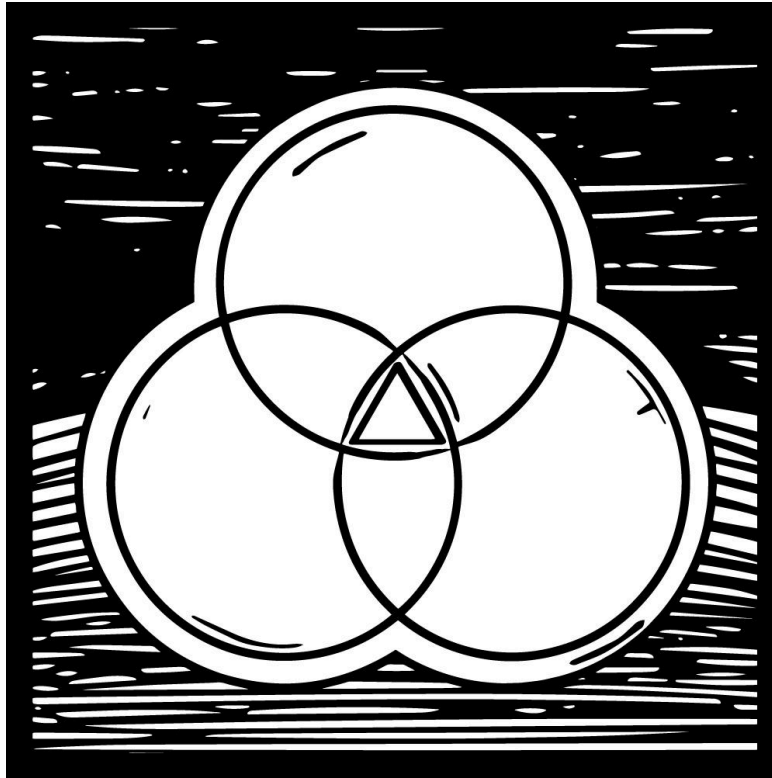


Holy Cross Lutheran Church

School and Early Learning Center



June 9, 2024

"The Family of God"

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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 9:00 a.m. (Call any time after 8:40 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, 9:00 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 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.

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Opening Hymn #494....."Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

3 We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First LessonGenesis 3:8–15

Adam and Eve fall into sin and God makes the first Gospel promise.

8 They heard the voice of the Lord God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

11 God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

13 The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

15 I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 51a

M: Be gracious to me, God, according to your mercy.

C: Scrub me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

M: For I admit my rebellious acts. My sin is always in front of me.

C: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and I have done this evil in your eyes.

M: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born.

C: I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

M: Hide your face from my sins. Erase all my guilty deeds.

C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit.

Second Lesson2 Corinthians 4:13–18

We believe and therefore speak.

13 Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. 14 For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. 15 In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

16 Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. 18 We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

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 #418 ELH (vs 1-4)....."How Fair the Church Of Christ Shall Stand"

1 How fair the Church of Christ shall stand,
A beacon light in all the land,
When love and faith all hearts inspire,
And all unite in one desire
To be a fam'ly and agree
To live in peace and unity.

2 'Tis all in vain that you profess
The doctrines of the Church, unless
You live according to your creed,
And show your faith by word and deed.
Observe the rule: To others do
As you would have them do to you.

3 Resentment, hate, and cruel jest,
Must not be harbored in the breast
Where love and charity should dwell;
Then think and speak of others well,
Refrain from all that causes strife
And mars a truly Christian life.

4 So let your tongue, your heart, and mind
Agree to banish ev'ry kind
Of malice, falsehood and disguise,
And here on earth a paradise
Of peace and harmony maintain,
Where concord and good will shall reign.

Sermon Pastor Mark Bartels "The Family of God"

Mark 3:20-35

20 They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. 21 When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

22 The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."

23 Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. 27 On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. 28 Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." 30 Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you."

33 He replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, "Look, my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Prayer of the Church for the Sundays after Pentecost

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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 #421 ELH (vs 1, 2, 5)....."We Are Called by One Vocation"

1 We are called by one vocation,
Members of one family,
Heirs through Christ of one salvation,
Let us live in harmony;
Nor by strife embitter life,
Journeying to eternity.

2 In a land where all are strangers,
And our sojourning so short,
In the midst of common dangers
Concord is our best support;
Heart with heart divides the smart,
Lightens grief of ev'ry sort.

5 Let it be our chief endeavor
That we may the Lord obey,
Then shall envy cease forever
And all hate be done away;
Free from strife shall be his life
Who serves God both night and day.

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: 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, 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 9, 2024

Calendar for the Week – June 10 - June 16

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Senior Ministry Breakfast - 9:00 am (Perkins on Hayes Rd)

Wednesday

- Bible Study - 10:00 am

Thursday

- Membership Committee - 9:15 am
- Lydia Circle - 1:00 pm

Sunday

- Worship - 9:00 am
- Donuts & Danishes for Dads - 10:00 am

ALTAR FLOWERS were given on June 2 by Ralph and Hope Weichbrod on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary. Flowers given today by Abby Butler in thanks and praise to God for making me His own child.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK Delores Marks was hospitalized this week. Please pray for her and our homebound and for those in nursing homes.

GIVING TO HOLY CROSS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: 5/28/24 - 6/3/24

\$26,008.41

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/23 - 6/3/24

\$745,249.83

FISCAL YTD BUDGET OFFERINGS

\$766,096.38

FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED

\$813,000.00

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

TODAY!! 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.

DONUTS & DANISHES FOR DADS

Celebrate Father's Day with fellowship after church on Sunday, June 16th. Coffee Hour with donuts and danishes - we hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Long-time Holy Cross member, Laura Engen, fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, June 6. Funeral arrangements are pending. We'll keep you informed. Our Christian sympathy to her family. May the Lord comfort them with the promise of the resurrection!

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!

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.

6/2/24 - "The Day of Rest" - Pastor Mark Bartels

<https://vimeo.com/952863157?share=copy>

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 Sildegis.

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.

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.**