



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SERMON MESSAGE: "The A's of Advent"

Romans 13:11-12, Matthew 24:42

We invite you to join us again soon!

- SATURDAYS** 4:45 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Contemporary Worship
- SUNDAYS** 8:00 am Liturgical Worship
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Studies
10:37 am Modern Worship
11:00 am Blended Worship
- ONLINE** holycrosslutheran.net/worship-online/

First-time guest? A donation will be made in your name to a local charity; please fill out a check-in card!

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5
(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11-14
(Wake up as you await His coming.)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44
(A call to faithful watchfulness)

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 CLOSED this weekend. The Parlor (to the left of the Worship Center) is available during worship services if needed. Diaper-changing facilities are found in the nursery, Parlor and both restrooms.

WORSHIP AIDS

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

AS WE GATHER Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God's people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

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.

*For more information, please see
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 6:00 p.m. Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

APOSTLES' CREED *The First Article*

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

"Christmas Offering"

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Hope Has A Name"



Sunday 8:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"
Arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"The Advent of Our King" #331

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"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #516

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Celtic Laud"

— Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Once He Came in Blessing" #333

POSTLUDE:

"St. Theodulph"
Arr. by Mary McDonald

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"
Arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"The Advent of Our King" #331

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ANTHEM Adult Choir
"Keep Your Lamps!" — Arr. Andre Thomas

EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #516

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED *The First Article*

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near" #508

"At the Name of Jesus" #512

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #516

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Once He Came in Blessing" #333

POSTLUDE:

"St. Theodulph"
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News & Events

Advent Midweek

Wednesdays: Nov. 30, Dec 7 & 14
Worship Times: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Advent Meal: 5:30-6:45 p.m.
The Student Ministries Commission will be hosting
the November 30 Advent Meal.
They will be serving homemade soups.

Christmas Eve

*Modern Worship 5:00 p.m.
NO 6:00 PM SERVICE
Family Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
*Candlelight Worship 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Birthday Party for Jesus 9:00 am
*Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

*Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

8:00 am, 10:37 & 11:00 am

*Communion Services

Project Christmas Hope is here! Holy Cross partners with community agencies to provide gifts and food to those in need at Christmas. We receive wish lists for families from community agencies and you can sign up in the entryway to the Worship Center to provide some of these items. We will host these families on **December 10** for worship, a meal and gift distribution. We need lots of helping hands to make this massive outreach run smoothly. Check the church website or online newsletter for the link to the Sign-Up Genius. Monetary donations will help purchase any needed items. Please indicate "PCH" on your donation. Funds beyond these immediate needs will go into the Lifecare Ministry fund to be used for other ministries.

Attendance for November 19/20, 2022

Worship (102, 262, 150, 143, Online 45)	702
Children's Sunday School	59
Adult Bible Classes	106
Youth Bible Study	33

Our Giving as of November 20, 2022

Year-to-date offering budget	\$865,590
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$862,069</u>
<i>Difference (shortfall):</i>	<i>(\$3,521)</i>

ADVENT DECORATING

- **Sunday, November 27** 2:00 p.m. We will be decorating with wreaths, garlands and the Fellowship Hall trees.
- **Saturday, December 3** 2:00-3:00 p.m. We will be adding Chrismons to the tree.

The Blessing Place is in need of adult volunteers. This is a once-a-month commitment either covering the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30) or the Worship Service hour (10:30-12:00). The classroom, which is used does have a Smart Board, so if you cover the Service hour, you can have the live stream of the 10:37 service on while you care for the children! Please reach out to Anna Linhardt at annaelinhardt@gmail.com or 620-327-7467 if you are willing to help.

Thrivent members—Dec. 31 is the deadline to apply for any remaining 2022 Thrivent Action Teams you may have. Let's not leave this money on the table! Show your generosity and apply it toward something about which you are truly passionate. For idea's on Action Team projects, or how to apply, please contact Danny Witt (993-3488).



HOLY CROSS STUDENT MINISTRIES

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Bible Class meets in the Parlor with other young adults and college students who are currently studying Titus.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Lighthouse at 9:30 am. We are studying God's Call in our lives.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: There is no Wednesday Bible Study through the end of the year. Please join us for Advent Worship at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 4: Open Gym/Lighthouse at 7:00 pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the gym from 9:30-10:30 am. We are studying a variety of topics: conflict, choices, popularity, lying, etc. Hope to see you there!

Quake 2023 registration is open! Cost is \$110. Details and registration are online (MS page). Questions? Talk to Pam Amey.

Friday, December 2, 5:30-9:30 pm - POWER Night (where we Play, do Outreach, are in the Word, Eat a pizza dinner & build Relationships). Youth meet in the gym. No cost.

Need **service hours**? Sign up to help decorate the church for Christmas or to help at the Souper Supper.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

"Making Disciples for Life"

Christmas Events:

- Dec. 15 - Preschool Program (9am)
- Dec. 16 - Band Concert (9am/7pm)
- Dec. 19 - Christmas Program (7pm)

Current Openings in the School:

- A cook (Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 2:00 pm).
- A part-time tech assistant (flexible hours)
- Preschool Aide (Tues & Thurs 8 am - 3:30 pm)
- Day Care Worker (Mon-Fri 3-6 pm)

If you are interested, call the School Office (684-4431) for an application and job description.

Did You Know? Boeing employees (or retirees) are eligible for matching donations. If you have questions, contact Melissa or Tim in the Church Office at 684-5201.

LCMS Foundation The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account. For many, the single largest asset is found in retirement assets. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 per year directly to ministry, bypassing the income tax you would pay if you withdrew the funds yourself. Your Holy Cross Gift Planning Counselor can help. Please call Bruce Wilgers (990-9938) for additional guidance.

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 (684-5201).

Romans: Live By Faith with Pastor Myers Saturday at 4:45 p.m. in the Parlor & Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Concordia Room.

The Screwtape Letters led by Pastor Snow at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

HC 102—Discovering Our Faith led by Pastor Bohlmann at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Women's Bible Study, "Love Rules: A study of the Ten Commandments" with Kris Osler at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Conference Room.

John, Part 3: "The Ministry of Christ" with Dr. Lionel Alford in the 7th Grade Classroom at 9:30 a.m.

Raising Christ-Centered Children. Led by Brett & Megan Klepacki in the Music Room at 9:45 a.m.

Study of the Epistles with Carl Nelson in the Science Room at 9:30 a.m.

Young Adult Bible Study with Aaron Zimmerman in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m.

High School Youth Bible Study at 9:30 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. For LWML devotions, go to www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions.

DAILY BIBLE READING - We are reading from the Book of Mark, 1 & 2 Peter in December. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Myers (619-1532).

Prayers

- **Level 2 Confirmands:** Morgan Morris, Jathan Presnell, Jacobi Salyers, Elijah Scales, Ella Schaffer, Alexis Sorensen, Tripp Stratton, Daniel Wingate and Zac Zimmerman
- **Our College Students:** Debi Fiegenbaum and Paige Kalitta at Emporia State University; Jordan Beal at Hesston College; Jeffrey Ball at Newman University; Drew Daniels at Pittsburg State, Dawson Schoning and Kaitlyn Walker at Southwestern College; Nicole Gish at United States Air Force Academy; Mason Wingate at US Merchant Marine Academy.
- **For "Adopt-A-Student" seminarians:** Nicolas Wagenknecht and Tucker Wright at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
- **Those with health concerns:** Karlyn Brown, Bruce Burnett, Aubrey Chinberg, Rosey Day, Janet Dobler, Denise Dopps, Barbara Klaus, Carolyn Kuhlman, Audrey Lauer, Trudi Stigge, Grace Uhlenhop, Josie Vanwey, Roberta Yacko.
- **Our troops:** Devon Alford, Joshua Black, Steve Castagnola, Audrey Darden, Marshall Darden, Adam Edwards, Evan Fiegenbaum, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Lizzy Johnson, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Joe Schubert, Andrew Shepherd, Joshua Weidner.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

This week at Holy Cross

Saturday, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27

Worship Service 8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am
10:37am Modern Worship w/Communion 10:37 am
Worship Service w/Communion 11:00 am
Advent Decorating 2:00 pm

Tuesday, November 29

Church Council 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 30

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Braille 8:30 am
Advent Midweek Worship/Chapel 9:00 am
Women's Bible Study 10:00 am
Advent Meal 5:30 pm
Advent Service 7:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 1

Men's Bible Study @Jimmie's Diner 7:30 am
Sewing Sisters 9:00 am
Lord's Diner 5:15 pm
180 Day Tour of the Bible 7:00 pm
Media Team 7:00 pm
Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm

Friday, December 2

PTL Meeting 8:20 am
Mom's Bible Study 2:00 pm
Middle School POWER Night 5:30-9:30 pm

Saturday, December 3

Advent Decorating 2:00 pm
Saturday Bible Study 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 4

Worship Service w/Communion 8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am
10:37am Modern Worship w/Communion 10:37 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Singles Brunch at Mokas 12:20 pm
High School Open Gym/Lighthouse 7-8:30 pm

Happy Birthday!

November 26: Scott F, Eric F, Dennis H, Haley M, Logan R

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

November 28: Mary C, Claire C, Ervin H, Sara S

November 29: Pat B, Trapper K

November 30: Deanna E, Sean H, Jim M, Al S, Annabel S, Kayla S

December 1: Matthew A, Kellie D, Pamela M

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

December 3: Taylor A, Colin C, Adam C, Jan M, Eldon S, Gemma W, Roger Z

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



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