

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

What are your favorite hymns or songs to sing in church? Please write in titles or hymn numbers.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023
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Prelude "How Lovely Are The Messengers That Preach
The Gospel Of Peace" (Saint Paul)
By Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847

Welcome, Announcements and Survey Question

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn "All You Works Of God, Bless The Lord" LSB 930

1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,
Praise the Lord and His majesty: **Refrain**

Refrain Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!

2 Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: **Refrain**

3 Frost of winter with song so cold,
Dews of summer, your song unfold;
Light and darkness, you day and night,
Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: **Refrain**

4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: **Refrain**

Opening Versicles (from Psalm 84:10,25; John 17:17) LSB page 260

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 Cantic "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

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.

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.

Please be seated

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For

the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to

you on the water.”²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

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.

Hymn of the Day

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733:1,2,5,6

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Sermon

Please stand if you are able.

Offertory

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
(repeat)

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Prayer

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** Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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 Canticale

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

Refrain



C 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 -



Pastor Conrad to speak about his missionary work
There will be question and answer time and free will offering

Blessing (from Psalm 103:1) LSB page 267

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 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord I Go" LSB 854

- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.

- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ
Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

August 14 – August 20, 2023

MONDAY		FRIDAY	
AA	7:00pm	OFFICE IS CLOSED	
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
<i>September Newsletter Deadline</i>		Workday	9:00am
TOPS	8:30 am & 6:00pm	Catechism/Bible Study	4:30pm
WEDNESDAY		Worship	5:30pm
Car Show meeting	7:00pm	SUNDAY	
THURSDAY		Adult Bible Class	9:00am
Bulletin Assembly	10:00am	Worship	10:00am
MOM Group	7:00pm		

BIBLE READINGS FOR 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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: **August 19, 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 wonderful. Hope to see you there.

DUAL/MULTI-POINT PARISH CONFERENCE WATCH PARTY

Join us here at HCLC on August 26, 2023, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for a conversation on the benefits and the challenges of considering a multi-point parish. Presenters will be South Dakota District President Scott Sailer, Tri-Parish Pastor Christopher Stout, and Southeastern District President Bill Harmon. This event is free to attend and includes lunch. For more information and to register go to: michigandistrict.org/event/watch-parties-dual-multi-point-parish-conference/
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric.

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!

FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

SUNDAY ATTENDEES - Our thanks to the folks who signed up to help with assembling the lunch bags for delivery to FOG on Sunday, August 13th. Your next opportunity will be in November. **SATURDAY ATTENDEES** - Check your calendars and see if you can help assemble the lunch bags on October 7th. The sign-up sheet will be up on September 30th. The following needs to be purchased by donors: sliced bread, cheese, and lunchmeat for 50 sandwiches. Along with chips, cookies (individually wrapped) and large (12 or 16 oz bottled water for the 50 lunches. The church will supply cutlery/napkins, moist towelette, mustard and mayo packets, mustard seed devotions, sandwich and lunch bags. If you have any questions call Roberta Hanka or the church office.

EYEGASSES COLLECTION FOR MOST

We continue to collect used eyeglasses for MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term). Our summer collection of eyeglasses will be delivered to Council of Lutheran Women at their Fall meeting. The box for these eyeglasses is located by our mailboxes in the hallway. Thank you!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TEA

POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) is sponsoring the Tea on Saturday, August 26 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Hills. Doors open at 1:30 pm with a program from 2:00-5:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00. Come and meet your International Christian sisters in their ethnic dress and taste their ethnic food. There is a sign-up sheet out in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Dehnke at 586-246-2388.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”
Hebrews 13:5 KJV