



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SERMON MESSAGE: *"Hope in Our Uncertainties"*

Luke 2:25-38

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!

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:10-14
(There is a future and hope in God's plan for us.)

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-26
(Grounded in Christ's resurrection, we hope in His return.)

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:25-38
(Jesus is presented to the Lord at the Temple.)

Sharing God's love through faith in Christ

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



CHILD CARE: *The Blessing Place Nursery* (to the right of the Worship Center) is available for children up to 36 months during all worship services and the Sunday School hour. The Parlor (to the left of the Worship Center) is also available during worship services. Diaper-changing facilities are found in the nursery, Parlor and women's restroom.

WORSHIP AIDS

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

AS WE GATHER We've made it! We've made it to Advent and the Christmas season! And wow, can we certainly use some Christmas! It's been a year like no other. Global pandemic, economic recession, mass unemployment, political division, cultural upheaval, racial reckoning, record wildfires, hurricanes. Did we miss anything? We have been aware of the darkness around us. In the midst of all the darkness, Advent is the perfect time for us to rediscover hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ Himself. Wherever you are this year on your level of anxiety, uncertainty, pain, or stress let us invite you on this journey of Advent, Rediscovering Christmas together.

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

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

“Everlasting God”

BAPTISM OF LILY ANN MARGARET JAMISON

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SERMON SONG

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

OFFERING SONG

“Christmas Offering”

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

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG “O Come to the Altar”

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

“Hope Has A Name”

Sunday 8:15 Order of Worship

PRELUDE: "Faithfulness" — Arr. D. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Once He Came in Blessing" #333

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #809

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Take My Life and Let It Be"
— F. Havergal, Arr. by Greg Howlett

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #357
(v. 1,4,5,6,7)

"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" #342

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" #334
(v. 1,3,4,6)

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #575

POSTLUDE: "Magdalen" — Arr. Ryan Meyer

Sunday 11:00 Order of Worship

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News & Events

ADVENT DECORATING Sunday, November 29th 2:00-3:00 p.m. We will be adding Chrismons to the tree.

ADVENT SERVICES - Advent is the perfect time for us to rediscover hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ Himself. Wherever you are this year on your level of anxiety, uncertainty, pain, or stress let us invite you on this journey of Advent, Rediscovering Christmas together.

12/2: "Hope in Our Uncertainties"

12/9: "Peace in Our Struggles"

12/16: "Joy in Our Discouragement"

Join us Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. preceded by an Advent meal (5:30-6:45 p.m.) and a hymn-sing (6:45-7:00 p.m.).

LWML is hosting the first **Advent meal** of the Christmas Season on **December 2nd**. The meal will include barbequed meatballs, hash brown casserole, salad and dessert. A Free-Will offering will be taken to support our current mission workers: Jaron & Elizabeth Melin, Michael and Naomi Erslund, and Don and Mary Murray, retired Bible translators.

Sarah Circle - Come & join your Christian sisters for the Sarah Circle Christmas party **this Tuesday December 1st** at 7:00 p.m. in the Concordia Room. Please bring a dozen or so of your favorite Christmas cookies along with the recipe to share. We will have other delicious treats. The ingathering will be stuffed animals to give to the Police department to hand out to children during times of crisis. Questions, contact Maria at 680-6750 or Mariak430@gmail.com.

Project Christmas Hope (PCH) 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 Passageways. 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>

If you would like to participate but are unable to go shopping, you may make a monetary donation 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.

Attendance for November 21/22, 2020

Worship (110, 144, 131, Online 87) 472

Our Giving as of November 22, 2020

Year-to-date offering budget \$880,047

Year-to-date offering receipts **\$857,808**

Difference (shortfall): **(\$22,239)**

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Lighthouse. We are currently focusing on Thanksgiving and the Advent season.

Wednesday Bible Study: As a reminder, 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.

Charlie's Car Wash giveback will be held **November 30 - December 6**. Purchase wash eGifts online at charlies.com using promo code HOLYCROSS20 (gift cards, wash books and prepaid cards are not eligible for fundraiser matching). Holy Cross will receive 50% back (on the following washes: Signature Wash, Ultimate Wash, Super Wash or Basic Wash).

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."

Psalm 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.

Holy Cross Lutheran School PTL

would like to thank



for sponsoring December's "bake" sale.

If your business or group would like to sponsor a bake sale, or for more information, please contact Shannon Nickerson at alwaysfrog75@gmail.com.

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. So for the time being, as good citizens, 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. Seating in the Worship Center has also been marked to help us to maintain "social distancing" when we gather.

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. in the Concordia Room & 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 Matthew in December. Pick up a reading schedule at the Welcome Center.

Prayers

- **Our confirmands of the week:** David Amey, Savannah Angell, Emmi Bengtson, Joann Bruce-Mushi, Annaliese Burger, Elizabeth Burger, Gage Burnison, Mackenzie Buxman, Liam Coultis
- **Our college students:** Katie Atkinson and Christopher Fielding at Butler Community College; Isabel Brosch at Concordia University; Greysen Bauserman at Eastern Michigan; Debi Fiegenbaum and Paige Kalitta at Emporia State University; Tucker Trevett at Friends University; and Matthew Macy at Ft. Hays State University.
- **Those with health concerns:** Karlyn Brown, Ruthie Castens, Aubrey Chinberg, Rosey Day, Denise Dopps, Linda Eisenbise, Manis Edwards, DeWayne Garrett, Lisa Haddock, Paula James, Dick Jostes, Leo Klaus, Carolyn Kuhlman, Audrey Lauer, Vicki Lewis, Patricia Lindhardt, David McKinney, Larry McKown, Becky McMinn, Jerry Mehl, Marilyn Moore, Trudi Stigge, Janet Stratmann, Tripp Stratton, Josie Vanwey, Dr. Irene Wagner, Ruth Wheeler, Roberta Yacko.
- **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

Isaiah 40:1-11 Philippians 4:2-9 Mark 1:1-8

This week at Holy Cross

Saturday, November 28

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 w/Communion 11:00 am
Decorating tree with Chrismos 2:00-3:00 pm

Charlie's Car Wash Giveback
November 30-December 6

Monday, November 30

Singles Dinner at Jason's Deli 7:00 pm
Let Freedom Ring planning meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1

Circuit Pastors at Peace (Andover) 8:20 am
Care Team 2:00 pm
Mom's Bible Study 2:00 pm
Church Council 7:00 pm
LWML Sarah Circle 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Advent Worship Chapel 9:30 am
Homeless Meal 11:00 am
Advent Meal 5:30 pm
Advent Worship 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 3

Lord's Diner 5:15 pm

Friday, December 4

PTL Meeting 8:20 am

Saturday, December 5

Tran Wedding 3:00 pm
Bible Class 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 6

Worship Service w/Communion 8:15 am
Bible Classes & Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Singles Brunch at Saltgrass Steak House 12:30 pm
High School Youth 7:00—8:30 pm

Happy Birthday!

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

November 29: Pat B

November 30: Deanna E, Ava I, Jim M, Al S, Annabel S

December 1: Matthew A, Kellie D, Pamela M

December 2: Beverly B, Diane P, Miryan S, Calum W

December 3: Adam C, Eldon S, Colin C, Roger Z

December 4: Fred B, Andrew C, David G, Matt M

December 5: Mike A, Daniel S, Marty T

December 6: Bennett B, Joelle B, Brad M, Courtney S, Randal W

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