



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/CONFIRMATION WEEKEND

SERMON MESSAGE: "Branches Filled with Fruit"
John 15:1-8

We invite you to join us again soon!

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

SUNDAYS 8:00 am Traditional 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? Please fill out a check-in card! We'd love to acknowledge your presence with us.

Sharing God's love through faith in Christ

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40
(Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.)

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:1-11
(An exhortation to lives of Christian love)

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8
(Jesus says that He is the Vine and we are the Branches.)

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



CHILD CARE: The Blessing Place Nursery (located in the Pre-3 Classroom) is available for children up to 36 months during the Sunday School hour, 10:37 and 11:00 worship services. 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 both restrooms.

WORSHIP AIDS

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

AS WE GATHER When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! God bless and grant us to continue growing!

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

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"
"I Speak Jesus"

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "In Christ Alone"

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "Offering"

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "Shout To The Lord"



Sunday 8:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Slane" — Arr. by John S. Dixon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
#465

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HOLY GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, the Eternal Lord" #829

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lasst uns erfreuen"
— Arr. by Ralph C. Schultz

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader" #861

POSTLUDE

"Diademata"
— Arr. by Mary McDonald

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Slane" — Arr. by John S. Dixon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
#465

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

ANTHEMAdult Choir
"Children of the Heavenly Father" — Forrest

EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, the Eternal Lord" #829

SERMON

NICENE CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lasst uns erfreuen"
— Arr. by Ralph C. Schultz

CONFIRMATION HYMN

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" #867

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader" #861

POSTLUDE

"Diademata"
— Arr. by Mary McDonald

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Worship Participants

PreacherPastor Scott Snow
LiturgistPastor Daniel Myers

Saturday

MusicPraise and Worship Team; Ricardo Pinedo, Leader
AcolytesAshlyn Walker and Eva Glancy
Media TeamAaron Mayes and David Myers

Sunday

Organist Ted Boettcher
Adult Choir DirectorTeresa Hauschild
Acolytes Claire Johnson and Eilleen Kombe (8:00)
Nate Olsen and Kyrsten Lindebak (11:00)
Media TeamAdam Heil, David Myers, Greg Harms, Roger Scales (8:00)
Martin Tuck (11:00)
GreetersCarl and Gail Burger, Patti Scales (8:00)
Jerry and Jeanne Mehl, Susan Evans (11:00)
Blessing Place Anna Linhardt and Jennie Walton (9:30)
Maria Shields, Lily Shields, Liam Shields (10:30)

Prayers and Joys

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Jan Schmidt: Wesley

PARISH PRAYERS:

—Please pray for **Meri Jackson** who is scheduled for outpatient surgery on May 2 to relieve her migraine headaches.
—Please pray for **Sandy Yount** who continues therapy for strength to walk without a walker.
—Please pray for our Confirmands who are receiving the Rite of Confirmation in the 11:00 service.

BAPTISM We rejoice as **Oakley Dawn Nepper** is received into God's heavenly kingdom through the waters of Holy Baptism in the 10:37 service. Oakley is the daughter of Joshua Nepper and Jamie Briske and her sponsors are Kenneth and Shannon Rose.

Save the Date

Congregational Vision Event – May 22, 7–8:30 pm
Annual Meeting – June 9, 12:15 pm

News & Events

Confirmation Weekend. Testimonials will follow the Saturday church service at 7:30 pm. Rite of Confirmation will be held during the 11:00 am service on Sunday.

Lord's Diner - Thanks to everyone who worked at the Lord's Diner this month. We serve in **May on the 2nd and the 28th.** Interested in finding out on how you can help? Contact Maria Keil at Mariak430@gmail.com or 316-680-6750

Concordia Academy's annual **Evening of Music** will take place at the school (909 S Market St) in the Immanuel Sanctuary next Friday, **May 3** at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come and hear students, faculty, & friends of the school (including a number of Holy Cross musicians) perform a variety of vocal and instrumental works.

On **May 5** there will be a joint Adult Bible Class in the Worship Center with a special video and discussion on the "**Letter to the American Church.**" Eric Metaxas authored the book and is the narrator in the video. For those who are not able to attend this class, it will be shown again on **Sunday, May 19** at 4:00 pm in the Church Parlor.

The Kansas Comfort Dog, Keren, is coming to Holy Cross **Tuesday, May 7** and you are invited to meet her. *Lutheran Women in Mission* invite you to join them at 6:30 pm for a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall, or at 7:10 pm to meet Keren and hear about the ministry of comfort dogs nationwide.

Attendance for April 20/21, 2024

Worship (103, 260, 176, 135, Online 63)	737
Children's Sunday School	69
Adult Bible Classes	165
Youth Bible Study	40

Record of Our Response as of April 21, 2024

Year-to-date offering budget	\$2,123,539
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$2,001,330</u>
Difference (shortfall): (\$122,209)	

LWML is collecting school supplies to make school kits for Orphan Grain Train. Some of the items needed are: pencils, pens, construction paper, 24-count packages of crayons, rulers, glue sticks, blunt-end scissors, erasers, 12-count packages of colored pencils and pencil sharpeners. Please put your items in the designated basket under the LWML table to assemble at our **May 7** LWML meeting. Thank you for your continuing contributions and support.

SCUBA VBS at Holy Cross will be **June 3-7**, (9am-12pm). Scuba is designed for kids three-year-olds through going into 3rd grade. Fourth graders and up have an opportunity to help as volunteers. It's going to be a fin-tastic time! Register on the church website, HC app, or VBS event website: <https://bit.ly/HCVBS24>.

Holy Cross Preschool Summer Camps. June 10-14, 17-21 and 24-28. \$75/week. Available to all students P3 through kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration forms are available in the School Office. Contact Jen Myers at 684-4431 with any questions.



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 Hebrews.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Lighthouse at 9:30 am. We are studying finances and biblical stewardship.

Wednesday Bible Study: We will be celebrating our Senior class this Wed. **May 1.** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Summer is Coming! Get ready to have a blast with Student Ministries this summer. Sign-ups for the Fireworks Fundraiser, Summer Safari and YLT are online NOW!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30-10:30am. This week's lesson is a movie clip study. Come check it out!

Middle School Night is this **Wednesday, May 1**, 7-8:30 pm. Meet in the gym.

Student Ministries Summer 2024

June 2-7

High School LVR Camp

June 26 - July 6

Fireworks Fundraiser

July 16-19

Summer Safari

August 3-4

Middle School Summer Retreat

September 8

Student Ministries Banquet

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

The Accreditation Team completed their visit for K-8 this week. Their visit was very positive and encouraging. We will receive dual accreditation from COGNIA and NLSA. In addition, we will receive accreditation through the state of Kansas in the fall.

Highlights from the visit:

- The team visited with staff, parents and students.
- The team appreciated the warm hospitality.
- The importance of Jesus was evident from K to 8 children, teachers, staff and parents. One Kindergarten student told the team that Jesus is the main reason for the school. He noted how important the cross on the bell tower was for all to see so those who did not know Jesus would learn about Him.
- The relationship between the church and school received extremely high commendation. The team observed the positive relationships and purpose between church and school. The team only knew of one other church/school in the United States which has such positive connections.
- The team noted the high academic expectations and successes of Holy Cross students.
- The teachers received higher instructional marks compared to other accredited schools' nationwide.
- In summary, they reported that Holy Cross is blessed by staff, school, church, facilities, playgrounds, and beautiful grounds. What to work on? Strategic planning for additional staff as the school continues to grow.

There will be additional reports in the next two weeks.

Volunteer Breakfast is on **May 3**. All volunteers are welcome.

We have extended a call to Amy Goltl to teach 3rd grade. Her husband will be the associate pastor at Risen Savior. She is from Texas and has four years of teaching experience.

Bible Studies

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

NEW CLASSES START MAY 11 AND 12!

Luke: The Teaching Gospel led by Pastor Myers Saturday at 4:45 p.m. in the Parlor and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

The Chosen led by Pastor Snow at 9:30 a.m. in the Concordia Room (School Cafeteria).

Discovering Our Faith led by Wes Powell and Pastor Ankersen at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Women's Bible Study, "Leaning on Jesus" with Kris Osler at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Conference Room.

John, Part 5: "The Life of Christ" with Dr. Lionel Alford in the 7th Grade Classroom at 9:30 a.m.

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

Bible Study on Being a Better Witness for God with Carl Nelson in the 2nd Grade Classroom (by the Bell Tower) 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.

Sunday School for those with Special Needs led by Linda Paschka at 9:30 a.m. in the Resource Room.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Acts 10:34-48
1 John 5:1-8
John 15:9-17

Prayers

- **Youth who will be confirmed this weekend:** Nicole Amey, Colin Caffrey, Julianne Deutsch, Braedan Dunleavy, Addison Fielding, Caleb Harms, Ethan Hatzenbuehler, Claire Johnson, Eileen Kombe, Kyrsten Lindebak, Elisa Markos, Jayden Mocha, Colton Noel, Edric Ochieng, Blake Patty, Asher Turner, Nathan Turner.
- **Our College Students (group 2):** Kansas State University: Emily Atkinson, Chloe Christinat, Emmalee Daniels, Ariel Gish, Kara Haberichter, Noah Haberichter, Ben Herrs, Caroline List, Braden Maltz, Cameron Maltz, Lindsey Mehl, Trent Osler, Cooper Schoning, Katrina Turner and Matthew Wolgast.
- **For "Adopt-A-Student" seminarian:** Tucker Wright at Concordia, St. Louis.
- **Those who are expecting children:** Rob & Katie Barnes; Kevan & Danielle Boss; David & Morgan Boxman; Larry & Karissa Harmon; Eric & Nicole Heinicke; Josh & Haley Marshall and Brian & Karen Maxson.
- **Those with health concerns:** Karlyn Brown, Aubrey Chinberg, Denise Dopps, Barbara Klaus, Leo Klaus, Carolyn Kuhlman, Carla Ridener, Trudi Stigge, Josie Vanwey, Don Vesper, Roberta Yacko.
- **Our troops:** Devon Alford, Lillian Brown, Steve Castagnola, Audrey Darden, Marshall Darden, Nicole (Gish) Davis, Adam Edwards, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Ben Herrs, Lizzy Johnson, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Joe Schubert, Andrew Shepherd, Joshua Weidner and Reggie Williams.

This week at Holy Cross

Saturday, April 27—Confirmation Weekend

Saturday Bible Class	4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship	6:00 pm
Testimonial Service	7:30 pm

Sunday, April 28—Confirmation Weekend

Traditional Worship	8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Modern Worship	10:37 am
Blended Worship and the Rite of Confirmation	11:00 am
Financial Peace University	6:00 pm
High School YLT Meeting	7:00 pm

Monday, April 29

Singles 5th Monday Fellowship @ Red Bird	7:00 pm
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Wednesday, May 1

Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
Braille	8:00 am
Chapel	8:20 am
Homeless Meal	11:15 am
High School Senior Night	6:30-8:30 pm
Middle School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
Bell Choir Practice	7:00 pm

Thursday, May 2

Men's Bible Study at Jimmie's Diner	7:30 am
Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
Sewing Sisters	9:00 am
Lord's Diner	5:15 pm
10:37 Praise Worship Team	6:00 pm
Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm
Media Team	7:00 pm
Men's Basketball	8:00 pm

Friday, May 3

HCLS Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	8:00 am
HCLS PTL Meeting	8:20 am

Sat, May 4—Senior Blessing & New Member WKD

Saturday Bible Class	4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship w/Communion	6:00 pm

Sun, May 5—Senior Blessing & New Member WKD

Traditional Worship w/Communion	8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Modern Worship w/Communion	10:37 am
Blended Worship	11:00 am
New Member Luncheon	12:00 pm
Financial Peace University	6:00 pm
High School Open Gym/Lighthouse	7:00 pm

Happy Birthday!

April 27: Mya Marciniak

April 28: Joanie Allenbach, Tristan Hoskinson, Ellen Ketteman, Diana Mark, Ezekiel Stephens, Elyse Veloza

April 29: Peter Baden, Braedan Dunleavy, Sapphire Lies, Kyrsten Lindebak, Kris Osler, Denise Varrientos

April 30: Blake Coultis, Laikyn Ludolph, Aaron Mayes, Connor O'Neill

May 1: Scarlett DeMarce, Kayla Guetersloh, Nicholas Kloke

May 2: Katie Barnes, Mike Davis, Rachel Deutsch, Cameron Maltz, Ava Monahan, Michael Olivarez

May 3: Kathy Beal, Karen Boettcher, Austin Broadie, Cherry Castagnola, Arthur Dugger

May 4: Brian Hollingsworth

May 5: Jo Hannum, Aaron Mark, Austin Walton

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