



# Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

**DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**SERMON MESSAGE:** *"The Least Likely Used for the Most Important"*  
*Micah 5, Hebrews 10, Luke 1*

## 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

Micah 5:2-5a  
*(The coming King is born in Bethlehem)*

### Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10  
*(Jesus comes to do God's will.)*

### Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45  
*(Mary visits Elizabeth.)*

**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 Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. On this last weekend of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

### **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**

“Joy To The World”  
“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

#### **INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON SONG**

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

#### **MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD**

#### **NICENE CREED**

#### **RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING SONG** “Silent Night”

#### **PRAYERS**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION**

#### **CLOSING SONG**

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

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

**PRELUDE** "Gabriel's Message"  
— Arr. by Wilbur Held

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**  
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" #670

**INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**  
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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #341

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED**

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**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "St. Louis"  
— Arr. by Joshua Evanovich

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
"Holy, Holy, Holy" #507

**POSTLUDE** "Milwaukee"  
— Arr. by Benjamin M. Culli

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

**PRELUDE** "Gabriel's Message"  
— Arr. by Wilbur Held

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**  
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" #670

**INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ANTHEM** ..... Adult Choir  
"Rise Up, Come On and Get Ready!"  
— Pepper Choplin

**EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #341

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "St. Louis"  
— Arr. by Joshua Evanovich

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**  
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #621  
"Once He Came in Blessing" #333  
"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" #348

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
"Holy, Holy, Holy" #507

**POSTLUDE** "Milwaukee"  
— Arr. by Benjamin M. Culli

## Worship Participants

Preacher ..... Pastor Scott Snow  
Liturgist (8:00) ..... Pastor Ryan Ankersen

### Saturday

Music ..... Praise and Worship Team; Ricardo Pinedo, Leader  
Acolytes ..... Avery Zimmerman and Claire Bruce-Mushi  
Media Team ..... Aaron Mayes and Curtis Holtzen

### Sunday

Organist ..... Ted Boettcher  
Adult Choir Director ..... Teresa Hauschild  
Acolytes ..... Rauri Deutsch and Aaron Livernois (8:00)  
Sam Frizzell and Claire Bruce-Mushi (11:00)  
Media Team ..... Eli Scales, Jake Scales, Roger Scales (8:00)  
Adam Heil (11:00)  
Greeters ..... Mark and Judy Schroeder, Sandra Thomas (8:00)  
Ted and Carolyn Helmer, Paul and Lyn Pitman (11:00)  
Communion Assistants ..... Stan Koster, Pat Hoskinson, Greg Holmberg, Frank Miller,  
Brian Lindebak, Jon Paschka  
Blessing Place ..... Anna Linhardt and Jennie Walton (9:30)  
Maria Shields, Lily Shields, Liam Shields (10:30)

## Prayers and Joys

### HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK

**Carolyn Kuhlman** ..... Wesley  
**Kayla Brotemarkle** ..... Wesley-Woodlawn

### PARISH PRAYERS:

—Please pray for healing for **Declan Nelson** following tonsil and adenoid surgery on December 17.

—Please pray for **Ruthann Whatley** as she was recently diagnosed with cancer.

—Please pray for **Carol Beverly** as she is scheduled for hernia surgery on December 23.

**ANNIVERSARY** We rejoice with **Craig and Kay Kennedy** as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 26.

**THANK YOU** Your support during my challenging time was a blessing. Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards, visits and dinners that were provided to us during my time of recovery. **Kim & Don Nunnold**

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

### **Voters Assembly Meeting Announcement**

The senior pastor Call Committee has concluded its process of evaluating and interviewing potential pastors for the calling of a senior pastor. I'm pleased to report we have identified two pastors we will be submitting to the members of Holy Cross to **vote on extending a Call** following the 11:00 service on **January 12, 2025**. The meeting will be held in the Worship Center and we expect to start between 12:15 - 12:30 pm. As part of the voters meeting, we will be providing information on the candidates as well as comments from the Call Committee's evaluation of the two pastors. There will be time for questions and answers from the members. For members who would like to learn more about the pastors prior to the voters assembly, information will be available for viewing during office hours in the Church Office starting December 30.

After the discussion of the Call process, some minor clarifying changes to the by-laws that require approval by the congregation will be presented. The proposed changes will be shown as well as allowing time for questions and answers.

I look forward to the upcoming meeting and hope each of you can join us for a very important meeting which impacts the future of Holy Cross.

Yours in Christ,

**Matt List** – *Call Committee Chair*

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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.

### **Attendance for Dec. 14/15, 2024**

Worship (138, 196, 151, 114, Online 36)	635
Advent	154
Children's Sunday School	41
Adult Bible Classes	116
Youth Bible Study	41

### **Record of Our Response as of Dec. 15, 2024**

Year-to-date offering budget	\$1,150,429
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$1,101,567</u>
<i>Difference (shortfall): (\$48,862)</i>	

**Project Christmas Hope** was a great success once again! Thank you to all those who donated items, volunteered their time sorting and preparing the gift boxes, or helped in many ways at the Christmas Party. Our families were warmly welcomed on December 14 to decorate sugar cookies, drink hot cocoa, hear a special message by Pastor Ankersen, and sing Christmas carols. Due to your generosity, we were able to assist 47 families and individuals from Minneha Elementary School, Hope Ranch for Women, DCCCA, CarePortal, and from our Holy Cross church and school community. We purchased gifts for 20 foster care teenagers through Ember Hope foster care support agency. We also collected needed items for Faith Builders, Senior Services, Wichita Animal Action League, and Ember Hope. Above and beyond the donated gifts items, over \$5000 in monetary donations were received. With this money we were able to purchase remaining items from the wish lists and every family and agency received a gift card. Thank you for blessing others with the love of Jesus this Christmas season!



**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 this week. Have a joyous Christmas celebrating the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Join us **January 8** at 7pm in the Lighthouse.

**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. Registration closes **January 15**.



For to us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and the government will be on His shoulders.  
And He will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Upcoming Events**

Dec. 21-Jan. 5 - Christmas Break  
Jan. 7—Kindergarten Information Session

**Kindergarten Information Session** on **Tuesday, January 7** at 8:15 am. Parents are welcome to join us in the school lunchroom to have questions answered about Kindergarten next year (2025-26). Mrs. Boettcher will then take the group on a tour of Holy Cross!

Mark your calendar for the **Kindergarten Classroom Open House** on **Tuesday, February 25** at 6:30 pm.

Kansas District is now sponsoring the Kansas Lutheran Schools Scholarship Foundation. To make a donation, visit <https://klssf.org> and complete the Donor Form. You will receive a 75% Tax Credit on your donation! Some of our Holy Cross students may be eligible for the scholarship, based on their financial need. Information is available at the Holy Cross Welcome Center.

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

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

**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

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:22-40

## Prayers

- **Level 1 Confirmands: (group 1):** Luke Atwater, Landon Ayers, Anna Boring, Claire Bruce-Mushi, Claire Cutler, Max Davis, Rauri Deutsch, Ethan Dunleavy.
- **Our College Students (group 4):** Concordia (Seward): Rachel Amey, Taylor Beal, Morgan Davis, Avery Holmberg, Kayla Johnson, Noah Taylor, Danielle Turner and Anna Zimmerman; Lewis & Clark Law School (OR): Abbie Hall; Oklahoma State UNV: Maecie Maltz, Charlie Sutherland, John Sutherland; UNV of Tulsa: Kourtney Koster and James Webster; UNV of Nebraska: AbbyLane Kloke; Ottawa UNV (AZ): Jakob Scales; US Merchant Marine Acad (NY): Mason Wingate.
- **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 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

### Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed  
 Christmas Eve Modern Worship 5:00 pm  
 Lord's Diner 5:15 pm  
 Christmas Eve Family Worship 7:00 pm  
 Christmas Eve Candlelight w/Communion 10:00 pm

### Wednesday, December 25—Christmas

Christmas Day Worship w/Communion 9:00 am

### Saturday, December 28

Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

### Sunday, December 29

Traditional Worship w/Communion 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 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

**December 23:** Angela Amaro, Alex Babst, Chris Clinton, Troy Peters

**December 24:** George Ann Lassman, Juliana Petro, Nick Wohlgemuth

**December 25: JESUS,** Nathaniel Clark, Natalie Meyer, Linda Smith

**December 26:** Tricia Benton, Jonathan Flores, Sallie Jensen, Alyssa Patty, Weston Woltjer

**December 27:** Sherry Jones, Marshall Kreger, Ashley Ramirez, Jacque Sharpe, Keanie Van Osdol

**December 28:** Erma Albrecht, Chris Bauer, Abbie Hall, Katie Nelson

**December 29:** Andy Amaro, Kari Drehs, Kim Hansen, Felix Igartua, Ken Knickrehm, Rachael Livernois, Calan Nordman, Blake Sorensen, Corbin Suter, Caleb Thomas



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11

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# Poinsettias

The following members purchased Poinsettias  
to grace the Worship Center this Christmas

**Nikki Adams**

*In memory of Bob Adams, Slade Hunter Adams, and Otis & Rowena Hadley*

**Naomi Anderson**

**Bruce & Terry Burnett**

*In memory of Richard Standrich*

**Phyllis Biggerstaff & Sandy Leithoff**

*In memory of Tex Biggerstaff, Randy Jones & Kyle Leithoff*

**Dr. & Mrs. Shaker Dakhil**

**Patricia Edwards**

*In memory of Jennifer McColey, Bob Edwards and Leonard Margheim*

**Hackett Family**

*In memory of Russ Bache*

**Vonny Hass**

**Gwen Hillis**

**Jean Martin**

*In memory of Merle & Rosemary Bailey*

**Rick & Ruth Matz**

**Jason & Angela Mehl**

**Mark & Kathy Munsterman**

**Larry & Cindy Nutt**

**Roger & Patti Scales**

**Mark & Judy Schroeder**

*In memory of Ed & Margaret Schroeder, Don & Dee Boggetto*

**Al & Lauren Schultz**

**Don & Linda Smith**

**Larry & Valerie Spikes**

**Vanatta Standrich**

*In memory of Richard Standrich*

**Gregg & Marcia Wolgast**

**Roger & Dorothy Zellers**

If you have purchased a poinsettia for your home use,  
Feel free to pick it up after worship on the weekend of January 4/5.

# Holy Cross Staff wishes you a Blessed Christmas!

BETTY AMEY  
BRIAN AMEY  
PAM AMEY  
KERI ANKERSEN  
PASTOR ANKERSEN  
LISA BITTLE  
KAREN BOETTCHER  
TED BOETTCHER  
KATE BOSCH  
ANNALIESE  
ELIZABETH  
LYN BURGER  
ANDREW CAMPBELL  
PHYLLIS CLARK  
JUSTIN COX  
CINDY DEUTSCH  
JANET DOBLER  
PEGGY DREW  
CHRISTINA DUNLEAVY  
MORGAN DUNST  
VIRGIE ESSIEN  
PAM FARNHAM  
KELLY GLASGOW  
TYNA GLENN  
AMY GOLTL  
DWAYNE GREEN  
MELISSA GREEN  
CAROLYN GUNZELMAN  
TARA HACKETT  
KIM HANSEN

TERESA HAUSCHILD  
NELLIE HERBERT  
RILEY JARABEK  
BRITTANY KAPLA  
JACOB KELLY  
APRIL KIENTZ  
AUDREY KLOKE  
JUNIPER KLOKE  
TIM KLOTH  
EVONNE KUHRT  
STEPHANIE LEAR  
SANDY LEITHOFF  
TINA LENZ  
SARAH LEWALLEN  
KELLI LINDEBAK  
RACHAEL LIVERNOIS  
RONALD MALLORY  
AMMIE MALTZ  
CARTER MALTZ  
MAECIE MALTZ  
JAN MAXSON  
KENT MAXSON  
KAREN MAXSON  
MARYA MCCRAE  
CLAUDIA MIGLORANCIA  
JEN MYERS  
KATIE NELSON  
LISA OCHS  
MARY OCHS  
VICKI OLIVAREZ

MICHELLE PESHEK  
RICARDO PINEDO  
TRACIE REIDA  
JEREMY ROACH  
AMY RUPPERT  
JAMES SANDWELL  
ALEXIS SANFORD  
SARA SCHUBERT  
JULIE SHERWOOD  
JAMEE SHOMBERG  
HALEY SLATTERY  
DEB SNOW  
PASTOR SNOW  
CLINTON SPRAGUE  
REBECCA STONER  
BAILEY THODE  
GWEN THOMAS  
HANNAH TRUSSELL  
CHRISTINE TUCK  
TERRI VANWEY  
LISA WAGNER  
DENNIS WANTLAND  
MOLLY-ANN WELLS  
JENNIFER WILLIAMS  
SHERRY WILSON  
DANIEL WINGATE  
ANNA WOLGAST  
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RON ZIMMERMAN