



# Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

**NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2024**

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**SERMON MESSAGE:** "Watch, Pray, Be Ready"

Mark 13:24-37

## We invite you to join us again soon!

- SATURDAYS** 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/](http://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

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4-6  
*(God's justice and salvation last forever.)*

### Epistle Reading

Jude 20-25  
*(Be merciful to others because God is merciful to you.)*

### Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37  
*(Keep watch; the Son of Man is coming with power and glory!)*

**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** The last weekend of the Church Year is about the last things and being watchful for the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead” (Nicene Creed). We are mindful of how we should live between now and the Last Day. Living a Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live. We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, being alert and keeping watch while we wait for our Master’s return, not found sleeping – “whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.”

**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**

“Thank You Lord”  
“Goodness Of God”

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** “Cornerstone”

**MESSAGE FROM GOD’S WORD**

**NICENE CREED**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND PLEDGES**

**KOMBA BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG** “Give Thanks”



*Sunday 8:00 a.m. Order of Worship*

**PRELUDE** "When We All Get to Heaven"  
— Arr. by Paul Curnow

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Thy Strong Word" #578

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**ANTHEM** ..... Kindergarten Choir  
"We Are the Church"

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" #663

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED**

**OFFERTORY** ..... (tune: p. 159)

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND PLEDGES**  
**KOMBA BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #816

**POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" — G. F. Handel

*Sunday 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship*

**PRELUDE** "When We All Get to Heaven"  
— Arr. by Paul Curnow

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**

"Thy Strong Word" #578

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ANTHEM** ..... Adult Choir  
"Lord, Listen to Your Children" — Arr. Schrader

**EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" #663

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND PLEDGES**  
**KOMBA BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" #680

"Jesus Shall Reign" #832

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" #554

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #816

**POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" — G. F. Handel

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## News & Events

**Join us** for a special Thanksgiving worship service this **Wednesday, November 27** at 7:00 p.m. Participants will include the school choir, Holy Cross and German Bands and our 250 member men's choir.

We will be gathering a food pantry collection to be distributed to our Project Christmas Hope families. You can bring your food items to our Thanksgiving Eve Service, or any of the three remaining November weekend services.

### ADVENT DECORATING

- **Friday, Nov. 29** 7:00 p.m. We will be putting up the tree. *Special need for heavy lifters.*
- **Saturday, Nov. 30** 1:00 p.m. We will be decorating with wreaths, garlands and the Fellowship Hall trees.
- **Sunday, Dec. 1** 2:00 p.m. We will be adding Chrismons to the tree.
- **Saturday, Jan. 18** 2:00 p.m. We will be taking down the decorations.

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

**Advent Midweek Wednesdays December 4, 11 & 18.** A meal will be served at 5:30 pm and a freewill offering will be received. A willing individual or group is needed to serve the Advent meal on **December 11 and 18**. If you are willing to serve the Savior and the Saints of Holy Cross in this way, please contact Sheryl Deutsch (644-5372) or the Church Office (684-5201).

**Thank you** to everyone who supported the **LWML Bake Sale** by donating baked goods or crafts, working the sale, or purchasing items! The bake sale raised nearly \$2,400 for the LWML General Fund (for mission projects) and Passageways (assisting local homeless veterans). The Witness and Service Commission also donated the Craft Fair booth fees from the Fall Festival, so a total of nearly \$3,000 was raised to support these two ministries!

### Attendance for November 17/18, 2024

Worship (90, 226, 159, 124, Online 33)	632
Children's Sunday School	80
Adult Bible Classes	172
Youth Bible Study	39

### Record of Our Response as of Nov. 17, 2024

Year-to-date offering budget	\$916,203
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$886,484</u>
Difference (shortfall):	(\$29,719)

Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** in person or online, or donated items or money. In total we sent **288** boxes, each one a gospel opportunity to a child, family, and community!

**Project Christmas Hope is here!** We are collecting Christmas gifts for families and needed items for several local non-profits. Sign ups for the gift items and volunteer opportunities are on the tables in the welcome area outside the Worship Center. Please bring your donations back to the collection boxes under the tables by **December 9** so our team can organize and get them ready to distribute at our Christmas Party on December 14.

Visit [www.holycrosslutheran/pch](http://www.holycrosslutheran/pch) to learn more about the organizations we're supporting. Contact the Church Office (684-5201) 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 9:30am. Join us as we use a variety of movie clips to fuel our discussions.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** There is no Bible Study through Advent. Join us for Thanksgiving Eve and Advent services! See you January 8 at 7pm in the Lighthouse.

**Open Gym/Lighthouse: Sunday, Dec. 1** 7-8:30pm.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** 9:30-10:30am. This week's topic is *Kings*. Come check it out!

**Quake Registration is Open!** Go to our Student Ministries webpage, under Middle School, to register! The cost is now \$155.

**POWER NIGHT: Friday, Dec. 6** 5:30-9:30pm  
POWER Night (where we **Play**, do **Outreach**, are in the **Word**, **Eat** a pizza dinner & build **Relationships**). Meet in the gym - bring a water bottle.

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**Thrivent members—December 31** is the deadline to apply for any remaining Thrivent Action Teams. For ideas on Action Team projects, or how to apply, please contact Danny Witt (993-3488).



**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Christmas Events:**

Dec. 16 - Preschool Program (5:30 pm)  
Dec. 17 - Band Concert (9am/7pm)  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Program (7pm)



**Holy Cross School Regal Cinemas** fundraiser going on now through Christmas. Scan the QR code to buy a movie ticket bundle and support HCLS. Contact the School Office with any questions.

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**The Homeless Meal** signup sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall doors. Please take this opportunity to help the less fortunate.

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**The Sunday School Christmas program** will be **Sunday, December 8** at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

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Dear Holy Cross,  
Words cannot fully express the gratitude we feel for your love, prayers, and support during our time of loss. Your kindness and support have been a true source of strength, and we know it is God's grace at work through each of you. The beautiful service you helped create was a fitting tribute to our Dad, and the meal you prepared gave us the opportunity to gather in love and remembrance. We felt the Lord's comfort and peace through your acts of compassion, reminding us that we are never alone in His family. Thank you for lifting us up and walking alongside us. May God continue to bless Holy Cross and its ministry.

God's blessings,  
*The Crane Family*

## Bible Studies

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

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

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

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

**John, Part 9, with Dr. Lionel Alford** in the Concordia Room at 9:30 a.m.

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

**Revelation Demystified—The study of the Book of Revelation with Carl Nelson** in the 2nd Grade Classroom (by the Bell Tower) at 9:30 a.m.

**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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 19:28-40

## Prayers

- **Level 1 Confirmands: (group 2):** Sam Frizzell, Nick Kloke, Aaron Livernois, Luis Markos, Austin Noel, Logan Patty.
- **Our College Students (group 1):** Butler County Community College: Alyssa Patty, Riley Wantland, Harvey Zimmerman; Friends UNV: Michael Olivarez and Anna Wolgast; Newman UNV: Jeffrey Ball; Wichita State UNV: Aubrey Eilers, Robyn Hoskinson, Kyle Kelly, Zoie Liska, Vaci Mihali, Jacob Ruiz and Amanda Tuck.
- **For "Adopt-A-Student" seminarian:** Tucker Wright at Concordia, St. Louis.
- **Those who are expecting children:** Derek & Becca Blessing; Ian & Erica Hoskinson; Alex & Kaylee Menke.
- **Those with health concerns:** Karlyn Brown, Aubrey Chinberg, Barbara Klaus, Leo Klaus, Carolyn Kuhlman, Patricia Linhardt, Richard Linhardt, John Marten, Carla Ridener, Trudi Stigge, Don Vesper and Roberta Yacko.
- **Our troops:** Lillian Brown, Audrey Darden, Marshall Darden, Nicole Davis, Adam Edwards, Evan Fiegenbaum, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Ben Hers, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Joe Schubert, Andrew Shepherd, Joshua Weidner and Reggie Williams.



## *This week at Holy Cross*

### **Saturday, November 23**

Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm

### **Sunday, November 24**

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

### **Monday, November 25**

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Play 9:00 am

LWML Board Meeting 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, November 26**

Lord's Diner 5:15 pm

Church Council 7:00 pm

HCLS No School/Thanksgiving Break  
November 27-29

### **Wednesday, November 27**

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am

Braille 8:00 am

Women's Bible Study 10:00 am

Church Office Closing Early 12:00 pm

Adult Bell Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

### **Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving**

Church Office Closed

### **Friday, November 29**

Church Office Closed

Advent Decorating 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, November 30**

Advent Decorating 1:00 pm

Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

### **Sunday, December 1**

Traditional Worship w/Communion 8:00 am

Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes 9:30 am

Modern Worship 10:37 am

Blended Worship 11:00 am

Singles Brunch at Bubba's 33 12:30 pm

Advent Decorating 2:00 pm

High School Youth Open Gym 7:00 pm

### **Happy Birthday!**

**November 23:** Paula Danitschek, James Smith

**November 24:** Sam Kingsley

**November 25:** Ariel Gish, Steve Jordan, Donna Morris, Gwen Thomas

**November 26:** Scott Farnham, Eric Frager, Dennis Herman, Haley Marshall, Logan Riley

**November 27:** Christian Helmke, Alan Lieber, Ashleigh Pamatmat, Caroline Shire

**November 28:** Mary Clobes, Claire Cutler, Pat Randol, Sara Schubert

**November 29:** Pat Boughton, Trapper King

**November 30:** Deanna Ercolani, Sean Hottle, Jim Meyer, Al Schulz, Annabel Shire, Kayla Siemonsma

**December 1:** Matthew Allen, Kellie Deutsch, Lauren Dinkla, Stacey Kontz, Pamela Morris

For everything God created is good, and  
nothing is to be rejected if it is received  
with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated  
by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:4-5

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