



Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

JANUARY 4 & 5, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SERMON MESSAGE: "So, Who Was Really Lost?"

Luke 2:40-52

We invite you to join us again soon!

- SATURDAYS** 4:45 pm 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.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15
(King Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14
(Spiritual blessings in Christ)

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52
(The boy Jesus at Passover in the Jerusalem temple)

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 What were you looking for a few days ago when we joined the crowds gathered for the annual celebration of Christmas? Did you find forgiveness for all your sins and answers to all your troubles when you sang the Christmas songs or are you still searching? It is not too late. In Joseph and Mary's search for their missing child, they couldn't find Him in the crowds. It was only as they returned to the temple that their worry was solved. You have come to the right place, the place of God's promised presence for you—here, where His grace, love, and forgiveness are shared with you. So, do not be anxious about your life. You are seeking answers in the right place, in the kingdom of God and in His mighty, saving Word.

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

“Our God”
“What Child Is This”

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SERMON SONG

“In The Presence of Jehovah”

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

APOSTLES' CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG “How Many Kings”

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG “Just As I Am”

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “Friend Of God”

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Divinum Mysterium"
— Arr. by Ronald A. Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:
"O Sing of Christ" #362

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HYMN OF THE DAY
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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
SPECIAL MUSIC: "Irby" — Arr. by Ryan Meyer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN
"As with Gladness Men of Old" #397

POSTLUDE "Nun freut euch"
— Arr. by Benjamin M. Culli

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Divinum Mysterium"
— Arr. by Ronald A. Nelson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:
"O Sing of Christ" #362

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY
"Within the Father's House" #410

SERMON

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
SPECIAL MUSIC: "Irby" — Arr. by Ryan Meyer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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Worship Participants

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

Saturday

Music.....Praise and Worship Team; Ricardo Pinedo, Leader
AcolytesAshlyn Walker and Elijah Myers
Media Team Brian Amey and Curtis Holtzen
Communion Assistants Dave Ochs and Brian Austin

Sunday

Organist..... Ted Boettcher
AcolytesWeston Woltjer and Aaron Livernois (8:00)
Dom and Mickey Garrett (11:00)
Media TeamTodd Guetersloh, David Myers, Greg Harms, Braden Maltz (8:00)
Martin Tuck (11:00)
GreetersBoyd and Kim Johnson, Mark and Judy Schroeder (8:00)
Jerry and Jeanne Mehl, Vonny Hass, Marc Moore (11:00)
Communion Assistants Aaron Zimmerman, Peter Janssen, Marty Turner, Heath Bradbury
Blessing Place..... Haley Marshall and Holly Mills (9:30)
Taylor Clark and Nicole Amey (10:30)

Prayers and Joys

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK

Tripp Stratton (released)..... Wesley
Kayla Brotemarkle..... Wesley-Woodlawn

ANNIVERSARY We rejoice with **Al and Janis Bell** as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on January 3.

FLOWERS in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Jane Weikal by Alan Weikal, the Grant Weikal family, and the Matthew Bengtson family.

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 evaluated and interviewed potential pastors for the calling of a senior pastor. They have identified two pastors who will be submitted to the members of Holy Cross to **vote on extending a Call** following the 11am service next Sunday, **January 12**. The meeting will be held in the Worship Center at approximately 12:15 pm. As part of the voters meeting, information we will be provided on the candidates as well as comments from the Call Committee. *Members are encouraged to stop by the Church Office (during office hours) to read more about the pastors prior to the assembly.*

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, allowing time for questions and answers.

I look forward to the upcoming meeting and hope each of you can join us for this very important event which will impact the future of Holy Cross.

Yours in Christ,

Matt List – *Call Committee Chair*

Upcoming LifeLight Classes Resuming.

Study guides can be picked up in the Parlor, where the classes will be held.

The Thursday 9:00 am class will begin this week, **January 9**. They will be studying James and Jude. Leaders are Ann Ross, Betty Amey and Linda Wabel.

The Thursday 4:30 pm class will begin **January 16**. They will be studying Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. The leader is Judy Zimmerman.

Attendance for Dec. 28/29, 2024

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| Worship (100, 169, 170, 113, Online 75) | 627 |
| New Year's Eve | 78 |
| Children's Sunday School | 49 |
| Adult Bible Classes | 149 |
| Youth Bible Study | 29 |

Record of Our Response as of Dec. 29, 2024

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Year-to-date offering budget | \$1,297,471 |
| Year-to-date offering receipts | <u>\$1,213,542</u> |
| <i>Difference (shortfall):</i> | (\$83,929) |

Abuelo's (1605 N. Rock Rd) Spirit Night is **this Tuesday, January 7** 11am-9pm. Tell them you're from Holy Cross and 20% will come back to our school.

The Ladies **Talk & Tie** group will meet this **Thursday, January 9**, from 10 am until Noon in the Gathering Place. We invite you to join us for a short devotion, refreshments, and fellowship as we continue to tie quilts for Orphan Grain Train. See you there!

Ladies of Holy Cross, Please join us at Fairmount Ministries on **January 18** at 9am, for the LWML group meeting, Coffee and the Word. Our speaker will be Kristy Willis from International Women's Connections. Coffee, tea and pastries will be provided. Please bring donations or 'Gifts from the Heart' for their food pantry to give to those in need. Suggestions: They need individual packages of: granola bars, cereal, chips, canned meals with pop tops (chili, spaghetti etc.), soup packets (ramen).



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 study of the Ten Commandments.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us **January 8** at 7pm in the Lighthouse. We will be studying "The Case for Christ."

Night Games: January 5, 7-8:30pm join us for onsite games. Be sure to bring your friends!


New Schedules are available online!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday morning Bible Class 9:30-10:30am. This week's topic is "Attitude." Come check it out!

POWER NIGHT: Friday, Jan. 10 5:30-9:30pm - we Play games, do Outreach, are in the **Word**, Eat a pizza dinner & build Relationships. Meet in the gym - bring a water bottle.

Quake Registration is Open! Go to our Student Ministries webpage, under Middle School, to register. The cost is \$155. Registration closes **January 15**.

For nothing will be impossible 
WITH GOD
Luke 1:37



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Through 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.

The 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.

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.

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.

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 Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by Pastor Snow at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

A Study of Romans led by Pastor Myers and Troy Nordman on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Concordia Room.

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

Women's Bible Study, "Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph" with Kris Osler at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Office Conference Room.

John, Part 10, 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.

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.

Prayers

- **Level 2 Confirmands (group 1):** Katy Atwater, Peyton Fenn, Takeshi Flores, Dominick Garrett, Mickey Garrett, Eva Glancy, Easton Holmberg, Elijah Myers.
- **Our College Students (group 2):** Kansas State University: Emily Atkinson, Ariel Gish, Kara Haberichter, Noah Haberichter, Juniper Kloke, Caroline List, Braden Maltz, Cameron Maltz, Lindsey Mehl, Cooper Schoning, Walker Schoning, Katrina Turner and Rex Wagner (Salina campus).
- **For "Adopt-A-Student" seminarian:** Tucker Wright at Concordia, St. Louis.
- **Those who are expecting children:** Adam & Melissa Edwards; 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7
Romans 6:1-11
Luke 3:15-22

This week at Holy Cross

HCLS Christmas Break
Through Jan. 5

Saturday, January 4

Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 5

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 Livingston's Diner 12:30 pm
 High School Night Games 7:00-8:30 pm

Monday, January 6

Single's Bible Study 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 7

HCLS Kindergarten Information Session 8:15 am
 HCLS Spirit Day at Abuelo's 11:00 am-9:00 pm
 Guatemala Team 7:00 pm
 Stewardship Commission 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 8

Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
 Braille 8:00 am
 Chapel 8:20 am
 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am
 Adult Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm
 Confirmation 7:00 pm
 High School Bible Study 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 9

LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 am
 Talk & Tie 10:00 am
 HCLS Spelling Bee 2:45 pm
 Endowment Committee 5:30 pm
 10:37 Praise Band Practice 6:00 pm
 Men's Basketball 8:00 pm

Friday, January 10

HCLS PTL Meeting 8:30 am
 Middle School POWER Night 5:30-9:30 pm

Saturday, January 11—2nd Grader Bible Buddies

Parish Ed 8:00 am
 Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm
 2nd Saturday Meal 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 12—2nd Grader Bible Buddies

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
 Voter's Assembly Meeting 12:15 pm

Happy Birthday!

January 4: Maddy Bauer, Michael Boughton, Dodie Kloth

January 5: Samuel Austin, Drew Daniels, Alex Fletcher, Mariah Livernois

January 6: Ted Boettcher, Matthew Chilewa, Ashley Davis, LeeAnne Hauschild

January 7: Paul Garcia, Carolyn Swoboda

January 8: Marvin Foxx, Greg Hamilton, Christina Leithoff

January 9: Glenda Holt, Jean Horstman, Larry Kuhlman, Christian Shackelford

January 10: Olivia Graham, Anastacia Helmer, Rebecca Keene, Laurence Kemp, Caroline Lindahl, Donna Marten, Diane Siebels

January 11: Casey Blair, Curtis Holtzen, Chrystal Lindeman, Alicia Martin, Ksana Nelson

January 12: Chad Albin, Brett Hansen, Dakota Hutter, Tish Kemp, Brian Maxson, Carol Nelson, J.D. Shackelford

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