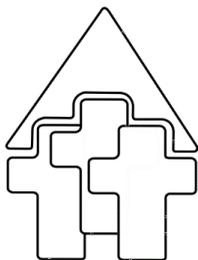


WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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 you walk out of the sanctuary.

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.

CELL PHONES

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

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Opening Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
 your blessing be on your people!
But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,
 my glory, and the lifter of my head.
I cried aloud to the LORD,
 and he answered me from his holy hill.
I lay down and slept;
 I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
 who have set themselves against me all around.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB page 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Holy Cross Choir

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I

counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy

those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “God Loved the World So That He Gave” LSB 571:1,2,4

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, deliver us from contending that we are righteous before You because of who we are and what we have done. Surely we are sinners who only deserve Your wrath. Cause us to turn from our worthlessness and hold fast to the surpassing worth of Christ Jesus and His righteousness for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Preserve Your Church in this life won for us by Christ, crucified and

risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Be the consolation of those who live in anxiety and fear, assuring them of Your mercy and deliverance in Christ. Bestow Your kindness to all those in any need, [especially _____]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Grant that our light may shine before others, that they may see our works and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.





C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

LSB page 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Post-Communion Collect

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P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



Closing Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LSB 427

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

April 4-10, 2022

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Lenten Worship #6 7:00pm

THURSDAY

Prayer Group 3:00pm
Adult Instruction Class 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Bulletin Assembly 10:00am
Adult Instruction Class 7:00pm

SATURDAY

Palm Sunday Weekend
Communion Worship 5:30pm

SUNDAY

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

BIBLE READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9

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. **April 6** – The New Jerusalem!

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR REHEARSAL

There will be a short rehearsal on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm, for anyone who would like to help. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Kaip.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Palm Sunday Weekend, is April 9 & 10, which is the beginning of Holy Week. There is worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am those days, with Bible Class between. Join us for Maundy Thursday worship, April 14, at 7:00 pm. Good Friday worship, April 15 at 11:00 am and Tenebrae Service at 7:30 pm. Our Easter Candlelight Vigil Service is Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 pm, if you haven't been to this service try to attend it is quite moving.

EASTER CELEBRATION Join us as we celebrate our risen Lord, Easter Sunday, April 17, at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Get your Easter started off right with the Word of God.

ABOUT THE COVER By the judgment of the religious leaders of the day, Jesus was deemed unworthy to be placed in the house

of faith. He was cast aside and crucified. However, He is in fact, the most important part of the structure: the first stone set in place, by which the rest of the building is held together. It is God's plan that He should be the foundation of all things. So also, our lives are held together by Christ, our cornerstone.

NEW ADDRESS Please update your directory. Peggy Majeske has moved to her daughter's home. Here is her new address: 35749 Cathedral Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

FOG Teams have formed for April and May. Would you like to help with the June 12th lunch bag project? Perhaps you could pick up the 50 cookies, or 50 bags of chips, or 50 bottles of water, or could you deliver the items to Family of God? Call Roberta Hanka (586-486-5645) and let's work together on this.

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.

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 248-331-5945. 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!

SAVE THE DATE – PASTOR EISINGER'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

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.

FRIDAY FISH FRY St. Peters Lutheran Church in Eastpointe are having Friday Fish Fries on the following days 4/1, and 4/8 from 5:00-7:00 pm. On Good Friday 4/15 the hours are 4:00-6:00pm. The cost is Adults \$13, Seniors \$11, and Children \$8. The menu is as follows: Fish, Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Coleslaw.