

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center

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February 18, 2024

*"Temptation Defeated"*

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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.

**"Temptation Defeated"**  
**February 18, 2024**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**

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**Opening Hymn** #457 (vs 1, 2)....."Fight the Good Fight"

1 Fight the good fight  
With all your might;  
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race  
Through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

**Invocation**

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

**Confession of Sins**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**Lord, Have Mercy**

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Glory Be to God



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**

### Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

**Old Testament Lesson**.....Genesis 22:1-18

*Abraham's faith is tested when God tells him to offer up his only son, Isaac.*

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I am here."

2God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you."

3Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. 4On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

5Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." 6Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together.

7Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?"

He said, "I am here, my son."

He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. 9They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

11The Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

Abraham said, "I am here."

12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

13Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14Abraham called the name of that place "The Lord Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

15The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. 18In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

**Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 6

M: Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger. Do not discipline me in your wrath.

**C: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am fading away. Heal me, Lord, for my bones are trembling, and my soul is terrified.**

M: Turn, O Lord, and deliver my soul. Save me because of your mercy.

**C: I am worn out from my groaning. My eyes are blurred by sorrow.**

M: Turn away from me, all you evildoers, because the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

**C: The Lord has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord accepts my prayer.**

**Verse of the Day**

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Epistle Lesson**.....Romans 8:31–39

*God loves us so much, he gave his only Son. As a result, nothing can separate us from God's love.*

31What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

33Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! 34Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! 35What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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.**

**Children's Sermon**

*Young children are invited forward to the chancel steps*

**Hymn #714 CWS....."The Lamb"**

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,

As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

4 He sighs, he dies,

He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives,

He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.  
Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**Sermon**.....Pastor Mark Bartels....."Temptation Defeated"

Mark 1:12-15

12The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him.

14After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. 15"The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

**Create in Me**



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**Offering**

**Adult Handbells** (8:30am)....."Jesus Loves Me" & "The Gift of Love"

**Prayer**

**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.

## Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



C: **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



**heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -**



**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**



**Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who**



**comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -**



**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**



## 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: A - men.

## O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution & Hymn #376..... "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day--  
Who can a word against me say?  
Fully through you absolved I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

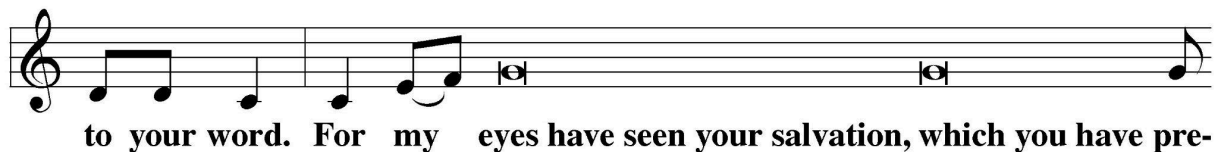
3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,  
Which at the very throne of God  
Forever will for sinners plead,  
For me -- e'en for my soul -- was shed.

4 Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
You have for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.

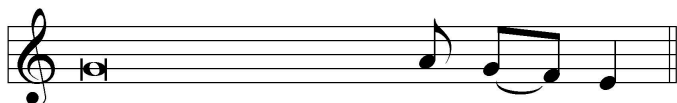
5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
E'en then this shall be all my plea:  
Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
Your boundless mercy has for me,  
For me and all your hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

### Song of Simeon



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



### Prayer After Communion

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### 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.



## **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.

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## **Holy Cross News & Notes**

February 18, 2024

### **Calendar for the Week – February 19 - February 25**

#### **Monday**

- Bible Information Class- 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

- School Chapel - 8:10 am
- Lenten Worship - 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm

#### **Sunday**

- Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Bible Class & Sunday School - 9:45 am
- Adult Handbell Choir - in between services

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given this week by Janet Schumann on the occasion of Jacob's 17th birthday.

**HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK** Lillian Humphrey was hospitalized this week. Please pray for her and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

### **GIVING TO HOLY CROSS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 2/6/24 - 2/12/24**

\$11,791.49

**TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 2/12/24**

\$502,846.54

**FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS**

\$515,942.46

**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.

01/28/2024 - "May the Wicked Foe Have No Power Over Us!" - Pastor Piet Van Kampen

<https://vimeo.com/907204446?share=copy>

### **LENTEN SUPPER**

The Membership Development Committee invites you to a Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 21, starting at 4:30 p.m. Leave the cooking to us and come enjoy a light supper of soup and/or chili between the midweek Lenten services. You need only bring yourselves and your appetite. See you there!

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

If you are a Thrivent Member, you have the option to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars to Holy Cross until March 31. If you haven't already done so, don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy (<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>). If you need assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

## LUTHERAN YOUTH HONOR CHOIR

- June 15-19 (Sat.-Wed.), 2024, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN.
- For high school-aged youth (completed 8th grade)
- Registration open until June 1: \$225

Lutheran Youth Honor Choir is a perfect opportunity for high school aged youth to learn from the best. Prof. Dennis Marzolf created the camp in 1986 and will be serving as choir director this summer. He will be joined by Prof. Mark DeGarmeaux (accompanist) and Prof. David Paulson (handbells). The five day camp is an immersive study and performance in our rich Lutheran Musical Heritage, and high school students will be collaborating with both current and alumni members of the Bethany Concert Choir. The Lutheran Youth Honor Choir plans to sing and ring at several performances during the ELS Synod Convention. Don't miss this opportunity to study great music and learn from the best! Information available at <https://els.org/honorchoir/>

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Holy Cross has teamed up with Harmann Studios to establish an updated picture directory as there have been many changes since our last directory in 2019. The dates available to have your pictures taken are Wednesday, February 28th through Saturday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 5th through Thursday, March 7th. Available check in times are:

- 1-8pm Tuesday-Thursday
- 11am-6pm Friday
- 9am-3pm on Saturday

**Each family/individual who is in the directory will receive a free photo directory.** Each family/individual will get a complimentary 5x7 or 8x10 directory pose. **No purchase is necessary**, however, anyone who chooses to purchase a print product will have the opportunity to purchase any extra prints or digital media.

*To sign up for an appointment, please scan the QR code below or on the poster in the narthex.*



It is first-come, first-served, so book early. If you are unable to sign up online or need to cancel/modify an existing appointment time, please speak with **Max John** (who will be sitting in the narthex between services the next few weeks) or email at [1johnm2@gmail.com](mailto:1johnm2@gmail.com). We would love it if every participant took their picture in-person, but, if unable due to homebound constraints or scheduling conflicts, please contact Max John about ways to submit your own photograph for the directory. We are also in need of volunteers to be greeters for this event to ensure proper check in for appointments and calling members who may not show up for their scheduled times. If you are able to assist any day(s) or time(s) please contact Max John.

## CAMP RISE

Camp Rise 2024 takes place Sunday, July 7 to Friday, July 12 at Camp Luwisomo in Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Camp is open to all youth who will have completed grades 4 through 9! All registration info and forms can be downloaded at [camprise.org](http://camprise.org), or can be obtained at the church office. Registration cost is \$430 if registered by April 15; after that the cost goes up to \$460 with the deadline of May 15. In case the cost is too burdensome for some families, please speak with either Pastor Bartels or Pastor Van Kampen. Holy Cross has a fund dedicated to helping kids attend Camp Rise, and families can also apply to the Camp Rise Scholarship Fund by May 1 to help ease the costs of registering children for camp.

## **SUMMER ADVENTURES 2024**

This summer we will welcome kids ages 5 - 12 years old for a fun, daily program! Days will be 6AM - 5:30PM between June 3 - August 15, 2024. Activities will include: picnics in the park, off-site field trips, water days, bike/scooter days, arts and crafts, story time, and more! The rate will be billed weekly and is as follows:

- Monday - Friday (5 days): \$275/week
- 4 days: \$225/week
- 3 days: \$175/week
- 2 days: \$125/week
- 1 day: \$75/week

There is a 10% off multi-child discount for each additional full time child.

Registration will open for Holy Cross and returning families on February 5, 2024.

Registration will open for new families on April 3, 2024.

There is a \$150 non-refundable registration fee.

Other information to note: Children may be in our care for a maximum of 10 hours per day. Tuition will be charged on a weekly basis through an automatic withdrawal using our Brightwheel App. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack following USDA Food Guidelines. Rate builds in several days OFF: holidays and up to 5 vacation days for the child. Rate is charged weekly even if the child misses his/her scheduled days.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Krug at [kkrug@holycrossmadison.org](mailto:kkrug@holycrossmadison.org) or call 608-249-3101.

## **WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES**

The season of Lenten is a special time of looking first at the depth of our sin, and then at the depth of Christ's love for us in his passion and suffering. Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Services will be at 3:30pm (In-Person Only) and 6:30pm (In-Person and Live Streamed)

The 6:30 service will also be recorded and available On Demand. Please note the service times.

The 3:30pm service makes attendance easier for school families and those who do not like to drive at night.

Our theme this year is 'God on Trial' (February 14 - Accusation, February 21 - Restraint, February 28 - Testimony, March 6 - Misconceptions, March 13 - Truth, March 20 - Sympathy)

## **NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH DURING LENT**

Beginning February 12 until April 8 there will be no Monday evening worship services. If you normally attend on Monday evenings, we encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings (3:30 pm or 6:30 pm) instead during the season of Lent.

## **LYA NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION**

- July 25-28 (Thurs.-Sun.), 2024, at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- For high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade)
- Early Registration until June 1: \$300
- Late Registration from June 2-July 1: \$350

The 2024 Lutheran Youth Association Convention will explore the freedom that comes from being justified outside of ourselves. The setting of Chicago will form the backdrop to these topics and will allow us the opportunity to explore, and even serve, the city. Keynote speakers will be Rev. David Locklair and Prof. Pete Bloedel. Highlights of the 2024 LYA Youth Convention include:

- A Divine Service where you will get to commune with hundreds of your brothers and sisters in Christ
- Engaging small group sectionals – register early to get the sectionals of your choice!
- Daily offices: Morning and evening chapel services
- Excursion to either downtown Chicago via the L Train or the Museum of Science and Industry
- Recreation time on Concordia University's campus

For more information and to register, go to <https://els.org/LYA/>.