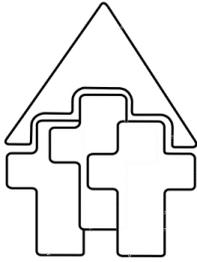


## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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**      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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- 1      Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
        Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
        Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
        Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
        May I still Thy goodness prove.
  
- 2      Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
        Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
        Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
        Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
        Interposed His precious blood.
  
- 3      Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
        Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
        Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
        Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
        Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Stand

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!



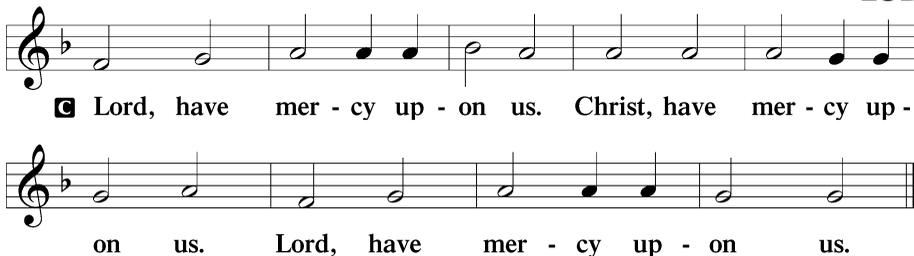
☛ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with

thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" Holy Cross Handbells

**Epistle** Romans 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "God Cares for Me" Holy Cross Choir

Stand

## Holy Gospel

John 4:5–30, 39–42

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The

woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

<sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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.**

Sit

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sermon

"Living Water"

John 4:5-30, 39-42

Offertory

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Stand

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

Lord of hosts, You have brought us to dwell in Your house and called us to worship You in spirit and truth. Receive our praise and hear our prayers, that we would leave this place satisfied with Your living water. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, You led Your ancient people by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Lead us through the wilderness of this world by the hand of faithful pastors, that we would be refreshed by the living water flowing from the stricken side of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, You have made us righteous through Jesus Christ and made peace with us by His cross. Lead us to embrace our suffering in faith, as they shape us in His image, and prepare us to behold Your glory in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, You appointed Your Son to suffer on our behalf, that we would rejoice in the hope of glory. Make all Christian fathers to stand in Your grace, that they would live faithfully for the sake of their families and urge them always toward eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, bless the nations of the world, that both citizens and authorities would seek justice, peace and the common good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of hosts, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers [\_\_\_\_\_]. Surround them with Your love in Christ and,

according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort all those who mourn, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, grant us safe haven at Your altar, that we who bear the weight of this world and its sorrows would always long for Your courts and the blessings You have prepared for those who sing Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, to You all hearts are open and all sins are known. Strengthen our hearts by Your grace, that we who daily sin much would make confession boldly and then joyfully receive Your precious word of absolution; 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.**

Stand

### Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessèd Savior’s side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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# ***THE SUNDAY HERALD***

***March 6 -12, 2023***

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<b>MONDAY</b>		
AA		7:00pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Church Council		7:00pm
TOPS		8:30am & 6:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
<b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER</b>		
Lenten Dinner		5:30pm
Midweek Lenten Worship		7:00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Prayer Group		3:00pm
Bells		6:30pm
Choir		7:30pm
MOM Group		7:00pm
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Bulletin Assembly		10:00am
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Communion Worship		5:30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class		9:00am
Communion Worship		10:00am

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 4TH WEEKEND IN LENT**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

### **ABOUT THE COVER**

St. Paul tells us that Christ was the spiritual Rock from which Israel drank in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:4). The woman at the well soon found out that this same Rock was standing before her, offering her the true thirst-quenching water. Once we have partaken of Christ, there is no need to thirst after the things of this world. He thirsted on the cross in our place to fill us with His forgiveness and life.

### **EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

We will be collecting items for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. A box will be in the hallway leading from the parking lot and will be labeled "Earthquake

Relief". All items need to be collected by Sunday, March 12 for shipment. Thank you for your support. Questions contact Margaret Yusko. Items needed: new or gently used blankets, coats, gloves, scarves, beanies/hats, new only underwear, and any warm clothing items.

### **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.

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

Lenten Worship Services are on Wednesdays thru March 29, with a worship service each week at 7:00 pm and quiet communion will be offered after each worship service. The theme of Deacon Tony's sermon series is "This is Love". Join us for dinner before the worship service at 5:30 pm. The schedule is listed below.

### **LENTEN SUPPERS**

- 3/15 – Irish Stew topped with mashed potatoes, salad & rolls (Choir/Bells)
- 3/22 – Chili, Hotdogs, corn bread & Salad (Church Council)
- 3/29 – Penne pasta with meat sauce or alfredo, bread & salad (Mark & Cinda Coon)

All meals are from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. A free-will donation is collected. Come and join us for good food and fellowship!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday April 8th the Sunday School will be hosting, and Easter egg hunt and we need your help. We will be collecting plastic eggs and candy to fill the eggs. Donations can be dropped in the basket outside the Sunday School office. Please make sure the candy is wrapped and is small enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please talk to Laurel Clemons.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date, April 30th, 2023, for a potluck in honor of our charter members and early members of Holy Cross. This will follow our 10 am service. Hope to see you there.

## **MITE-Y MUFFINS**

LWML will be offering their Mite-y Muffins for sale (freewill offering) this weekend, March 11 & 12. All proceeds will be given to LWML mites. As you know, LWML supports various mission grants, and these grants are funded through your mite giving. Please help us by purchasing a muffin!

## **HOLY CROSS CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING**

There will be a CPR/First Aid training class offered for all who would like to participate on March 18, 2023, at 10:00 am. I will have a signup sheet posted in the Narthex so we can provide the instructor with an accurate count before the class. It is highly recommended that all Elders and Ushers attend. The class is open to anyone interested. Thank you, Michelle Hoeft.

## **LENTEN / EASTER SEASON**

**Lenten Worship –**

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

**Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 8**

**Holy week begins with Palm Sunday**

**Weekend - April 1 & 2**

**Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday - April 7, 7:30 pm**

**Easter Egg Hunt - April 8, 11:00 am**

**Easter Celebration - April 9, 10:00 am**

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

Our thanks to the following ladies from Rev. Hanna's Group for helping with the Lunch Bag Project for March 12th: Debbie Collingwood, Pat Schenk, and Doris Swalec. Ana Conrad will make the delivery. Our next scheduled date is April 23rd - can your family help with this project? Call Roberta 586-457-8135 if you can help or have questions.