



# Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

**FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2025**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**SERMON MESSAGE:** *"Between the Trees"*

*1 Peter 2:4-10*

## 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/](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

2 Chronicles 7:1-10  
*(God's glory fills the temple.)*

### Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10  
*(The living Stone and a chosen people)*

### Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22  
*(Jesus and the 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** In the Old Testament, God made a way for people to approach Him and see His glory. The Tabernacle and Temple were His glorious footstool. His presence would descend, and humanity could see His presence for themselves. Fast forward to today, how will the world possibly see God now? The Temple has been destroyed and God's presence no longer fills the Tabernacle. Now what? As we live out our faith today, God's glory now lives among His people. We are the doorposts of His presence. Our bodies are a Temple of the Holy Spirit and together we are living stones, built-up into a glorious Temple. In other words, when the world wants to see God, they need only look to His Church. Through His church, God often reveals His hands, His feet, and His presence.

### **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**

"Love The Lord"  
"Do It Again"

### **INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** "Revelation Song"

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

### **NICENE CREED**

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

**OFFERING SONG** "Way Maker"

### **PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG** "Praise Him Forever"



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

**PRELUDE** "Tree of Life" — Arr. Becker

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

"The Tree of Life" #561

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

**ANTHEM** .....3rd-5th Grade Choir  
"Beautiful Savior"

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED**

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**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Abide with me"  
— Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" #844

**POSTLUDE**

"Hyfrydol"  
— Arr. by Harold Owen

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

**PRELUDE** "Tree of Life" — Arr. Becker

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

"The Tree of Life" #561

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**ANTHEM** .....Men's Quartet  
"Abide with Me" — Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**EPISTLE AND HOLY GOSPEL READINGS**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Angelus"  
— Arr. by David N. Johnson

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" #851

**SERMON**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" #766

"O Savior, Precious Savior" #527

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #643

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" #844

**POSTLUDE**

"Hyfrydol"  
— Arr. by Harold Owen

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## Worship Participants

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

### Saturday

Music.....Praise and Worship Team; Ricardo Pinedo, Leader  
Acolytes .....Elijah Myers and Landon Ayers  
Media Team .....Mike Davis and Curtis Holtzen

### Sunday

Organist.....Ted Boettcher  
Violin .....Ann Harms  
School Choir Director .....Morgan Dunst  
Men's Quartet.....Marty Beard, Greg Harms, Tyler Hieber, Dustin Nelson  
Acolytes .....Ethan Dunleavy and Max Davis (8:00)  
Sam Frizzell and Camden Salyers (11:00)  
Media Team .....Craig Robbins, LaRue Rains, Greg Harms, Steven Segraves (8:00)  
Adam Heil (11:00)  
Greeters .....Ron and Susan Rathgeber, Naomi Anderson (8:00)  
Ted and Carolyn Helmer, Delores Boyer, Deb Schmidt (11:00)  
Communion Assistants .....Stan Koster, Pat Hoskinson, Matt List, Brian Lindebak,  
Jon Paschka, David Boxman  
Blessing Place.....Anna Linhardt and Jennie Walton (9:30)  
Maria Shields, Lily Shields, Liam Shields (10:30)

## Prayers and Joys

### HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK

**Mike Miller**.....St. Francis  
**Tripp Stratton**.....Children's Mercy, Kansas City  
**Debbie Irvin (released)** .....Wesley Rehab Center  
**Jan Schmidt (released)**.....Transferred to Regent Park Rehab  
**Carol Nelson (released)**.....Wesley  
**Sandy Yount (released)**

### PARISH PRAYERS

—Please pray for **Bruce Burnett**, who is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on February 24.  
—Please pray for the family of Troy Callaway, brother of Holy Cross school cook Virgie Essien, as they grieve his death this past week.  
—Please pray for **Gregg and Marcia Wolgast and family** as they grieve the death of Marcia's sister-in-law.

**FLOWERS** in the Worship Center are given to the glory of God by **Glen Mishler** in celebration of his 99th birthday on February 26.

**THANK YOU** for all the cards I recently received for my 90th birthday! ~**Joe Yount**

## News & Events

**Call Update:** The Voters' meeting was held on Sunday, February 16. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. We continued the Call process for Senior Pastor and had an open discussion on one candidate, Pastor Michael Pottschmidt, recommended by the Call committee. There was a unanimous voice vote approving the Call to Pastor Pottschmidt. He is currently a pastor at St. Paul's in Concordia, Missouri. Pastor Snow and Matt List phoned him to let him know that the Call documents would soon be sent. Please keep Pastor Pottschmidt in your prayers as he prayerfully considers this divine Call.

**Parish Health Ministry** Are you a healthcare provider or interested in health and wellness? If so, please join us this **Tuesday, February 25**, at 7pm in the Church Library as we share our ideas and talents. For more information contact Lyn Pitman 734-5582 or Marna Atkinson 253-0582.

The Holy Cross Women's Retreat is coming **Saturday, March 1**. Author Deb Burma will lead us through a day of *Leaning on Jesus*. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and we will close our day by 2:30 pm. The price is \$30, and includes a light breakfast, coffee and tea, and a taco bar for lunch. Go to <https://holycrosslutheran.net/lwmlretreat/> to register.

**GriefShare** is a group which helps those who are suffering from a loss. Risen Savior Lutheran Church is starting up a new session **Tuesday, March 4**. For more information call Risen Savior at 683-5538.

### Attendance for Feb. 15/16, 2025

Worship (59, 168, 170, 157 Online 55)	609
Children's Sunday School	60
Adult Bible Classes	167
Youth Bible Study	39

### Record of Our Response as of Feb. 16, 2025

Year-to-date offering budget	\$1,631,415
Year-to-date offering receipts	<u>\$1,600,151</u>
<i>Difference (shortfall): (\$31,264)</i>	

### Looking Ahead to Lent and Easter

Lenten Midweek Wednesdays:

March \*5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9

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

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

Worship Times: \*#8:20 am & \*7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 18)

Tenebrae Service at #7:00 pm

Blooming of the Cross (April 19)

Worship Times: \*6:00 pm

Easter (April 20)

Worship Times: 6:30, #\*8:00, #\*10:37 & \*11:00 am

Breakfast served 7:00-9:30 a.m. in the gym

Proceeds will be donated

\*Communion

#Live-streamed

Blessing Place will be closed from

Maundy Thursday thru Easter Sunday.

### Family Lenten Meals

Served in the Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:45 pm for a freewill donation, beneficiaries listed below.

**March 5** - Pasta Bake, bread & salad

Anna Wolgast's Phillippines Mission Trip

**March 12** - Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans

Holy Cross Student Ministries

**March 19** - Pulled pork, mac/cheese, coleslaw & cookies

Let Freedom Sing

**March 26** - Tacos, Fruit & dessert

Special Needs Ministry

**April 2** - Soup Bar

Girl Scouts Troop

**April 9** - Bierocks

Fairmount Ministries



**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 at 7pm in the Lighthouse. We will be studying apologetics using "The Case for Christ."

**LCMS Gathering Family Group Meeting:** Sunday Feb. 23 from 7-8:30pm in the Lighthouse. This is a required meeting for participants.

**LVR Summer Camp June 1-6:** Registration is open online. Cost is \$375. Current 8th graders are welcome!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**

**Sunday morning Bible Class** 9:30-10:30am. meets in the gym. This week's topic is *relationships*. Come check it out!

**POWER NIGHT: Friday, March 7, 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.

**Guide me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are God my Savior,  
And my hope is in you all day long.**

**-Psalm 25:5**



**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**Kindergarten Open House** will be held this Tuesday at 6:30 pm. If you know of anyone interested in Kindergarten next year, please pass the word along.

The school library is in need of someone with woodworking skills to build a new bookshelf. Costs will be covered by HCLS. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact the School Office at 684-4431.

Looking for a part-time tech assistant (flexible hours). Contact Justin Cox at 684-5201.

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**Lifetime Plan for Giving:** We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In supporting ministries, there is always the need of "today" versus the needs of the "future." Which should you choose? Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your Holy Cross Gift Planning Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both. Contact Bruce Wilgers (990-9938) for additional guidance.

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If you have questions regarding your **2024 Tax Statement**, call Melissa at 684-5201.

## 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 4:45 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 6th 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 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, Jakob Scales; Riley Wantland, Harvey Zimmerman; Friends UNV: Michael Olivarez and Anna Wolgast; Newman UNV: Jeffrey Ball; Wichita State UNV: Aubrey Eilers, Robyn Hoskinson, Kyle Kelly, Juniper Kloke, 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:** Adam & Melissa Edwards; Jarrod & Kristen Fisher; Ian & Erica Hoskinson; Alex & Kaylee Menke.
- **Those with health concerns:** Karlyn Brown, Aubrey Chinberg, Barbara Klaus, Leo Klaus, Patricia Linhardt, Richard Linhardt, John Marten, Carla Ridener, Trudi Stigge, Don Vesper and Roberta Yacko.
- **Our troops:** Lillian Brown, Marshall Darden, Nicole Davis, Adam Edwards, Evan Fiegenbaum, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Ben Hers, Nathan Mavia, Peace Mwamunyange, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Andrew Shepherd, Audrey (Darden) Wicker, Joshua Weidner and Reggie Williams.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | Hebrews 3:1-6 | Luke 9:28-36

## This week at Holy Cross

### Saturday, February 22

Saturday Bible Class 4:45 pm  
Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm

### Sunday, February 23

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  
HS LCMS Gathering Family Group 7:00 pm

### Monday, February 24

LWML Board Meeting 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, February 25

USD 259 School Bond Election 7 am-7 pm  
Lord's Diner 5:15 pm  
HCLS Kindergarten Open House 6:30-8 pm  
Parish Health 7:00 pm  
Church Council 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, February 26

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, February 27

Lifelight Bible Study 9:00 am  
Sewing Sisters 9:00 am  
Lifelight Bible Study 4:30 pm  
10:37 Praise Band Practice 6:00 pm  
Men's Basketball 8:30 pm

### Friday, February 28

HCLS Spirit Night at Carousel Skate 6-9 pm

### Saturday, March 1

LWML Women's Retreat 8:30 am  
Saturday Bible Class 4:45 pm  
Contemporary Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

### Sunday, March 2

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 12:30 pm  
High School Scavenger Hunt 7:00 pm

### Happy Birthday!

**February 22:** Wilson Chilewa

**February 23:** Lance Kemp, Morgan Linhardt, Judy Ratzlaff, Marlene Self

**February 24:** Benjamin Propp, Rowen Ramirez, Carla Ridener

**February 25:** Mason Cary, Keri McMullen, Emilie Pinedo, Rachel Veloza, Roberta Yacko

**February 26:** Sharon Kreger, Glen Mishler, Cheryl Riley

**February 27:** Adam Allenbach, Bill Brown, Eilleen Kombe, Sean Moore, Troy Nordman, Christian Schlegel, Deanna Schneidewind

**February 28:** Angela Campbell, Warren Kuhrt, Jace Martin, Phyllis McKelvey

**February 29:** McKenzie Helmer

**March 1:** Bonnie Lassman, Clifford Pfortmiller, Remington Scott, Camden Williams

**March 2:** Jared Ayers, Heath Bradbury, Brent Estes, Vonny Hass, John Irvin

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