

## 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 instructions, 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 Old Testament stories or characters?

- 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.

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 15, 2023**  
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**Prelude**

**Welcome, Connection Card/Survey Announcements and  
Sharing of the Peace**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**     “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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- 1     Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
        God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
        Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
        Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
        Fill us with the light of day.
  
- 2     All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
        Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
        Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
        Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
        Call us to rejoice in Thee.
  
- 3     Thou art giving and forgiving,  
        Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
        Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

## 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel if you are able.

Take a moment to confess in your heart what is on your mind.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

**Anthem**

“Psalm 23”

Holy Cross Choir

**Kyrie**

(from Mark 10:47)

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

(from Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited

for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

“Thy Word”

Holy Cross Handbells

**Epistle**

Philippians 4:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

<sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

D This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

**D** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went

out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



Please be seated.

**Hymn of the Day**

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

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- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
 No more dying only light  
 Thine the river Thine the tree  
 Then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy  
 Celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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Sermon

Offertory

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Create 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.

Please stand if you are able.

## Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly King, You send out Your invitation that all who believe in Your Son should take their seats at His feast. By the proclamation of Your Church, gather many, however evil they may be, to repent and fill Your eternal banquet hall. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly King, keep the coming of Your Son always at the forefront of heart and mind, that subject for His sake to the fleeting powers of this world, we may live in continual godliness and the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly King for whom we wait, You promise to wipe away the tears from all faces. Bless [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who weep here, that at the last they may be comforted, restored and received into the banquet of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly King, give us such joy in pursuing what is true, just, pure and worthy of praise that, spurning the temptations of this world, we would suffer no anxiety. Let our trust be placed fully in Christ and let our hope rest in the life of the world to come; 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**

(from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

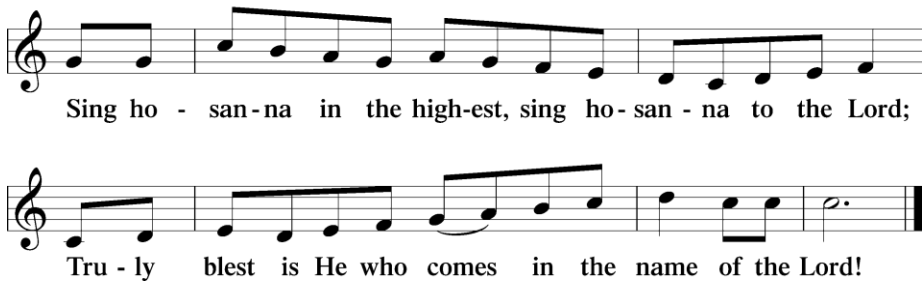
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

(From Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

**P** 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."

**Pax Domini** (from John 20:19)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**Anthem**

"Agnus Dei"

Holy Cross Choir

Please be seated.

**Distribution Hymn**

"The Lamb"

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1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

**Refrain**      Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
                    The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
          One perfect final offering.  
          The Lamb, the Lamb,  
          Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

3      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
          As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
          So still, His will  
          On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4      He sighs, He dies,  
          He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
          He lives, forgives,  
          He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

5      He rose, He rose,  
          My heart with thanks now overflows.  
          His song prolong  
          Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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**Distribution Hymn**      "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"      LSB 709

1      The King of love my shepherd is,  
          Whose goodness faileth never;  
          I nothing lack if I am His  
          And He is mine forever.

- 2      Where streams of living water flow,  
          My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
          With food celestial feedeth.
- 3      Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
          But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
          And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4      In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
          With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
          Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5      Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
          Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
          From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6      And so through all the length of days  
          Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
          Within Thy house forever!

Please stand if you are able.



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

(from Psalm 103:1)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

(from Numbers 6:24-26)

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 His peace.

C **Amen.**

## **Closing Song**

“In Christ Alone”

### **verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

### **verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

**verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**verse 4**

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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# THE SUNDAY HERALD

October 14 & 15, 2023

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## BIBLE READINGS FOR 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Trunk or Treat Saturday October 28th @ 7:00 pm. Sunday School is hosting a trunk or treat. This is a great way to reach out to our community. Please plan on coming and decorating your trunk and handing out candy! It will be a great time. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

## FOG (FAMILY OF GOD)

Sunday attendees - **please note** - there will be **no** sign up for the November 5th Lunch Bag Project. Chips are being handled by Dawn Bean and Gail Caldarea is handling the cookies. The balance of the items will be supplied by the Church for the 50 lunch bags. We still need your assistance in assembling the bags after the church service on November 5th - hope to see you there! Thank you!

## SOCKTOBER

This is the last week for collecting all types of new socks for men and women at Family of God. Collection boxes are at the front door and by our mailboxes for those coming in the back door. Collection **ends October 20th** and will be delivered with the lunch bags to FOG on November 5th. Thank you for your contribution.

## **NURSERY**

We are working on opening our nursery during services for families that could benefit from having it in operation. We are looking for 8-10 volunteers who are willing to work during the Sunday service on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in working in the nursery, please talk to Laurel Clemons.

## **HOLY CROSS 2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Soon we will begin the nomination and election process for our 2024 WOY. Please start thinking about who you will nominate. Please remember the honoree cannot be a church employee and her volunteerism should reach beyond Holy Cross as well as within Holy Cross.

There will then be a Women of the Year Luncheon on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at The Mirage Banquet & Event Center, 16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township 48038, Additional Information: TBD This will be the 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## **TELLERS NEEDED**

We need additional tellers to count offerings 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.

## **LWM FALL RALLY EVENT**

Saturday, October 21 at 9:30am at Huntington Woods Lutheran, Huntington Woods. Registration begins at 9:00am and the fee is \$8.00 which includes breakfast. The speaker is Rebecca Yowell from Wellspring Lutheran Family Services. Sign-up sheet is on the LWML board, in the narthex as you come out of church. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Dehnke or Maurya Withrow.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27*