



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

MAY 4 & 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/HS SENIOR BLESSING/
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SERMON MESSAGE: "True Love" John 15:16-17

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 10:34-48
(People from every nation are accepted by God.)

Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-8
(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17
(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

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 A treasured children's song, "I Love to Tell the Story, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love." The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus' words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love which compels us to love one another—and the "others" beyond our circles of family, friends, and close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the "old, old story of Jesus and His love" anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

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

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

“Open Up The Heavens”
“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SERMON SONG “Cornerstone”

MESSAGE FROM GOD’S WORD

APOSTLES’ CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG
“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG
“What A Beautiful Name”

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “Stand In Your Love”

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Christus, der ist mein Leben"
— Arr. by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

OPENING HYMN:

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" #819

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HOLY GOSPEL

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #700

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lobt Gott den Herren, ihr"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" #622

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #770

"Children of the Heavenly Father" #725

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus" #919

POSTLUDE "Hyfrydol" — Arr. Mitchell-Wallace

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Christus, der ist mein Leben"
— Arr. by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

OPENING HYMN:

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" #819

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

ANTHEMMiddle School Choir
"We See You, Jesus" — Rob Howard

EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #700

SERMON

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lobt Gott den Herren, ihr"
— Arr. by David P. Dahl

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News & Events

This Sunday 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 *Lutheran Women in Mission* invite **you** to meet **Keren, the Kansas Comfort Dog** - one of the projects we support with our mission donations. Join us this Tuesday, **May 7** for the potluck meal at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, hear about Keren at 7:10 pm, and then help pack **backpacks for Orphan Grain Train** with all those great school supplies you’ve provided. Be part of the mission!

The Ladies Talk & Tie group will meet this **Thursday, May 9**, from 10 am until Noon in the Gathering Place (the room next to the Church Library). Join us for devotion and refreshments as we continue to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train. This will be our last meeting before we break for the summer. We will begin again next September so watch for that information. See you there!

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>.

Attendance for April 27/28, 2024

Worship (57, 184, 197, 355, Online 54)	847
Children’s Sunday School	70
Adult Bible Classes	178
Youth Bible Study	35

Record of Our Response as of April 28, 2024

Year-to-date offering budget	\$2,159,633
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$2,079,760</u>
Difference (shortfall):	(\$79,873)

Chipolte (3015 N. Rock) Spirit Day is **May 7** 4-8pm. Use code: ZCNDHFY when ordering online or on the app.

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.

The **Stamporee mission project** has been discontinued, so the *Lutheran Women in Mission* will no longer be collecting stamps. Over the past 20 years, the project has raised over \$65,000 to support the shipment of quilts and kits to those in need through Lutheran World Relief. Due to the lack of collectors, the return on stamps from vendors, and a shortage of sorter time and talent in the LWML Texas District, they decided to discontinue this mission project. Thank you to those who willingly gave of your time to collect and trim stamps! Many lives were blessed through the Stamporee mission project!



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 9:30am. We are studying finances and biblical stewardship.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us at 7pm in the Lighthouse. Our study is on healthy peer interactions using the video "To Save a Life."

Open Gym/Lighthouse: Sunday, **May 5** from 7-8:30pm. Join us for fun and fellowship.

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!

Thursday, May 30, 5:30-9:30pm - MS POWER Night (where we Play, do Outreach, are in the Word, Eat a pizza dinner & build Relationships). Youth meet in the gym. No cost or RSVP needed. This event is for all current 5th-7th graders.

Summer Safari registration is open! It is online at holycrosslutheran.net, in the Student Ministries drop-down menu.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Ammie Maltz has been offered and accepted our upcoming 2nd grade teacher position. Ammie has been serving as a substitute teacher at Holy Cross since 2018 and previously spent 10 years teaching 1st and 2nd grades in Blanchard, Oklahoma. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from East Central University in Oklahoma.

Amy Goffl has been Called and accepted our upcoming 3rd grade teacher position. Amy has spent the past three years teaching 1st and 3rd grade at schools in Missouri and Florida. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concordia University - Texas. Additionally, Amy's husband has been called to be a new pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita, and they plan to move here soon from St. Louis.

Still seeking a part-time band teacher. Applications are in the School Office.

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

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 STARTING NEXT WEEKEND

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 1:12-26
1 John 5:9-15
John 17:11b-19

Prayers

- **Our High School Seniors:** Rachel Amey, Jennifer Belton, Emily Chilewa, Morgan Davis, Avery Holmberg, Emalie Hall Jones, Juniper Kloke, Maecie Maltz, Mya Marciniak, Vacilissa Mihali, Alyssa Patty, Jaxton Presnell, Walker Schoning, Charlie Sutherland, Noah Taylor, Danielle Turner, Rex Wagner, Riley Wantland, James Webster, Harvey Zimmerman.
- **Our College Students (group 3):** University of Kansas: Shawn Kientz, Magnus Marciniak, Lydia Sharpe, Maggie Uhlenhop and Ashley Zellers. Emporia State University: Brooke Kientz; Pittsburg State University: Drew Daniels; Southwestern College: Dawson Schoning and Kaitlyn Walker; Washburn University: Austin Broadie; Fort Scott Community College: Blake Bonnes.
- **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, Don Vesper and Roberta Yacko.
- **Our troops:** Devon Alford, Lillian Brown, Steve Castagnola, Audrey Darden, Marshall Darden, Nicole (Gish) Davis, Adam Edwards, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Ben Herra, Lizzy Johnson, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Joe Schubert, Andrew Shepherd, Joshua Weidner and Reggie Williams.

This week at Holy Cross

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
Financial Peace University 6:00 pm
High School Open Gym/Lighthouse 7:00 pm

Monday, May 6

VBS Volunteer Meeting 6:00 pm
Singles Bible Study 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7

HLCs Spirit Night at Chipotle 4:8:00 pm
HCLS Sports Banquet 6:00 pm
LWML Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm
Guatemala Team 7:00 pm
Stewardship Commission 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Braille 8:00 am
Chapel 8:20 am
High School Bible Study 7:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 9

Women's Bible Study 9:00 am
Talk & Tie 10:00 am
10:37 Praise Worship Team 6:00 pm
HCLS Middle School Play 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm

Friday, May 10

HCLS 2nd Grade Talent Show 9:30 am

Saturday, May 11

Saturday Bible Class 4:45 pm
Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm
2nd Saturday Meal 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day

Traditional Worship 8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am
Modern Worship w/Communion 10:37 am
Blended Worship w/Communion 11:00 am
Financial Peace University 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday!

May 4: Brian Hollingsworth

May 5: Jo Hannum, Aaron Mark, Austin Walton

May 6: Lori Broadie, Jean Katzenmeier, David Kloke, Jean Martin, Risper Orangi, Trent Osler, Sean Safstrom, Shaye Schmidt, Adan Sebastian, Becca Whatley

May 7: Christopher Kelly, Rosalind Linhardt

May 8: Nancy Carlson, Carly Cooper, Liam Coultis, Mark Morris, Chelsea Schlegel

May 9: John Axtell, Gary Conover, Kari Coultis, Joyce Eby

May 10: Nicholas Aldridge, Josh Beckler, Mary Hanschu, Alan Kiker, Stephenie Rohrdanz, Zylar Whitcomb

May 11: Kathryn Boss, Max Burson, Emily Fielding, Ann Harms, Chad Jahnke, Olivia Keene, Stephanie Schmidt, Barbara Shreve, Andrea Zimmerman

May 12: Lauren Inman, Jarod Johnson, Tommy Lies, Jay Poulos

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