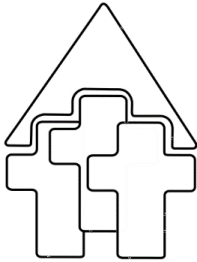


## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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.

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**Opening Hymn**

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

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- 1 All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.
  
- 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify  
The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
  
- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
  
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.

- 5 You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father's majesty.

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## 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

### Psalm 40:1–11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,  
**and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.**

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
**who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!**

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.**

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
**in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

<sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, O my God;  
**your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;

**behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.**

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;

**your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!**

## Kyrie

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

# Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Sit

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“The Star Medley”

Holy Cross Handbells

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the

revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

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☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you 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.

### Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend



from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **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.**

**Hymn of the Day**

“When All the World Was Cursed”

LSB 346

- 1     When all the world was cursed  
       By Moses’ condemnation,  
       Saint John the Baptist came  
       With words of consolation.  
       With true forerunner’s zeal  
       The greater One he named,  
       And Him, as yet unknown,  
       As Savior he proclaimed.
  
- 2     Before he yet was born,  
       He leaped in joyful meeting,  
       Confessing Him as Lord  
       Whose mother he was greeting.  
       By Jordan’s rolling stream,  
       A new Elijah bold,  
       He testified of Him  
       Of whom the prophets told:
  
- 3     Behold the Lamb of God  
       That bears the world’s transgression,  
       Whose sacrifice removes  
       The devil’s dread oppression.  
       Behold the Lamb of God,  
       Who takes away our sin,  
       Who for our peace and joy  
       Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior's way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.

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**Sermon**

“The Lamb of God”

John 1:29-42a

### **Prayer of the Church**

O Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Answer us according to Your promises and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You formed Your Son in the womb of Your servant Mary to be a light for the nations. Preserve that light among Your people. Gather us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlighten and strengthen us by Your grace, and grant that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, the heavens declare Your handiwork, and each day and night testify to Your majesty. Bless all teachers and students, that in their explorations of the arts and sciences they may see Your creativity and glorify You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your Son consented to be the servant of rulers and to be abhorred by the nations so that He might redeem the world. Fortify all in authority with courage and wisdom to govern justly, and cultivate penitent hearts among them so that they may gladly prostrate themselves before their Redeemer on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, John the Baptist first revealed Your incarnate Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and foretold His victory over sin by the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who receive that same body and blood of our resurrected Savior this day, that they would welcome Him in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; 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

Stand

### Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

## 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."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

## Communion Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

### Distribution Hymn

“The Lamb”

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

**Refrain** 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. **Refrain**



3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**


5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

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**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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 His favor and † give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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# **THE SUNDAY HERALD**

## **January 16-22, 2023**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>UWM meeting 1:00pm          Stewardship Ministry 7:00pm          AA 7:00pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Evangelism Ministry 7:00pm          TOPS 8:30am &amp; 6:00pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Bulletins Assembly 10:00am          Prayer Group 3:00pm          Bells 6:30pm          Choir 7:30pm          M.O.M. Group 7:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b> <i>OFFICE IS CLOSED</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>Scrapbook Workshop 9:00am          Worship 5:30pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Sunday School and          Adult Bible Class 9:00am          Worship 10:00am</p>
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### **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 3RD WEEKEND AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

### **SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY!**

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, after our worship service there will be a Special Voters' Assembly meeting at 11:00 am. The Call Committee will be providing details on a candidate. After the presentation of details there will be a question and answer period. The congregation will then vote to approve or deny a call.

### **5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK**

Sunday January 29th following the 10:00 am service. The Sunday School Board will be hosting the potluck. The theme is tacos! Please sign up in the church narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Clemons at 248-331-5945. Come join us in some fun and fellowship!

### **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

I will be updating the church directory this month. Please be sure that I have your correct information. If you need to change or want to make sure that I have your correct information, just give me a call.

Look for your new church directory in February. Thank you, Becky

### **2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

We experienced an issue with the 2022 Contribution Statements. There was an issue with offering contributions not being recorded for multiple weeks in 2022. We are in the process of correcting the issue. An updated 2022 statement will be sent out by the end of the month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Vandenberghe at 248-320-6704. Thank you.

### **CLW'S 59TH WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, March 21 @ 11 AM – 2 PM**

Holy Cross will be honoring Roberta Hanka, our 2023 WOY at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Guest speaker is Ida Mall, former LWML President (1991-1995). Linda Conger (586-337-2573) will be handling the group reservation for Holy Cross. Please use the SIGN-UP SHEET on the UWM Bulletin Board to register and provide Linda with \$32 (either cash or check) no later than Tuesday, February 7. (Please note \$2 of the \$32 is donated to the CLW Scholarship Fund and two Detroit Food Pantries). Please indicate your desire to carpool and if you plan to be a driver of a carpool. We will meet in the HC parking lot at 9:30 AM.

### **LENTEN DINNERS**

The Ladies Guild will be hosting the Ash Wednesday dinner. There are 5 more weeks of dinners that need to be hosted, if all 5 weeks cannot get a host there will only be a dinner on Ash Wednesday. We are asking that HC groups/ families consider hosting a meal. If you are interested, please contact Laurel Clemons BEFORE Sunday January 29th.

### **TELLERS NEEDED**

We are in need of additional tellers 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.

### **FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)**

Ladies Guild will be assembling and delivering the lunch bags to Family of God on February 5th. Would your group or family enjoy doing this project? The next scheduled date is March 12th. Contact Roberta Hanka (586-457-8135) if you are interested in helping or have other questions. Thank YOU!!

### **ABOUT THE COVER**

The popular painting on the cover by Francisco de Zurbaran is named Agnus Dei—"The Lamb of God." The light of Epiphany, illumined by the words of John the Baptist, declares Jesus to be that perfect lamb without blemish. Just as we sing in the liturgy of the same name, our Agnus Dei takes away our sins in God's merciful meal.