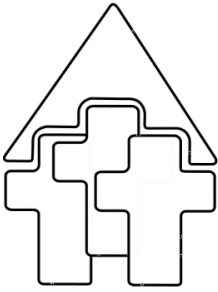


WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



We are glad you could be with us today, especially if you are visiting with us for the first time. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. It is our hope that as you worship with us today our triune God will come to you through His Word and inspire you upwards in your life. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center for more information and a free gift. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family.

Both members & visitors please complete the attendance cards in the pew pockets. You may place the card in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

ELDER ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of someone to pray for you or want someone to pray with you, the Elders will be at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKETS

Please ask an usher before the service to give your child an activity packet of crayons and activity sheets for use during the worship service. Please return the baggie and crayons following the service. The activity sheets may be kept by your child.

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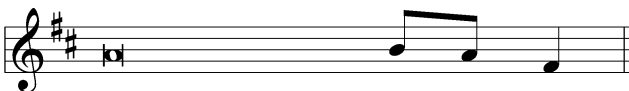
Prior to the beginning of the service, we would appreciate your checking your cell phone to make sure it is turned off or in the silent/vibrate mode.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross on the first and third Sundays, and at all festival Sundays. Lutherans believe that our Lord's body and blood are truly present "in, with and under" the elements of bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. We invite to the Lord's Table those who have been **baptized** in the name of the Triune God and who have been **instructed and believe** in this confession. If you will not be receiving the sacrament, it is acceptable for you to remain in your pew when your row is invited forward. If you wish to come forward for a blessing, we ask that you keep your hands folded and your head bowed as a sign that you will not be receiving the elements. Both common cup and individual cup are offered. For those who prefer, we offer non-alcoholic communion wine. The non-alcoholic white wine is individual cup only and located in the center of the individual cup tray.

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March 27, 2022
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P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



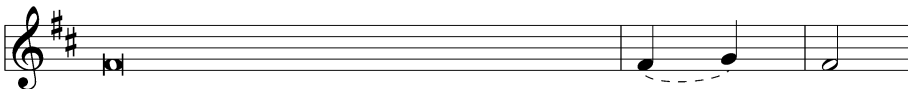
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

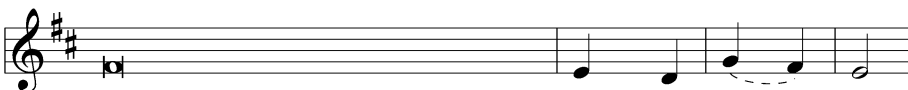


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

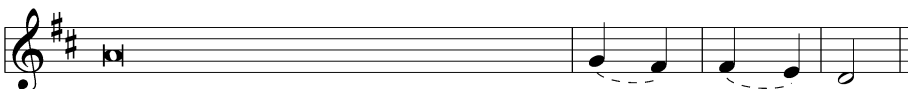


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
 To wash away our sin.
 However great our trespass,
 Whatever we have been,
 However long from mercy
 Our hearts have turned away,
 Your precious blood can wash us
 And make us clean today.

- 2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father’s welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv’n,
 A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav’n.

- 3 Today our Father calls us;
 His Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessed angels gather
 Around the heav’nly gates.
 No question will be asked us
 How often we have come;
 Although we oft have wandered,
 It is our Father’s home.

READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were

angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²⁴Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Near the Cross (with Alas! And Did my Savior Bleed)” Holy Cross Handbells

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon

PRAYER

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. A slur covers the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the staff.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the staff.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. A slur covers the notes G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the staff.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

March 28-April 3, 2022

MONDAY

Jr. Confirmation	7:00pm
Choir	7:30pm
AA	7:00pm

TUESDAY

Bells	6:30pm
TOPS	8:30am & 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Lenten Worship #5	7:00pm
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THURSDAY

Prayer Group	3:00pm
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FRIDAY

Bulletin Assembly	10:00am
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SATURDAY

New Hope Ministries	10:00am
Holy Cross Car Club	1:30pm
Communion Worship	5:30pm

SUNDAY

Communion Worship	8:30am
Adult Bible Class	9:45am
Communion Worship	11:00am

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 5TH WEEKEND IN LENT

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
 Holy Gospel: Luke 20: 9-20

SAVE THE DATE – PASTOR EISINGER’S RETIREMENT CELABRATION

Please join us on Sunday, July 24th from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center as we celebrate Pastor Eisinger’s retirement. Everyone is welcome. More information to follow in the upcoming months.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

Pastor has started adult instruction classes. The next classes are on Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8 from

7:00 to 9:00 pm. Join Pastor for this refresher class on being a Lutheran.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Lenten Worship will continue Wednesdays thru April 6th with a worship service each week at 7:00 pm. Pastor’s sermon series is “Lenten Wedding Lessons”. Here is a list of his lesson and dates.

March 30 – Parable of The Wise and Foolish Virgins

April 6 – The New Jerusalem!

FOG

Are you interested in helping with a lunch bag project? You DO NOT have to be on a team - you can help by just picking up the cookies - or the chips - or perhaps you would like to deliver the lunch bags to FOG on a Sunday around 1pm.

Contact Roberta Hanka (586-486-5645) to see how you can help or what dates are available.

ABOUT THE COVER

The prodigal son thought that he could earn his father's favor again by becoming a servant. The older son thought that his service should have already earned his father's favor. Both were lost. However, in this parable, there is extravagant mercy and grace. There is only celebration when the lost have been found! So also, is our Father in heaven merciful towards us, displaying extravagant love in sending Christ to win for us forgiveness and eternal life so that we—and all who were once lost—are welcomed with open arms!

LWML NEWS

LWML is celebrating their 80th Anniversary this year. In honor of this we would like to collect 80 items to be donated to Turning Point Shelter in Mt. Clemens. Turning Point provides emergency shelter to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Pajamas or Slippers – All sizes; Sheets: twin, full, queen –new or gently used.

Household Items: paper towels, paper plates, cups, plastic silverware, toilet paper or garbage bags (size 13 or 30 gallon).

Donations will be accepted from March 1st through April 17th. You can place the items in the basket in the hallway near the mailboxes. Thank you.

LWML Suburban Lights Zone Spring Event is Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Our Shepherd Lutheran in Birmingham beginning at 9:30am. Our guest speaker is from The Luke Clinic in Detroit. Cost is \$8.00 which includes lunch. Sign-up sheet is on the UWM board near the back parking lot door.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING BACK TO HOLY CROSS!

Changes are coming to Holy Cross over the next several months and what better time to kick off a new Sunday School program! Enduring the Faith will be kicking off Sunday September 11th with a Rally Sunday. We need your help! We are looking for teachers (NO need for teaching experience, Pre Planned lessons are waiting for you) and others willing to share their time and talents with this Ministry. If you are interested in helping or finding out what kind of help, we need PLEASE contact Laurel Clemons. PLEASE keep this Ministry in your prayers. Children are Our future, and we need to make sure we are offering all we can to those who are here and those who will be brought to us. Save the Date: Rally Sunday September 11, 2022, more info to come!