3, at 7:30 pm and runs for 10 Monday evenings through early August. The goal of the class is to give you a ground-level view of what we believe at Holy Cross. Here are some reasons to be a part of this class: you're interested in learning basic Bible doctrine or teaching; you want to learn how Lutheran doctrine compares to the church you currently attend, or grew up attending; you're interested in becoming a member at Holy Cross; you want to explore what your spouse or fiancé (who may already be a Holy Cross member) believes, and why, and/or you would like to more fully understand the spiritual influence Holy Cross school is having on your children who may be attending here. The class will be informative, and we invite lots of questions. The class will be "team taught" by both of us pastors, so you can get to know us and we can get to know you :-)

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Beginning Sunday, June 2 we will have **one Sunday Service at 9 am.**

Live-stream and Dial-in participants can join us Sundays at 9 am.

Monday Evening Worship will remain at 6:30 pm

## **ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING**

Sunday, June 9 after Church. All voting members are encouraged to attend our annual voters meeting.

Agenda items include: The 2024-2025 budget will be presented for adoption. Elections will be held for Boards and Committees.

## **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 [rholtz@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:rholtz@holycrossmadison.org).*

## **SENIOR MINISTRY COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP**

Senior Ministry breakfast will be held at Perkins on Hayes Rd at 9AM on June 11, 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](mailto:pastorkock@yahoo.com)

## **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!

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

All current members and all who have a desire to help, but have limited time. It's hard to believe, that Spring is here! Which means it's time to get our landscape plan in place. We are taking the same approach this year, as last year. Meaning anyone that would like to help maintain the Church and School grounds in any way, large or small, can on their own time schedule. All helpers are appreciated! If you are interested in joining, or if you are already a member and need guidance regarding what needs to be done, you can contact me at: [sherrie2450@gmail.com](mailto:sherrie2450@gmail.com)

## LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is Saturday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. This immersive study in our Lutheran Musical Heritage is for high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade). Registration is \$225 and open until June 1. For more information and to register, please go to [ELS.org/honorchoir](https://ELS.org/honorchoir)

## 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](https://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](https://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

When bringing Christ to others, we rightly assume the historical reliability of the gospel records. But our neighbor does not. We may also think that the saving gospel cannot or does not need to be defended – evidence for its truthfulness becomes unnecessary, at best. And so our unbelieving neighbor views Christian faith as nothing more than a blind leap. Three questions will be discussed and answered at this apologetics conference.

Can the gospel records of Jesus of Nazareth be shown to be reliable? Something much more than exaggerations, myths, legends, or worse? If they are reliable, is the gospel that saves defended by Jesus and the apostles? Is evidence given that it is true? And if the records are reliable and the gospel is defended by Jesus, Paul, and others, how can the Christian make use of these for the sake of his neighbor – both non-Christian and Christian?

### 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](https://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](mailto: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.**