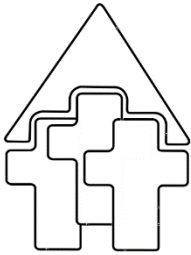


WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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.

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.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 23, 2022

† PREPARATION †

HYMN “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

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

- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
 Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
 Fully absolved through these I am
 From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
 Which at the mercy seat of God
 Pleads for the captives' liberty,
 Was also shed in love for me.

- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
 Than sands upon the ocean shore,
 Thou hast 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,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.

- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

INVOCATION

Deacon: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Deacon: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **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.**

Deacon: As a 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.
People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in You.
In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to You, O God;

I will render thank offerings to You.

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

D3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

SALUTATION

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a

wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Make a Joyful Noise”

Holy Cross Choir

*"Make a joyful noise, unto the Lord your God. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, enter His courts with praise, bless His name, bless His Holy name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, His truth endures, forever and ever more.
Alleluia, Amen! Amen!"*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

Refrain Father welcomes all His children
 To His fam’ly through His Son.
 Father giving His salvation,
 Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me,
 For My kingdom is of these.
 Life and love I have to give,
 Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word,
 In His promise, be assured:
 Those who are baptized and believe
 Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

The 10 Lepers

SERMON

Luke 18:9–17

APOSTLES' CREED

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty Father, we come to You at the gracious invitation of Your Son. May we receive Your gifts as little children, that no rebuke of our sinful flesh, the world or the devil would deter us from turning to You in repentance. Grant us humility to pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to Your Church here and in every place. Defend our pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that both Your holy Law and Your precious Gospel would be proclaimed and Your children be united in saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Your Son welcomed infants, give us a deep care for the children entrusted to us, that we would defend their lives even before birth. Instill in parents a desire and commitment to bring their little children to Jesus. Use our Lutheran school, Sunday school, Bible classes and youth catechesis to preserve them in the faith. Teach each of us in humility to receive the kingdom of God like a little child. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You do not delight in wickedness or let the boastful stand before You. Give the leaders of the nations wisdom to govern in accordance with Your will. Keep them mindful of the stewardship that they hold on behalf of others, that they may fulfill their duties with diligence and humility. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we praise You that You deliver our souls from death and our feet from falling. Care for those who are near death. Preserve them from despair, and give them a confident hope in the resurrection promises of our risen Lord. Come to the aid of everyone in need [*including _____*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who come to the holy altar this day would receive the very body and blood of Jesus in repentance and faith to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, if we trust in ourselves for righteousness, we are lost and dead in our sins. Yet You mercifully draw us to Yourself in repentance and hear the cries of those who trust in Your Son. Grant us humility, that we may not exalt ourselves or treat our brothers and sisters with contempt. Rescue us from every evil, and bring us into Your kingdom as Your beloved children. To You alone be all glory, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life’s way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
 I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
 Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
 I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
 In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
 And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
 My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
 O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
 Unto the end.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

October 24 - 30, 2022

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY</p> <p>AA 7:00pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY</p> <p>Building & Property 7:00pm TOPS 8:30am & 6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY</p> <p>Prayer Group 3:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY</p> <p>Bulletin Assembly 10:00am</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO WORSHIP 5TH SUNDAY</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY</p> <p>Worship 10:00am Potluck after worship service</p>
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BIBLE READINGS FOR REFORMATION DAY

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

ABOUT THE COVER

Paul recalled his ministry, not for his own sake, but for the sake of Timothy, who was charged with carrying on with the preaching of the Word. Paul wanted for Timothy what he himself has lived and would die for. Let us also continue steadfast in the faith, proclaiming Christ, not merely for ourselves, but for the sake of the next generations, that they, too, may call upon the Lord and be saved (Romans 10:12).

REFORMATION WEEKEND

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 505th anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, October 30. Reformation isn't just about the birthday of Lutherans or just about Luther and what Lutherans believe. Reformation is about the heart and soul of Christianity; it's about getting back to what the Scriptures teach: that God saves us by His grace through faith

in His Son, Jesus. Come join in the celebration of our Lutheran heritage.

FALL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Come to the Fall Fellowship Potluck on Sunday October 30 following the 10:00 am service. Since this is a 5th Sunday Potluck, there will be ***NO service on Saturday, October 29 or Adult Bible Class and Sunday School on Sunday, October 30.*** The Theme of this Potluck is Celebrating the Reformation. This is also an opportunity (optional) to support the LCMS in Mexico. We will accept freewill offerings that will ultimately benefit Rev. Daniel Conrad and his mission work in Mexico. Checks must be made payable to Lutheran Church – Mission Synod and a note on the Memo line should read “Conrad-Mexico”. Thank you for your support and hope you enjoy this fun fall event. Your sign

up on the poster in the hallway will help us plan the seating and table settings.

TELLERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional tells to count offering on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

As part of our All Saints' Worship on November 5 and November 6, we will remember the saints of the church – *those who died in Christ during the past year*. Our service that day will include a special *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*. Please use the forms located in the narthex and in your bulletin to submit name of family and friends who have died in the Lord since November 1, 2021. Return the forms to the church office no later than Monday, October 31, 2022.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Please begin to consider who YOU will nominate as our 2023 Woman of the Year. Once again, nomination forms will be available by the wooden box outside the sanctuary. Our schedule is as follows:

NOMINATIONS OCTOBER 1—30,
VOTING NOVEMBER 1—20,
ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR NOVEMBER 26/27.

Qualifications are for a woman who is an active volunteer in the church and the community and cannot be a paid staff worker. Gentlemen – we welcome your participation in this process.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Our thanks to all the folks who contributed towards "Socktober". These socks will be taken with the lunch bags on Sunday and delivered to FOG. Thank you to Jean Dennis, Shirley McClenahan, Denise Oughton for taking care of the lunch bags. Also thanks to Ed, Jan and Casey Danner for making the delivery. We need a driver for Nov. 6th - can you help us with this? If so, please contact Roberta Hanka (586-457-8135).

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

Let's bring back Fellowship Fridays. We received some great ideas here are just a few: Go to Rochester during the Christmas Season Lights Fest & have a dinner at the Old Woolen Mill. Visit a local Nursing Home/Retirement Home with Christmas, Easter or just treats. Trip to Easter Market. Trip to Henry Ford Museum. Art with wine class. That is just to name a few. But now we need people to head up one of these great ideas, anything pique your interest? Give the office a call let's talk about it. Thank you!!

THANK YOU!

To my Holy Cross Family for all the prayers, words of encouragement, cards and hugs, I have received. Thank you so much for the caring and support of God's love and promises. We also thank God for the time we were BLESSED to have Joey, my grandson, in our life. Carol Heidenreich

COME SEE

Building & Property are picking out new carpeting for the narthex. Come see in the office what they have picked out.