



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2020

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
CONSECRATION WEEKEND

SERMON MESSAGE: "Live Generously"
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

We invite you to join us again soon!

SATURDAYS 4:45 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship

SUNDAYS 8:15 am Liturgical Worship
9:45 am Sunday School & Bible Studies
11:00 am Blended Worship

Guests, thank you for joining us! Please stop by the Welcome Center to receive your free gift!

Sharing God's love through faith in Christ

CHECK-IN: Complete a check-in card or scan here:



CHILD CARE: *The Blessing Place Nursery* is currently available during the Sunday School hour ONLY. It is located to the right of the Worship Center. The Parlor (to the left of the Worship Center) is available during worship services. Diaper-changing facilities are located in the nursery, Parlor, and the women's restroom in the main hallway.

WORSHIP AIDS
Personal devices for the hearing impaired are available from an usher.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
(God will search for His sheep.)

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9
(Generosity is encouraged.)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46
(The sheep are separated from the goats.)

AS WE GATHER Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen and blessed sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the joyful, confident confession that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink (Matt. 26:26-29). Personal examination, prior to participation, is encouraged by the Scriptures (1 Cor. 11:28), and might include these questions:

- Am I a sinner?
- Am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus gives me His body & blood together with the bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins?
- Do I intend by the Power of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

As members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we believe the Scriptures affirm that our participation in Holy Communion is an expression of our unity in faith. If you desire to participate and are not an LCMS member, please call the Church Office to speak to one of our pastors. You may also speak to a pastor or Elder before the worship service. If you are unable to speak to someone before the service, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please fold your arms across your chest as the pastor comes to you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

See also Matt. 5:23-24; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 10:15-17; 11:17-34. ***(Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.)***

Saturday Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"Because Of Your Love"

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

"King of My Heart"

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

NICENE CREED

OFFERING

To give by text, simply text the amount of your offering to (316) 252-1545.

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO: TREASURES

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

Sunday 8:15 Order of Worship

PRELUDE: "Patmos" — Arr. William R. Brusick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" #811

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PSALM 95:1-7a (sung)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

EPISTLE READING

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HOLY GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life and Let It Be" #783

SERMON

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO: TREASURES

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" #842

POSTLUDE: "O dass ich tausend Zungen haette"
— Arr. Max Reger

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" #774

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851

"Jesus Shall Reign" #832

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #711

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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Worship Participants

Guest Preacher Pastor Jeffrey Crane, Pastor Emeritus
Liturgists Pastor Scott Snow and Pastor Daniel Myers

Saturday

Music.....Praise and Worship Team; Cassidy Cheray, Leader
Audio/Visual Team..... Curtis Holtzen and Vance Klager
Acolytes Gage Burnison and Beth Hegeman

Sunday

OrganistTed Boettcher
Audio/Visual Team Gregg Wolgast (8:15)
David Drew, Roger Scales, Larry Kleeman, Jamie Riddle and Kent Hoyer (11:00)
Acolytes Chase Haberichter and David Amey (8:15)
Elizabeth Burger and Austin Zimmerman (11:00)
Greeters Larry and Nancy Delaney, Boyd and Kim Johnson, and Harlow Safford (8:15)
Karen Copeland (Following 8:15 service)
Dick and Betty Borchard, Michael and Ashley Walz, Paul and Lyn Pitman (11:00)
Communion Assistants Stan Koster and Gregg Wolgast (11:00)

Prayers and Joys

PARISH PRAYERS

—Please pray for the family of Lee Turner, father of **Dr. Marty Turner**, as they grieve his death on November 13. Funeral services are pending.

—Please pray for the family of Marilyn Barz, wife of retired Pastor Marvin Barz of St. Paul, Cheney, KS, as they grieve her death this past week.

—Please pray for safety for everyone as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We pray that the Lord would keep us all safe from the virus and provide travel mercies to those who travel.

PRIVATE COMMUNION is now being offered on Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m. for those who have not been gathering for in-person worship. If you wish to partake, please call the church office (684-5201) to schedule a time.



We encourage you to post your prayers and view the prayers of others on the Holy Cross Prayer Wall: <https://holycrosslutheran.net/pray/>

News & Events

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - orders are due into the Church Office by **THIS Wednesday, November 25th**. If you have any questions, contact Melissa in the Church Office at 684-5201.

A LIVING NATIVITY – CHRIST IS BORN!, A cast of over 100 people, live animals, narration, action and music. This guided, walking performance, takes one hour and fifteen minutes during which time you will witness the events that led up to and followed the first Christmas. The event takes place near K-196 and Woodlawn (Harvey County), evenings only, **December 4-6**. Reservations are required. For more information go to www.christisborn.org.

Holy Cross is planning a **Family Christmas Eve service** with children presenting the Christmas story. If you would like your child to participate, contact Karen at hcprincipal@holycrosslutheran.net.

ADVENT DECORATING

- **Friday, November 27th** 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will be decorating the 15' tree in the Worship Center. Special need for heavy lifters.
- **Saturday, November 28th** 1:00-4:00 p.m. We will be decorating with wreaths, garlands and the Fellowship Hall trees.
- **Sunday, November 29th** 2:00-3:00 p.m. We will be adding Chrismons to the tree.

Please check out the signup sheets on the table in the Entryway to the Worship Center.

Attendance for November 14/15, 2020

Worship (112, 157, 131, Online 78) 478

Our Giving as of November 15, 2020

Year-to-date offering budget \$838,140

Year-to-date offering receipts **\$813,844**

Difference (shortfall): **(\$24,296)**

Did you forget to bring in your **Operation Christmas Child** box this past week? Drop-off locations are still open on **Sunday the 22nd** and **Monday the 23rd**. To look up locations and hours, visit <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/>. If you took a box directly to a drop-off location or made a box online, please let Ann Harms, Gwen Thomas, or Christine Tuck know so we can add it to our total of 234 boxes!

Project Christmas Hope is here! Holy Cross partners with community agencies to provide gifts and food to those in need at Christmas. This year we are assisting Minneha Elementary, Love In Action, Embrace, Senior Services, and Pasageways. We have received gift wish lists for families and individuals from these agencies and you can sign up to provide some of these items. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the entryway to the Worship Center. There are many needs including clothes, toys, household items, food items, and gift wrap supplies. We host these families on **December 12** for worship, a meal and gift distribution. We need lots of helping hands to make this massive Christmas outreach run smoothly. We have created an online sign-up through Sign Up Genius. See the weekly "Word of Hope" emails for the link or you may go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0844AAAB2EA5FC1-project2>

Monetary donations are also accepted and volunteers will shop for items. Please indicate "PCH" on your donation.

Due to safety concerns, if you purchased a potato baking bag at *Beyond the Bake Sale*, please call Connilee at 684-0626.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Lighthouse. We are currently studying conflict and peacemaking from a biblical point of view.

Wednesday Bible Study: As a reminder, starting **November 25th** and through Advent we do not meet on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for worship service at 7:00 p.m. We will resume Wednesday Bible Study on **January 6th**.

Open Gym/Lighthouse: We will be coming together on **December 6th** to play volleyball and youth room games from 7-8:30 p.m.

Christmas Party: Mark your calendars for **December 13th**, from 7-9:00 p.m.!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the gym at 9:45 a.m.

There are no more events in 2020 due to Thanksgiving and Advent.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved in the heart of the sea."

Psalms 46:1-2

Thank you for all of your prayers during this season of COVID. Staff and students have been blessed with good health. God continues to answer our prayers. The staff and students have worked hard to provide a safe environment for learning.

Please continue to pray for Holy Cross School. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Operation Christmas Child - 234 shoeboxes were collected on behalf of Holy Cross!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ends this Sunday, **November 22nd**. Stop by the School Library.

Dear Friends and Members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School,

Due to the most recent Sedgwick County Emergency Public Health Order (11/10/20), "all customers, visitors, members and members of the public are required to wear a face covering when they are in our facilities" at Holy Cross. We are "exempt from the mass gathering limitations" as a "religious institution" and "are instead encouraged to maintain social distancing as much as is feasible."

In good Lutheran fashion you might ask, "What does this mean?" It means that, for the time being, as good citizens of both the Left and Right Hand Kingdoms (Luther) we will require EVERYONE (with the exception of those exempt by the Order) to wear a face covering when they attend ANY worship service at Holy Cross. We have also marked seating in the Worship Center which will help us to maintain "social distance" when we gather.

These limitations are temporary. Our confident trust is in our Savior who has said, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

If you have questions or special needs, please contact Pastor Snow – 316-684-5201 (office) or 314-412-6923 (cell). May God continue to richly bless you as we serve Him, each other and our community. Thank you!

Serving the Savior and You, the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and School Staff

Bible Studies

Are you in a **Bible Study**? We offer a number of opportunities both in-class and online. For more information, talk to a pastor, or call the Church Office.



Gospel of John with Pastor Myers Saturdays at 4:45 p.m. & Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Christianity and Politics with Pastor Snow at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Information Class with Troy Nordman at 9:45 a.m. in the Concordia Room.

The Power of a Praying Woman with Marna Atkinson (via Zoom) at 9:45 a.m. in the 8th Grade Classroom. *For a Zoom invite contact Kris Osler at 640-5844.*

Torah with Lionel Alford in the School Library at 9:45 a.m.

Books of the Prophets with Carl Nelson in the Crafts Room at 9:45 a.m.

Young Adult Bible Study with Aaron Zimmerman in the Parlor at 9:45 a.m.

High School Youth Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. in the Lighthouse.

DAILY DEVOTIONS - Go to www.lhm.org to sign up for a devotion to be emailed to you daily by Lutheran Hour Ministries. To sign up to receive a daily devotion by e-mail from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, go to www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions.

DAILY BIBLE READING - We are reading from Psalms in November. Pick up a reading schedule at the Welcome Center.

Prayers

- **John Tape** (son of Rev. John and Linda Tape) and his wife Erica (along with their 3-month-old daughter Sophie) have recently been called to serve as missionaries in the Dominican Republic. John will be the associate regional manager of the Latin America and Caribbean region for LCMS missions. Please pray for John, Erica and Sophie as they enter this new mission and move to the Dominican Republic in January. For more information you can visit lcms.org/tape.
- **Our confirmands of the week:** Holden Morris, Abigail Oltjenbruns, Kyra Parris, Brookelyn Patty, Jack Peppers, William Uhlenhop, Austin Zimmerman.
- **Our college students:** Lauren Inman at Pittsburg State University; Dawson Schoning at Southwestern College; Sam Allenbach, Colton Bauserman, Chloe Brown, Courtney Brown, Grant Brown, Chloe Christinat, Jenna Ercoloni, Jacob Herrs, Toni Jenner, Jacob Kloth, Trevor Shreve, Kayla Standfast, Trevor Terrill, Elizabeth Tuck, Jack Wingate at Wichita State University and Mason Cary at Wichita State University Tech.
- **Our troops:** Devon Alford, Joshua Black, Steve Castagnola, Marshall Darden, Gavin Domingo, Adam Edwards, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Megan Harris, Lizzy Johnson, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David & Tiena Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Joe Schubert, Andrew Shepherd, Jordan Solomon, Jesse Wallace, Joshua Weidner.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:10-14 Romans 8:18-26 Luke 2:22-38

This week at Holy Cross

Saturday, November 21 - Consecration Weekend

Kansas District Youth Gathering 8:15am-10:00 pm
 Bible Class 4:45 pm
 Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday, November 22 - Consecration Weekend

Worship Service 8:15 am
 Bible Classes & Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am
 Worship Service w/Communion 11:00 am

Monday, November 23

LWML Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Chapel 8:20 am
 Mom's Bible Study 2:00 pm

HCLS Thanksgiving Break
 No School—School Office Closed
 November 25-27

Wednesday, November 25

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed
 Putting up the Christmas Tree 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, November 28

Christmas Decorating 1:00-4:00 pm
 Bible Class 4:45 pm
 Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

Sunday, November 29

Worship Service w/Communion 8:15 am
 Bible Classes & Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am
 Decorating tree with Chrismons 2:00-3:00 pm

Happy Birthday!

November 21: Maxwell C, Jules P, Faith P, Jaice P, Q R, Richelle R, Amy S

November 22: Deb C

November 23: Paula D, Maren N, Kathy S, James S

November 25: Ariel G, Donna M, Gwen T

November 26: Scott F, Logan R

November 27: Christian H, Ashleigh P, Patricia S, Caroline S

November 28: Shut-in: Mary Clobes (115 S. Rutan, Apt. 8F, Wichita, 67218), Claire C, Ervin H, Sara S

November 29: Pat B

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

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