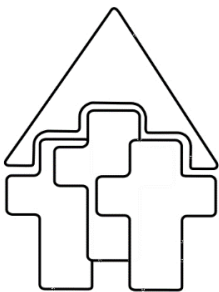


WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023
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Opening Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.
- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its
season, and its leaf does not wither.**

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**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 152

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.



Gloria in Excelsis

LSB page 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



□ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of

Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who

boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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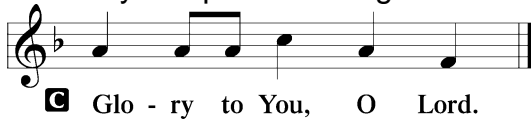


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C 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.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



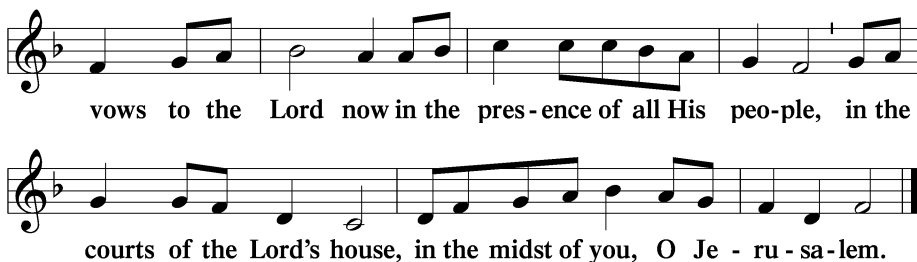
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



Prayer of the Church

P Almighty Lord and Judge of all, do not contend against us; for although Your indictment of our sinfulness is true, Your Son has suffered our condemnation. Hear Him as He pleads for our pardon, and for His sake forgive us our sins and preserve us as Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all glory, make us meek before You. Remove our stubborn inclination to follow our sinful desires, and strengthen us gladly to submit to Your holy will as we await the day of the new heaven and earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You have given Your firstborn for our transgressions. Strengthen all parents and guardians, that the children in their care might not be trained in the transgressions of their forebears, but rejoice in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authority, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all truth, bless those who are reviled and slandered because of Jesus. Strengthen them with grace, provide for all their needs of body and soul, and maintain in them the joy and gladness that in Christ their reward in heaven is great. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You choose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, and You use our infirmities for our good. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who are afflicted [especially _____]. Deliver them according to Your will, and make use of their trials to increase their confidence in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, teach us to hunger for Your flesh and to thirst for Your blood, that by Your Holy Communion we may be cleansed of our sin and equipped to love You above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the saints whom You preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by Your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see You in Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”

LSB 587

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
 For Satan seeks by night and day
 To rob me of this treasure
 And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
 I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
 I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
 A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
 To ev'ry evil foe.
- 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
 Though persecution, grief, and pain
 Should seek to overwhelm me,
 Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
 Lord, take me home to You,
 Your riches to inherit
 As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
 Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
 The end of faith attain.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

January 30-February 5, 2023

MONDAY OFFICE HOURS 9-3 AA 7:00pm	FRIDAY OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY OFFICE HOURS 9-3 Building & Property Ministry 7:00pm TOPS 8:30am & 6:00pm	SATURDAY Lunch making group 10:00am New Hope Food Pantry 10:00am Holy Cross Car Club 1:30pm Communion Worship 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY OFFICE HOURS 9-3	SUNDAY Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am
THURSDAY OFFICE HOURS 9-3 Prayer Group 3:00pm Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 5TH WEEKEND AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

ABOUT THE COVER

Micah's vision presents the people of Israel on trial before the mountains for their continued refusal to listen to the Word of the Lord. Yet the Lord presents His case by pointing to His saving deeds in the past. For us today, though our sin is ever before us, in Christ, the Lord does not give testimony against us but for our sake!

PASTOR RON OFFICE HOURS

Great news Pastor Ron now has office hours, Tuesday's from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. If you would like to meet with him during his office hours, please call the church office or Pastor Ron's cell phone 810-542-4454 to schedule an appointment. If you have an urgent or immediate need for pastoral care, please do not hesitate to call his cell phone.

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

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.**

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.

IT'S TRADITION!

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 22

Does a tasty and welcoming Holy Cross dinner of Sloppy Joes stir memories of warmth, fellowship and well-being? Well, some ideas are so good they are timeless. For many years, the Car Club has kicked off the Lenten Season by serving their famous Sloppy Joes on Ash Wednesday prior to the church service. This year, the Ladies Guild is going to assist the Car Club in carrying on this fine tradition. We will be serving Sloppy Joes (from scratch), salads and desserts beginning at 5:30 PM. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship on Wednesday, February 22. The first Lenten church service begins at 7:00 PM. Lenten dinners are back. We will be having Lenten dinners on the following Wednesdays 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, and 3/29. Join us at 5:30 for a quick dinner and fellowship, then on to worship service.

OFFICE HOURS

Becky will be on vacation January 30-February 3. Shirley McClenahan will be covering for her during that time. Shirley will be in the office from 9 am to 3 pm Monday thru Thursday and the office will be closed on Friday.