

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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. You can greet our pastor as you leave the sanctuary after services. Please stop by our Guest Welcome Center near the Fellowship Hall 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 to complete online). Place the card in the offering plate on your way out. NOTE: You can give online at our website or place in offering plates at back of sanctuary (we don't pass plates).

### A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Saturday and Sunday (except on FRIEND DAYS), and all festival services. 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 Jesus: "This IS my Body given for you...This IS my Blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Instruction on this and the Lutheran Church takes place through First Communion, Confirmation, and membership classes or meeting with the pastor. To inquire, contact the church office at your convenience. If you will not be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, 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. Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cups tray. **Gluten-free wafers are packaged and placed in wafer bowl, indicate to server.**



### SURVEY QUESTION

What breakfast food would you like to see at our Easter Breakfast at 9:45am in between the 8:45 and 11am Easter Worship Services?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP** You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

**WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU** If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

**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.

**Quinquagesima Sunday**  
**February 11, 2024**  
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**Quinquagesima Sunday:** (Latin for fiftieth) Approximately 50 days until Easter. This is the 7th Sunday before Easter and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Also called Shrove Sunday or Estomihi. The Latin Introit for the Day is: Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias, In English, the Introit is: Be Thou unto me a God, a Protector, and a place of refuge, to save me. Psalm 31:1-3 origin Church Worship in the Middle Ages

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Connection Card and Announcements**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**                      “Lead Me, Guide Me”    LSB 721

**Refrain**            Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
                          For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
                          Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
                          Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1            I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r  
                  To help me over my weakest hour.  
                  Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.  
                  Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2            Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
                  Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
                  I am putting all my trust in Thee.  
                  Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

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## 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

### Introit

Psalm 89:1, 26-28

P Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

C **For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

P In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

C **Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C **Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!**

ALL **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

(from Mark 10:47)

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# Gloria in Excelsis



**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** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

**D** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**D** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Please stand if you are able.

## Alleluia and Verse

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**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

Luke 18:31–43

**D** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said



to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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**    “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”    LSB 849

- 1     Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
      With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
      Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
      Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
      With the very Bread of peace.
  
- 2     Praise the One who blessed the children  
      With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
      With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
      To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
      Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
  
- 3     Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
      Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
      That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
      Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
      Praise the One who makes us one.

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**Sermon**

**Offertory**            “I Just Want to Praise The Lord”            Flute/Piano Duet

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.

Almighty God, You have opened the eyes of the blind to see and the ears of the deaf to hear. As we prepare for Lent, open our eyes and ears anew through the preaching of Law and Gospel to see and hear Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Heavenly Father, preserve the family and all godly Christian homes. Give parents diligence and persistence in their duties to teach the faith in word and example. Keep adults and children alike in the promise You made to them in their Baptism. Let the patience, kindness and endurance of Christian love have no end among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Lord of hosts, You are our strength and our shield. Protect those who serve in law enforcement and in our armed forces [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give courage to all who serve in hazardous situations, and bestow wisdom on our leaders, that we may live in peace according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Merciful One, You gave Your Son to bear our grief and carry our sorrows. Remember the sick and the dying [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Ease their pain, remove their anxiety and comfort them with Your forgiving love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

- D Heavenly Father, You claimed us as Your children in the waters of Baptism and offer us this day the blessing of Your Word and Holy Supper. Grant us eagerness to receive these gifts with thanksgiving, that through them we would joyously obtain the forgiveness of sins and behold Your glory. Through 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

### Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

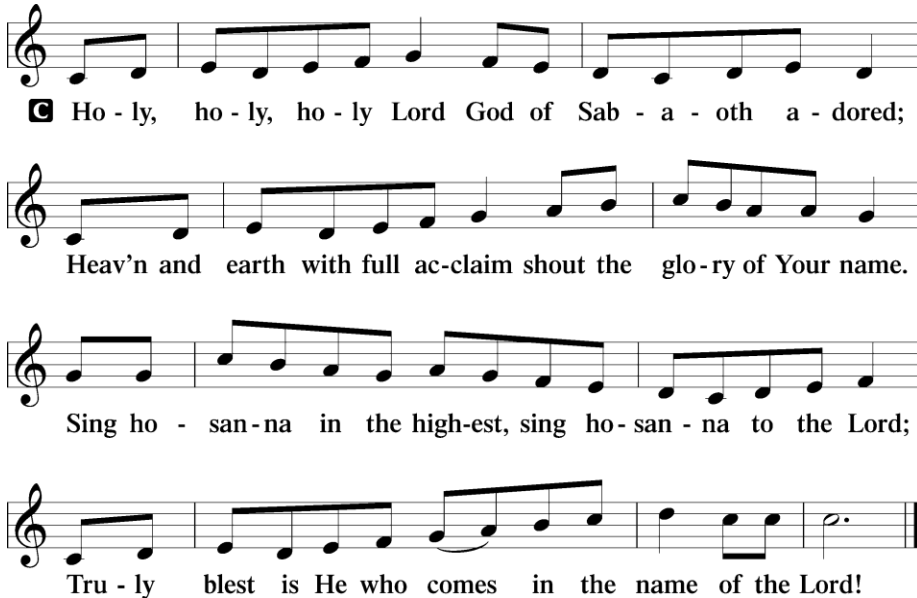
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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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.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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."

**P** 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.

**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God John 1:29**

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**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

**Anthem** “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” Holy Cross Handbells

**Distribution Hymn** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
  
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,

He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

### **Distribution Hymn**

"Now the Silence"

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1 Now the silence  
Now the peace  
Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling  
Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the hearing  
Now the pow'r  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the body  
Now the blood  
Now the joyful celebration  
Now the wedding  
Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation



Now the Son's epiphany  
 Now the Father's blessing  
 Now  
 Now  
 Now

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Please stand if you are able.

**Nunc Dimittis**

(from Luke 2:29-32)

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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

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**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 Hymn

“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

## February 12 – February 18, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Bulletin Assembly 10:00am
Shrove Tuesday Pancake	Ladies Charcuterie & Mocktails
Supper & Races 5:30pm	Board Night 7:00pm
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Communion Worship 11:00am	Scrapbook Workshop 9:00am
Communion Worship 7:00pm	Praise Band rehearsal 4:30pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Bible Class 4:30pm
<b>March Newsletter deadline</b>	Communion Worship 5:30pm
Prayer Group 3:00pm	<b>SUNDAY</b>
Bells 6:30pm	Bible Classes for all ages 9:00am
Choir 7:30pm	Communion Worship 10:00am
	Youth Group 6:00pm

### BIBLE READINGS FOR INVOCABIT (1ST SUNDAY IN LENT)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### PANCAKE SUPPER & RACES HAVE RETURNED

Join us **Tuesday, February 13** starting at 5:30 pm for Shrove (Fat) Tuesday Pancake Supper & Races. On the menu will be traditional pancakes, potato pancakes & ham and for dessert – your favorite & mine...Paczki's!! The races are for all ages—just bring a frying pan and your fastest running shoes! This event is sponsored by the Board of Elders. Men of the congregation, if you would like to help with setup, cooking, and/or cleanup please contact Mark Coon. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

## **ATTENTION ALL LADIES**

Save the date - May 18th. More specific details will follow soon.

## **MOCKTAILS AND CHARCUTERIE BOARD NIGHT** **FEBRUARY 16TH @ 7PM**

A new women's group is coming to Holy Cross geared for women ages **30-50**. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Narthex so we can have an idea of the number of ladies attending. If you have any questions, contact Jennie Shanburn or Laurel Clemons.

## **LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 14**

Come and prepare yourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection. The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Lenten midweek services will be on Wednesdays through March 20. This year during the Lenten midweek services we will be watching the film, "The Gospel of John" with famous actor Henry Ian Cusick. We'll split up the 3-hour film into 5 Wednesdays with prayer, discussion, popcorn and drinks in Haggerty Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your kids. See you there.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday March 30th at 10:00 am**

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Holy Cross Sunday School. Join us in the sanctuary for an Easter Devotion before we head out for the hunt. This event is geared for ages 0-12. We hope to see you there and don't forget to invite your family and friends!

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

Easter breakfast is back with some changes. This year everyone is invited to help, cook, serve and set up and clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Breakfast will be served from 9:45-11:00 am.

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday Weekend**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm and Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am. **Maundy Thursday**, Worship with Holy Communion, March 28, 7:00 pm. **Good Friday**, Worship Service, March 29, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm. **Resurrection of Our Lord**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 30, 5:30 pm, and Sunday, March 31, 8:45 & 11:00 am, with Easter breakfast between services.

