



# Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

**DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**SERMON MESSAGE: "Why Shepherds?"**

*Luke 2:8-20*

## 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.

## Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading

Hosea 2:16-23  
*(God claims His people.)*

### Epistle Reading

Galatians 3:23-29  
*(We are children of God.)*

### Holy Gospel

Luke 2:8-20  
*(The shepherds see God's glory.)*

*Sharing God's love through faith in Christ*

**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** Every society has the blue-collar Joes working the dirty jobs. In Jesus' day, everyone considered the Shepherds to be the furthest from royalty. And yet, this is exactly to whom God revealed His glorious birth announcement. Do you ever wonder if you are worthy of God's good Grace? In our readings today, consider the shepherds whom God sought and gathered to venerate the manger throne. God often uses ordinary people as a part of His extraordinary story.

**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**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
 “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

**BAPTISM OF RORY JAMES SIEMON SMA**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ANTHEM** .....3rd-5th Grade Choir  
 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

**EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS**

**SERMON SONG**

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

**MESSAGE FROM GOD’S WORD**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING SONG** “Reckless Love”

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

**CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG** “Silent Night”

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

**PRELUDE** "Aria" — Haydn/Arr. Broughton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**  
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #515

**INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** .....p. 184

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
"Hark the Glad Sound" #349

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFERTORY** .....p. 192

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
*SPECIAL MUSIC: "Peace Abiding"*  
— Handel/Arr. Lani Smith

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI** .....p. 197

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**  
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" #637  
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #636, v. 1-4  
"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" #602, v. 1-4

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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**CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
"The Advent of Our King" #331

**POSTLUDE** "Lift Up Your Heads"  
— David Paxton

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

**PRELUDE** "Aria" — Haydn/Arr. Broughton

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**  
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #515

**INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**NICENE CREED**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
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— Handel/Arr. Lani Smith

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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## Worship Participants

Preacher ..... Pastor Ryan Ankersen  
Liturgist (11:00) ..... Greg Holmberg

### Saturday

Music ..... Praise and Worship Team; Karen Maxson, Leader  
School Choir Director ..... Morgan Dunst  
Acolytes ..... Corbin Suter and Takeshi Flores  
Media Team ..... Jon Paschka and Debbie Irvin  
Communion Assistants ..... Aaron Mayes and Steve Woltjer

### Sunday

Guest Organist ..... Dianne Bingenheimer  
Children's Message ..... Pam Amey  
Acolytes ..... Logan Patty and Claire Bruce-Mushi (8:00)  
Claire Cutler and Aaron Livernois (11:00)  
Media Team ..... Todd Guetersloh, Adam Heil, Mike Davis, Greg Harms (8:00)  
Martin Tuck (11:00)  
Greeters ..... Brad and Sheryl Deutsch, Kevin and Barb Royse (8:00)  
Nikki Adams, Susan Evans, Harlow Safford, Jeanne Mehl (11:00)  
Communion Assistants ..... Aaron Zimmerman, Ron Zimmerman, Marty Turner  
Brett Klepacki, Steve Deutsch  
Blessing Place ..... Nicole Heinicke and Anna Linhardt (9:30)  
Judy Makenya, Eilleen Kombe, Faith Kombe (10:30)

## Prayers and Joys

### PARISH PRAYERS:

—Please pray for **Pam Pina** and her family as her daughter was recently placed in Hospice care.

—Please pray for healing and complete recovery for Gina Kennedy, daughter of **Gene and Ruth Kickhaefer**, following successful triple bypass surgery.

—We rejoice with Derek and Rebecca Blessing on the birth of their son, Malachi Allan Gene, on December 8. The proud grandparents are **Pastor and Deb Snow**.

**BAPTISM** We rejoice as **Rory James Siemonsma** is received into God's heavenly kingdom through the waters of Holy Baptism in the 6:00 p.m. service. Rory is the son of Brandon and Kayla Siemonsma and his sponsor is Autumn Gasbarro.

We encourage you to post your prayers and view the prayers of others on the Holy Cross  
Prayer Wall: <https://holycrosslutheran.net/pray/>

## News & Events

### Advent Midweek Wednesday:

Dec. 18

Worship Times: ^8:20 am & 7:00 pm

Advent Meal: 5:30-6:45 pm

Taco Bar to benefit **Orphan Grain Train**

### Christmas Eve (Tues.)

10:37 Service 5:00 pm

Family Worship Service ^7:00 pm

\*Candlelight Communion Worship 10:00 pm

### Christmas Day (Wed.)

\*Worship Service 9:00 am

### New Year's Eve (Tues.)

\*Worship Service 7:00 pm

\*Communion Services

^Live-streamed

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**Ham Drive** - Help **The Lord's Diner** provide Christmas dinner to their guests by donating a ham! Drop off hams by **December 22** between 10am-4pm at their 520 N. Broadway location.

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**LifeLight** will be resuming on **January 16** at 4:30 pm. They will be studying Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. Books for **this class only** can be picked up in the Parlor.

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**BURRR!!! Chilly temperatures are here!** You can help us warm our friends at The Lord's Diner by donating new or in good condition stocking hats, gloves and scarves for all ages. Questions contact Maria Keil at 316-680-6750.

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**Zippered Bags** (the kind in which sheets and blankets come) can always be used for various outreach projects. Please drop them in the Church Office.

### Attendance for Dec. 7/8, 2024

Worship (98, 191, 151, 121, Online 51)	612
Advent	323
Children's Sunday School	57
Adult Bible Classes	145
Youth Bible Study	42

### Record of Our Response as of Dec. 8, 2024

Year-to-date offering budget	\$1,076,909
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$1,022,422</u>
<i>Difference (shortfall): (\$54,487)</i>	

Any member of Holy Cross has had a time of **study in the Small Catechism** – either through the two years of youth instruction or through the Adult Information Class prior to membership. The Small Catechism is a precious treasure that set out for us the basic six chief parts of Scripture. The Large Catechism is a group of essays on each of the chief parts. And just as a life-long study of God's Word is necessary for the continuation of our faith and life; so also a continued study of the Biblical doctrines is a life-long study. Join us **January 4/5** (either on Saturday at 4:45 pm or Sunday at 9:30 am) as we read and study God's Word as Martin Luther gave us in the Large Catechism. It is not necessary, but would be helpful in preparing for class if you have a copy of Luther's Large Catechism. You can get a free download from your computer or you can order a paperback copy from CPH (\$15 plus shipping) or you can check out used books and search either for Luther's Large Catechism or The Book of Concord, Tappert edition.) If you have questions, please call Pastor Myers.



**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 Advent services! See you **January 8** at 7pm in the Lighthouse.

**High School Christmas Party: Dec. 15, 7-9pm.** Take a break from studying and join us for Fun, Fellowship, and our Famous Gift Exchange!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**

**Sunday Morning Bible Class** 9:30-10:30am. This week's topic is *The Skit Guys - The Fourth Wise Man*. Come check it out!

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

I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
**I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.**

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2 Timothy 4:7



**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Christmas Events:**

- Dec. 16 - Preschool Program (5:30 pm)
  - Dec. 17 - Band Concert (9am/7pm)
  - Dec. 19 - Christmas Program (7pm)
  - Dec. 21-Jan. 5 - Christmas Break
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**Surviving the Holidays**, a GriefShare event providing support and practical tips for facing holiday challenges after loss. Two-hour events are held at various locations in the area. [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

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**The Homeless Meal** will not take place in January. The signup for February will be posted after the first of the year.

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If you would like to provide **flowers in the Worship Center**, please call Christine in the Church Office (684-5201).

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**Greeting cards for sale** - Stop by the Church Office and check out the greeting cards available. You'll find: Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, Baptism, Wedding, Get Well, Sympathy and Praying for You cards. Cards are a bargain at 50 cents!

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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).

## 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, "No Stranger in the Manger" 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

Micah 5:2-5a  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

## Prayers

- **Level 2 Confirmands (group 2):** Nate Olsen, Camden Salyers, Corbin Suter, Ashlyn Walker, Joseph Webster, Calum Willis, Weston Woltjer, Avery Zimmerman.
- **Our College Students (group 3):** University of Kansas: Emily Chilewa, Jackson Kleeman, Magnus Marciniak, Mya Marciniak, Lydia Sharpe and Maggie Uhlenhop. Emporia State University: Paige Kalitta and Brooke Kientz; 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:** 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, Andrew Shepherd, Joshua Weidner and Reggie Williams.

## This week at Holy Cross

### **Saturday, December 14**

Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm  
2nd Saturday Meal 7:00 pm

### **Sunday, December 15**

Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 am—12:30 pm  
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  
Wichita Choral Program 2:00 pm  
High School Christmas Party 7:00 pm

### **Monday, December 16**

HCLS Pre-K Christmas Program 5:30 pm  
Singles Bible Study 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, December 17**

HCLS Band Concert 9:00 am  
HCLS Band Concert 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, December 18**

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am  
Braille 8:00 am  
Advent Chapel 8:20 am  
Advent Meal 5:30-6:45 pm  
Advent Worship 7:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

### **Thursday, December 19**

Men's Bible Study at Jimmie's Diner 8:00 am  
Senior Game Day 1:00 pm  
HCLS K-8 Christmas Program 7:00 pm  
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm

### **Saturday, December 21**

Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm

### **Sunday, December 22**

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

**December 14:** Shelby Bradbury, Ashten Staab

**December 15:** Mark Androes, Ellie Ankersen, Daren Boss, Mark Brockmeyer, Peggy Drew, Ashley George, Lucas Hieber, Laura Monahan, Aaron Ross, Ted Uhlenhop

**December 16:** Katie Atwood, Alex Baker, J.C. Bush, Doug Davis, Trevor Derenthal, Gareth Melin, Susan Meyer

**December 17:** Sandy Barton, Henry Boss, Terry Burnett, Steve Graham, Richard Lind, David Ochs, Ricardo Pinedo, Kashmere Shuck

**December 18:** Brian Austin, George Bair, Randy Mark, Lisa Ochs

**December 19:** Janet Ade, Diane Brewer, Hailey Dieker, Shay Hottle, Sharon Lewallen, Paul Pitman, Rick Schwarz

**December 20:** Jerry Hohman

**December 21:** David Ball, Andy Hackett, Logan Walker

**December 22:** Courtney Alexander, Peggy Bollig, Adam Edwards, Jarrod Fisher, Alice Kounovsky, Jarric Presnell, Kevin Taylor, Copelan Wadley, Ashlyn Walker

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