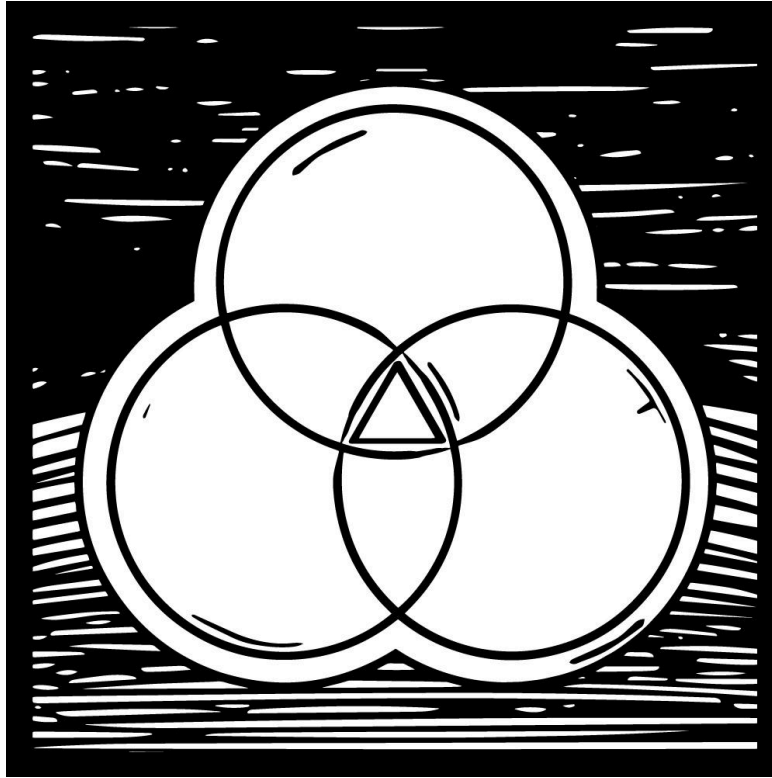


# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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September 29, 2024

*"Rejoice on the Spiritual Battlefield"*

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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, 10:30 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.

**"Rejoice on the Spiritual Battlefield"**  
**September 29, 2024**  
**St. Michael and All Angels Sunday**

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**Opening Hymn** Senior Choir....."Be Strong in the Lord"

**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: Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



## **First Lesson** .....Daniel 12:1-3

*On the last day Michael, the archangel, arises to deliver God's people.*

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

## **Psalm of the Day** .....Psalm 103

M: Bless the Lord, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name,

**C: Who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion.**

M: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. He does not treat us as our sins deserve. He does not repay us according to our guilty deeds.

**C: Yes, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so powerful is his mercy toward those who fear him. As distant as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our rebellious acts from us.**

M: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

**C: For he knows how we were formed. He remembers that we are dust.**

M: As for man, his days are like grass. Like a wildflower he blossoms. Then the wind blows over it, and it is gone.

**C: But the Lord's mercy is from eternity to eternity over those who fear him.**

## **Epistle Lesson** .....Revelation 12:7-12

*Satan is ultimately defeated by the blood of the Lamb and the word of the gospel.*

<sup>7</sup> There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, <sup>8</sup> but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

<sup>11</sup> They conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony. They did not love their lives in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.

Woe to the earth and the sea, for the Devil has gone down to you.

He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

## 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!

## Children's Sermon

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps.*

**Hymn** #196....."Lord God, to You We All Give Praise"

1 Lord God, to you we all give praise;  
To you our joyful hymns we raise  
That angel hosts you did create  
Around your glorious throne to wait.

2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold your face.  
They heed your voice; they know it well;  
In godly wisdom they excel.

3 They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With you, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Your little flock, your lambs and sheep.

4 The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To ruin school and church and state.

5 But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard his people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.

6 O Lord, awaken songs of praise  
For angel hosts that guard our days;  
Teach us to serve you and adore  
As angels do forevermore.

**Sermon** .....Pastor Piet Van Kampen..... "Rejoice on the Spiritual Battlefield"

*Luke 10:17-20*

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"  
18 He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

### **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**

#### **The Prayer of the Church**

M: Lord, we pray that You would remember us always in your grace and mercy. Send your holy angels to watch over and guard your Church on earth. Protect all those who serve your Church as pastors and teachers, strengthening them in their faith and fitting them for their high calling of proclaiming the good news of your Son Jesus Christ.

**C: Grant your servants everywhere peace and unity in the truth of Your saving Word.**

M: Remember our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice according to your good and gracious will.

**C: In your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth.**

M: Remember all who suffer for the sake of your name, those who are in prison, the poor and hungry, those who travel, and all who cry out to You in their time of need.

**C: Grant that your holy angel would be with them always, that the evil foe would have no power over them.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Give us humble hearts to receive all your blessings with thanks and praise, remembering that your greatest gift is that you have graciously written our names in the Book of Life, through the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who has won the ultimate victory over Satan on our behalf. In his name we pray.

**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** #431 (vs 4-6)....."I Walk with Angels All the Way"

4 I walk with angels all the way;  
They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense;  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev'ry fear away  
When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

**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.



C: A - men.

**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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## **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 Ballentin,, will not be responding to emails that say "Attended" in the subject line. Thanks.

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

September 29, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – September 30 - October 6**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

- Bible Study - 10:00 am
- Adult Handbells - 6:00 pm
- Senior Choir - 7:00 pm

#### **Thursday**

- Ladies Aid - 1:00 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 8:30 & 10:30 am
- Sunday School/Adult Bible Study - 9:45 am

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

#### **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.

9/22/24 - "Wise Humility" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/1011770389>

#### **DO YOU HAVE A PASTOR?**

Our Evangelical Lutheran Synod has produced a series of very well done, brief videos to be used as outreach by local congregations on Facebook. The videos are simple, gentle, thought-provoking invitations for people who don't have a pastor. The videos explain the spiritual care that a pastor can provide and the critical role a pastor can play in their lives. The theme of each of the videos is "Do You Have a Pastor?" If you use Facebook, please watch for these on the Holy Cross Facebook page. We'll be posting a new one every week. If you could share these posts, and spread the word, that would be great! Let's pray more people seek out pastoral care. Thanks!

#### **VETERANS DAY**

Our school's Veterans Day program will be on Nov. 8th at 6PM in the school gymnasium. Come join us as we celebrate our veterans! Our theme this year is "My Voice in America's Democracy." We will look at people and places that have shaped our country. Please send in names of veterans, which branch and what years of service to [frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:frontoffice@holycrossmadison.org). Treats will follow the program.

#### **OUTDOOR LEARNING STRUCTURE UPDATE**

While progress towards the completion of the Outdoor Learning Structure has been seen, there has been an unfortunate setback. Despite the extensive planning and approval process, the structure did not receive final approval from the City of Madison Building Inspector due to an error made by one of the contractors. To ensure the safety of all students and staff who hope to use the structure in the future, the structure must be disassembled to allow for the concrete base to be removed and re-poured properly. This work will commence in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we ask God for patience while we eagerly await the completion of the structure, and that it may be a blessing to Holy Cross Lutheran School.

## **FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELPERS**

Holy Cross volunteers provide a wonderful service for families who have lost a loved one. Often, after a funeral service here at Holy Cross, there is a catered luncheon, which serves as a healthy time for the family to fellowship and reminisce. Holy Cross volunteers help set up, serve, and clean up after the luncheons. Judy Meder and Judy Hahn have led and recruited for help with funeral luncheons for years. Judy Meder is now in heaven... so Judy Hahn would invite someone to help her in leading for funeral luncheons. No food preparation is involved... just recruiting from a list of helpers to set up, serve and clean up. Please contact Judy Hahn (608-819-6795) or one of the pastors if you are interested in helping lead or in helping set up and serve, or if you have any questions. Thanks!

## **SENIOR OUTING**

Holy Cross Seniors are invited to Legacy Dinner Theatre in the Wisconsin Dells for their Christmas Show on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$75 per person, please make checks out to "Holy Cross Lutheran Church". It includes a 4 course meal. It will begin with dinner at 1:00 pm and the show begins at 2:30 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center by October 20, 2024. Please indicate if you are willing to drive for the car pool.

## **PRAYERS FOR AN ELECTION YEAR**

One of the goals the Holy Cross Board of Elders has set this year is to encourage us as Holy Cross members in our prayer lives. Since this is an election year, the Board of Elders would like to encourage all of us to pray regarding this important matter. When you're at church, please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a little booklet entitled "God Bless Our Native Land: Prayers for an Election Year." Please take one home and make it a part of your prayer life. Thank you! 1 Timothy 2:1-3 says, "I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."

## **SENIOR MINISTRY & BREAKFAST**

The next senior breakfast will be on Tuesday, October 8 at 9:00am at Elie's Cafe on E Broadway by Menards. The next senior ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:15 am.

## **EASTSIDE LUTHERAN ART & CRAFT FAIR**

Please join us on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am-3pm for this year's Eastside Art & Craft Fair. This is a huge fundraiser for our school! We have many craft vendors, gift basket raffle, cookies sold by the pound, a bake sale and yummy concessions. This is a great way to get a jump start on your holiday shopping! Admission is Free!

## **PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL GAME**

Please join us for a fun pick up game of volleyball in the gym on Friday, October 18th at 5:30 pm. This is intended to be a casual and non-competitive event but please only high school youth or older for safety. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, October 13th so we know how much food to bring and please include your email so future correspondence can be sent about this event as we get closer. Due to the nature of the game space is limited so it will be first-come, first served so please sign up early and we hope to see you there!

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Holy Cross is hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 19th from 10:30am – 11:30am. We are asking for candy donations. We have 2 areas where you can place your donations. One tote will be in the narthex of the church near the doors to the cafeteria. The other tote will be located near the front desk. We are also looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy! Scan the QR to Sign-up!





### CHILI COOK OFF

Join us after the second service on Sunday, October 20th for a Chili Cook Off and to cheer on the Packers as they take on the Texans! Whether you've got a secret chili recipe or just love to eat, we want YOU there! Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming and if you are interested in making your signature chili recipe, desserts, or your favorite game day snack! Hotdogs and lemonade available for the kiddos, plus an open gym to keep them busy if needed! We hope you will come for a fun afternoon of food, fellowships and root for the Pack together! Go Pack Go!

### COOKIE WALK & BLUE RIBBON BOOK FAIR

The annual Cookie Walk and Book Fair date has been set! Please mark your calendars for Dec. 7th. The proceeds will help the church and school. Watch for a sign-up to be posted in early fall. Start planning your treat baking! We will need an abundance of tasty treats!

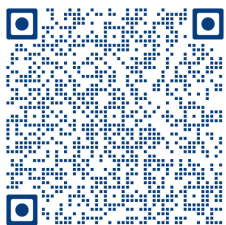
### ELS FALL TEEN RETREAT

This year's ELS fall teen retreat is set for October 19-20 at Living Waters Bible Camp near Westby, WI. This year's theme is "Known", based on Galatians 4:9. Youth in grades 7-12 will enjoy a deep dive into God's Word, a bonfire with s'mores and singing, group activities including a 50-foot rock tower, a 500-foot zipline, and more! The cost is \$135 and includes everything (email Pastor Nate at [pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org](mailto:pastor.abrahamson@abidingshepherd.org) to request financial assistance). The bus will leave Saturday morning from Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills at 8 a.m., and then from Abiding Shepherd in Cottage Grove at 8:30. Sunday night, the bus will return to Cottage Grove at 7:15 p.m. and Lakeside Lutheran at 7:45 p.m. Those not taking the bus can arrive at 10:45 a.m. Saturday and depart at 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more info and to register, visit

<https://www.abidingshepherd.org/page/14,0007974/14,0050466/Fall-Teen-Retreat>

### ELS WOMEN'S RALLY

The 53rd Annual ELS Women's Missionary Society fall rally will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 19, at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. The attached flier (scan QR code to view) provides all the details about speakers, cost, RSVP deadline and when donations are due to the Society's Treasurer Shelly Thompson. *Reminder to sign up in the narthex if you will be attending.* Sign-up ends on Sunday, October 6. Donations for Missions need to be given or sent to Diane Baxter by September 29. Those wishing to mail their contribution may use the address: 771 Timber Ridge Dr. Oregon, WI 53575



### 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.