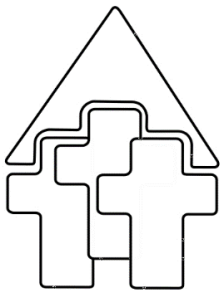


WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!



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.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023
Lutheran Service Book, Divine 1, page 151

Opening Hymn

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

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- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
 See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
 Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
 When to the realms of light
 Our spirit wings its flight.

- 2 The foe in triumph shouted
 When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
 His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
 He who is strong to save
 Has triumphed o'er the grave.

- 3 This is a sight that gladdens—
 What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
 The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
 The hope which God's own Son
 In love for me has won.

- 4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
 Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
 And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all its might
Cannot my soul affright;
 It is a pow'rless form,
 Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5 The world against me rages,
 Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
 Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

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

D In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

D 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

D 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.**

D In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

**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

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D In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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




C Lord, have mer - cy.

D 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.

D 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.

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



C A - men.


Gloria in Excelsis

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




C 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

D The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

D Let us pray.
 O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
 Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,
 perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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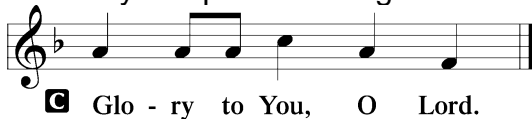


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

D The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to

them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day “Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

LSB 476

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow
Down Emmaus’ barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief’s crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death’s bare, bitter bread.

- 2 Who is this who joins our journey,
Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?

Then the wonder! When we told You
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.

3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened
In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts Your image trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

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.

Prayer of the Church

D In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

D That we may perceive Christ, who expounded the Scriptures and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread; and that we may rejoice in the gifts of His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

D That our piety may be renewed this Eastertide; and that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

D That the God of all compassion, whose Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures, would enlighten this congregation with the resurrection light that never fades, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

D For all parents, that God would continue to pour out His Spirit upon them to catechize their children faithfully in His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

D For our nation and the world, that the powers of darkness would be stifled and the reign of war, violence and terror come to an end; for our leaders, that they would work for the common good and pursue righteousness; for Joseph, our president; the Congress of the United States; _____, our governor; all state and local officials; all medical and emergency workers; and all members of the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

D For those who suffer and cry to God, that He would hear them and answer with grace sufficient for all their needs; and for the sick, the wounded and the dying, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

D O Lord, have mercy on us when we are foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken about Your Son. Pour out Your Spirit on us through the preaching of the Gospel, that the Scriptures might be opened to us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offertory

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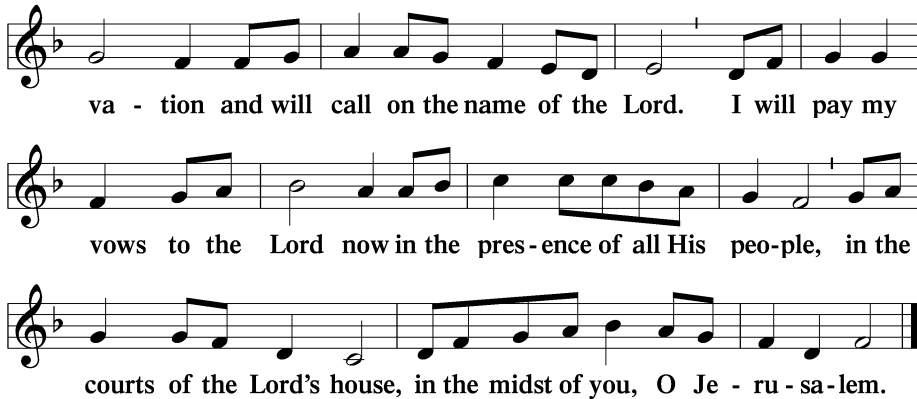
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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

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D 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 Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
 Follow His example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us
 And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in His footsteps treading,
 Pilgrims here, our home above,

Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

April 24 - 30, 2023

MONDAY

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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TUESDAY

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Building & Property 7:00pm

TOPS 8:30am & 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

THURSDAY

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Bulletin Assembly 10:00am

Prayer Group 3:00pm

Bells 6:30pm

Choir 7:30pm

FRIDAY

OFFICE IS CLOSED

SATURDAY

Worship 5:30pm

SUNDAY

Adult Bible Class and
Sunday School 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Potluck after worship to honor our
Charter and Early Members

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

ABOUT THE COVER

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:24-25). When Peter quotes this passage from Isaiah 40, he helps us to see how Christ has fulfilled it all in His death and resurrection for us. Though our lives and words in this present world fade and are soon forgotten Christ’s words remain forever because He remains forever.

ONE CALL NOW

Some people have had problems receiving the One Call Now message. If you have had or having problems receiving the One Call Now message, here is what you can do to get the message. **Call 1-877-698-3261 option #1 and follow the prompts to listen to the message.** If you need further assistance, please contact Becky.

THANK YOU!

Shirley Handy would like to thank everyone here at Holy Cross. She is so thankful for the phone calls, cards, prayers, and visits. Don's funeral service was beautiful, and the ladies out did themselves with the luncheon. Thank you, Holy Cross! Shirley Handy

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and cereal. If you happen to be at a dollar store perhaps you can pick up an item or two off the needs list. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS

Becky will be on vacation April 24-28. 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.

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. Thank you.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Thanks to Jean Dennis, Dawn Bean and Suzette Katopodes for handling the lunch bags and Dave Mutschler for handling the delivery which is scheduled for April 23rd. Rev. Hanna's group will

handle the May 7th lunch bag project and we need someone to make the delivery for that day - can you help – contact Roberta.

MICHIGAN – OHIO CHORALE

Erwin Aufdemberge and the Michigan-Ohio Chorale, presents Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing! The concert will include Organ, Brass, Strings, Flute and Oboe. Concert information: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 23000 Gratiot Avenue, Eastpointe, MI 48021, Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

THE FAMILY FEUD

Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers will once again be participating in the Family Feud Fundraising Event, hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church. When: Saturday, May 6th at 5:00 pm Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue in Utica. This version of the popular show is a lot of fun for the whole family – with a live game show set, a big silent auction, and delicious strolling foods all night long. All for just \$10.00! For more information call 586-757-5551 or visit our website at www.ivsinfo.org.

***Christ is risen,
He has risen indeed!
Alleluia***