

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

No survey questions during the Lenten season.

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.

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 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.

Second Sunday in Lent
Reminiscere
February 25, 2024
Lutheran Service Book, Divine 4, page 203

Reminiscere Sunday: This is the 5th Sunday before Easter. It is from Psalm 25:6. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages The Introit for the Day is: Remember O Lord Thy mercies...

Prelude

Welcome, Connection Card and Announcements

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
 Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11

P Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C **Let not my enemies exult over me.**

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

P To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

P Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

C **For your name's sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** (from 2 Timothy 4:22)

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

D The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779

- 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,
 Jesus loves to answer prayer;
 He Himself has bid thee pray,
 Therefore will not turn away.

- 2 Thou art coming to a King,
 Large petitions with thee bring;
 For His grace and pow'r are such
 None can ever ask too much.

- 3 With my burden I begin:
 Lord, remove this load of sin;
 Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
 Set my conscience free from guilt.

- 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
 Take possession of my heart;
 There Thy blood-bought right maintain
 And without a rival reign.

- 6 Show me what is mine to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die Thy people's death.

Sermon

Offertory (from Psalm 51:10-12)

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Cre-ate 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 Lord, You gave Abraham the promise of many descendants. Give us faith, that we may delight in this promise, delivered through the ages and kept in Christ, our Savior. Equip us with Your Spirit to be bold and unwavering witnesses, carrying Your name and Your Gospel to every place and people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

D O Lord, through patriarchs and prophets You spoke Your Word. Bless all pastors, that they may preach and teach faithfully. Raise up many new laborers for church-work vocations, and bless them as they prepare for this service in our colleges and seminaries. Give us ears to hear and hearts to imitate their faith and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- D Lord God of all nations, the disciples brought the cause of a Gentile woman to Your Son, the King of the Jews. Inspire the people of Your Church, grafted into Your holy people by faith, to bring the needs of the world to Your throne of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- D O Lord, our Father, You have adopted us into Your heavenly family as brothers of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us, after the example of Jacob and Esau, to overcome brotherly strife in persistent prayer and with humility. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- D O Lord, You sent forth Your own Son to heal and give everlasting life. By Your Word and Spirit, lift up Your people from their sorrows and deliver them according to Your gracious will. [Hear us, we pray, especially for _____.] Sustain them in their afflictions, comfort them in the hour of death and raise up the dead according to Your gracious promise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- D O Lord, Your Son has set His table among us. Here He gives His flesh as food and His blood as drink to forgive our sins and to nourish our faith. Give us Your Spirit, that we may approach this Sacrament with faith and receive with repentant hearts the benefits of His Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- D Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You by Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy. Although we have reason to fear for the sake of our conscience, our sin and our unworthiness, let us nevertheless hold fast, like the woman of Canaan, to Your grace. In every trial and temptation, let us find You a present help and refuge; 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.** (from 2 Timothy 4:22)

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.** (from Colossians 3:1)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** (from Psalm 136)

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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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;



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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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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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.

Distribution Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

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1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Distribution Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

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1 Word of God, come down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;

Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
 Be our Word in pity spoken,
 Heal the world, by sin now broken.

- 4 Word that speaks God's tender love,
 One with God beyond all telling,
 Word that sends us from above,
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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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 -



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

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

LSB 877

1 God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,

Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.

2 And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us
All through the day.

3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With You on high.

4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You,
Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You
While ages run.

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THE SUNDAY HERALD

February 26 – March 3, 2024

MONDAY			
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
Building & Property	7:00pm	HC Food Pantry Meeting	10:00am
WEDNESDAY		HC Car Club	1:30pm
Film & Discussion	7:00pm	Praise Band rehearsal	4:30pm
THURSDAY		Bible Class	4:30pm
Prayer Group	3:00pm	Communion Worship	5:30pm
Bells	6:30pm	SUNDAY	
Choir	7:30pm	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00am
FRIDAY		Communion Worship	10:00am
Bulletin Assembly	10:00am	Youth Group	6:00pm

BIBLE READINGS FOR OCULI (3RD SUNDAY IN LENT)

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 26:1-15

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

LENTEN JOURNEY

Our 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 BREAKFAST

Easter breakfast is back with some changes. This year everyone is invited to help, cook, serve, 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.

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!

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.

THANK YOU!

Teryl and I would like to thank our Holy Cross family for all of your prayers, texts, emails, visits, and get-well cards. You have no idea how much your prayers and words of caring and concern warmed and encouraged our hearts over the last few months! There is no greater support system in all of the world than that of brothers and sisters in Christ encouraging and supporting one another. Your "presence" was gratefully felt! God's richest blessings to all of you! Pastor & Teryl Eisinger

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.