

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. We pray that you will consider becoming a part of our Holy Cross family. **Both members & visitors please complete the connection card in the pew pockets or scan the QR code below.** You may place the card in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.



A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Holy Cross on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and all festival Sundays. Lutherans believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present "in, with and under" the bread and wine in the Supper and is given to us for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. All communicants should have been baptized in the name of the Triune God and have faith in these words of Christ: "This is my Body given for you. This is my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction in this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or examination with the pastor. If you have not received instruction, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Sacrament, you may remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest as a sign that you will not be receiving. The common cup and individual cups are both offered. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are available, please request.**

SURVEY QUESTION:

Which of the following is your ideal for Sunday mornings?

- A. I wish we had an early service like 8:30am
- B. I actually wouldn't mind a later service like 10:30 or 11
- C. I like it just the way it is at 10am
- D. I'd also like it if we had Matins before Bible Study.

ENTER FOR WORSHIP Upon entering the sanctuary please close the door behind you, and find a seat. After you are seated, please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.

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.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU If you are in need of someone to pray for you the Elders will be at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

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July 9, 2023
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
 Now is the triumph of our King!
 To all the world glad news we bring:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
 Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
 Let all the world rejoice and say:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
 That love, that life which cannot die,
 And sing with hearts uplifted high:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
 And sing today with one accord
 The life laid down, the life restored:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Opening Versicles

(from Psalm 84:10;25; John 17:17)

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P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C 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.**

Old Testament Canticule

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

*Cantor: Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.*

**All: Make his deeds known to the peoples;
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;**

**for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great
and Holy One of Israel.**

Words: Carl P Daw (b. 1944); paraphrase of *The First Song of Isaiah* Tune: THOMAS MERTON, by Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Please be seated.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in

my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CATECHISM

The Sacrament of the Altar

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P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P Where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

P Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

C Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Lord's Prayer (from Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Offertory "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.

Please stand if you are able.

Prayer

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]. . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

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P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

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C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

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(from 1 Corinthians 15:20a; 5:7b; Romans 6:9-11)

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing (from Psalm 103:1)

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

July 10 - 16, 2023

MONDAY	FRIDAY
AA 7:00pm	<i>OFFICE IS CLOSED</i>
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Church Council 7:00pm TOPS 8:30 am & 6:00pm	Scrapbook Workshop 9:00am Communion Worship 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
THURSDAY	Adult Bible Class 9:00am Communion Worship 10:00am
<i>OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM</i>	
Bulletin Assembly 10:00am	

BIBLE READINGS FOR 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

OUR NEW CONNECTION CARD

We have a new attendance/prayer card, it is now called a connection card. The connection card is a new way to connect with HCLC. You can add or change your information, write a prayer request, take a survey, give comments, suggestions or needs. The survey question is on page 1 of your bulletin, under the QR code. Please fill out the new connection card and drop it in the offering plate on your way out of church. You can even scan the QR code to fill out the connection card online.

FRIEND DAY

Friend Day is coming soon, Sunday, July 30th. There will be a potluck with gourmet hotdogs and ice cream bars, following the worship service. So, save the date and invite your family, friends and neighbors too.

ORGAN RECITAL

Michael Katopodes will be performing a portion of his thesis recital that he presented in Ann Arbor in April. Put the date on your calendar: Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00 pm. There will be an afterglow following the recital.

SAVE THE DATES

Pastor Eric is planning some days to do small jobs around the church building and grounds. The following Saturdays are the dates he would like us to set aside to beautify our church and grounds: **July 29, August 26, September 30, October 21.** The hours are from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. If you can give any amount of time on any of the days, that would be grand. Activities for each day will be announced beforehand. Hope to see you there.

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

The sign-up board will be up on July 15 for the **Lunch Bag Project** on Saturday July 22nd, which will be held in the Haggerty Hall after the Church Service. There's a total of 13 items to be placed in the bag. The church will supply cutlery/napkins, moist towelette, baggies, lunch bags, mustard and mayo packets, and the mustard seed devotion. The following needs to be purchased by donors: sliced bread, cheese, and lunchmeat for 50 sandwiches. Along with chips, cookies, and large bottled water for the 50 lunches. We need your help, join in the fellowship – sign-up! The sign-up board will have further directions. If you have any questions call Roberta Hanka or the church office.

WEBSITES' NEW LOOK

Have you seen our website? It has a new look. We are now connected to Facebook, Twitter, Truth Social, LinkedIn, and Instagram. You can even do online giving now on the website. It is easy to do, just click on **ONLINE GIVING** and follow the instructions. Our old worship services are on the website also. Hop on holycrosswarren.com and check us out.

NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

THANK YOU

To my Holy Cross family, I want to **THANK YOU** for all the prayers, cards and phone calls I received after my surgery. They were very much appreciated. Again, thank you so much, Sandi Pepperman

OUT OF THE OFFICE

I will be out of the office from Thursday, July 13th and return on Monday, August 7th. Shirley McClenahan will be filling in for me while I am out of the office. The office hours will be from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Thank you, Becky