

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

**2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025**



Learning from Jesus this Lent.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Holy Cross

Welcome most of us can relate to the words of an oft Repeated phrase that is spoken from childhood in one way or another” where there is a will, there is a way.” In another words, if you are determined enough, you can find a way to achieve what you want, even if it is very difficult. How many of us have heard something like this: “Come on, you can do this!”

Thank God there is one thing that we could never do that has been done for us in Jesus Christ. We can never please God perfectly on this side of heaven, but thank God, our Savior, Jesus Christ has done all of that is needed for salvation. May we lead the second Sunday of Lent to place ourselves at the feet of Jesus, confess our sins, and thank Him for all He did while living on this earth and while He intercedes on our behalf with our heavenly Father until He returns!

--THIS WEEKS ALTAR FLOWERS— Sunday’s Altar Fresh Flower bouquet is for Jonas Schwent and fiancé Michelle Daume birthday’s this week.

If You Have Time to Help: We need help picking up a vase of fresh flowers from Country Mart for the altar on Sundays, we would like to have the volunteer pick up monthly on Fridays usually, the sign-up calendar is on the kitchen door or talk to evangelistic team members for more information. Betty S, Bonnie Z or Cathy D.

Upcoming dates are available to purchase fresh flower arrangements for the altar: the flower chart to sign up is on the wall above the water fountain/kitchen doorway. Just sign who is giving the flowers, then the occasion. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: “Flower Fund”; and place it on the offering plate. **Thank you for making the altar beautiful.**

UPCOMING *MARCH* EVENTS FOR HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STE.GENEVIEVE AND SURROUNDING AREAS



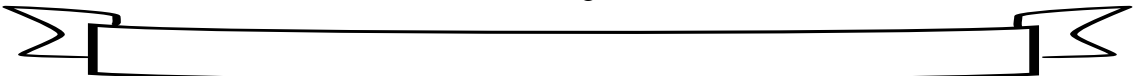
Salem Adults in Christ Presents “WILD PINK” performance at Salem Lutheran gym 299 PCR 328, Farrar, Mo.63746. Shows begin **on March 15th and 16th SAT/SUN 7:00 PM and a second performance March 21st 22nd 7:00 PM.** Adult tickets-\$12.00 children from 6 to 12 age \$5/under 5(free) concession stand available pork burgers-hot pretzels- nachos-soda-water. Make plans now to attend an evening of laughter!



Perry County Lutheran Chorale, March 17,2025 at 6:30 PM St. Paul Lutheran Church 223 W. Adams Jackson, Mo 63755 “Heaven is My Home” Spring Concert.



Dorothy in Wonderland at Immanuel Lutheran School in Perryville, Mo. **March 21,2025 FRI 6:00PM and SAT at 2:00 PM** in the GYM. Produced by Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood CO.



APRIL EVENTS



April 17,2025 Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church starting at 6 P.M.



Trinity Lutheran Church Friedheim Men’s Club having a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast April 6,2025. 7AM-NOON in the Parish Hall.



New Melle Passion Play April 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th seating first come first-seating basis. 4700 Hwy Z New Melle, Mo 63365 MORE information on bulletin board.

The Order of Service

The Greeting

P This is the day that the Lord has made.
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P We are transformed in Christ
C To share the hope of eternal life.

Welcome

The Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 425

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

C But with You, there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Kyrie ∞ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Salutation 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also, with you.

The Collect of the Day

P Have Thine own way Lord; Have thine own way: Thou art the potter I am the clay mold me and make me after Thy will; While I am waiting yielded and still. Hold over my being absolute away filled with Thy spirit till all can see; Christ only always living in me.

C Amen.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 26: 8-15

The Old Testament Reading

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you

will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

Lay Reader This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

The Epistle

Philippians 3:17 - 4: 1

The New Testament Reading

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Lay Reader This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

- *Please Stand* - -

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13: 31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the Thirteenth Chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken.

And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Object Lesson

Sermon Hymn • 430

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Sermon

Pastor Jim Kirk

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering

Please stand as the offering is brought forward and sing, The Gathering of the Offering

Three ways to give:

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

The Gathering of the Offering

Psalm 51:10-12

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are from Psalm 51:10-12. The score consists of five lines of music. The first line starts with a square icon containing the letter 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.'

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The Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all the people according to their needs.

P Remember the congregations of Your church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Cause us to rightly fear Your anger and rejoice in your redemption. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Remember us in a world convulsed by wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes will not be a place to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earth earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P Remember our nation and those you have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder your church or despise your call to repentance. Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord (especially_____). Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and perform cures on his way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to him, who rose again to raise them also.

C Hear our prayer.

P Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in your name and declare Your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him, who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:2

C And also with you.

P Lift up your heart.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

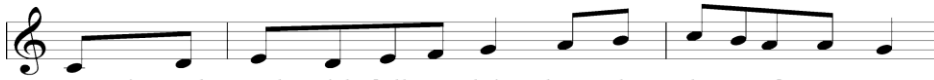
P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should always and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus ✠ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new testament in my ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the remembrance of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, and remembrance of Me."

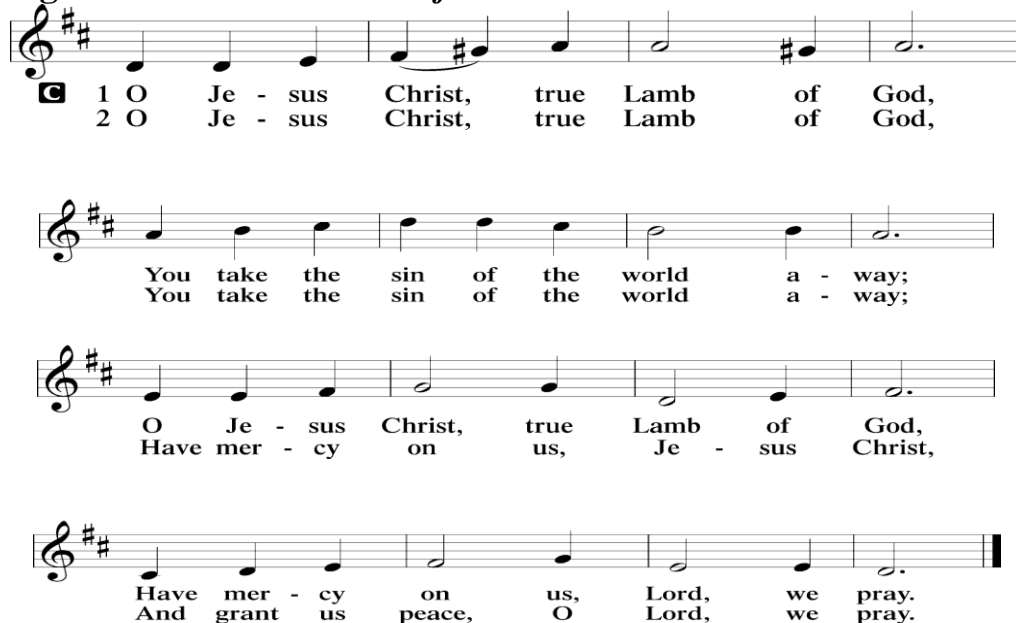
The Pax Domini ∞ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

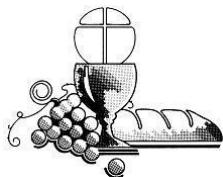
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The Agnus Dei ∞ The Lamb of God

John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, O Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



Holy Communion □ The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that

you would like a blessing.

Communion Hymn • 618

" I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table "

Communion Hymn • 637

" Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord "

The Nunc Dimittis ∞ The Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, The God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen*

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord blesses you and keeps you.
The Lord makes His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord looks upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn • 686

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Lay Reader: Vickie Eisenbeis Organist: Music Solutions Ushers/Communion: Rick Hutson, Wayne Schremp, Randy Ruzicka
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Our Father's Business

SUNDAY March 16	TUESDAY March 18	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	NEXT SUNDAY March 23
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Bible Class	Bible Study 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Bible Class
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Needs For Pastoral Care in OUR Area Please Call One of The Elders Below: Rick Hutson (573-780-9390) Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279) Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060) </div>					

EASTER SERVICE NEEDS PLEASE

There are opportunities to volunteer, sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Lent Services. And on the Round Table, sign-up sheets for Sunday Services.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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In Our Prayers, This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **A****doration**: praising God for who He is. **C****onfession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **T****hanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **S****upplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Carol Steiger-Rudoff cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), Bonnie Zerwig and Maryann Roth, God touch everyone with fast healing and recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in March • Frances Krueger-March 1st, Linda Trimmer-March 2nd, Cheryl Noll-March 2nd, Eric Huck-March 5th, Molly Bell-March 14th, Carl Noll-March 22nd, Wayne Schremp-March 28th.

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in March •

For those who mourn. • The Family of Raymond Edwin Kern

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations & missionaries

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

Would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com by Wednesday noon. For other requests, write them on the attendance card at service, fold it, give it to an usher or place it on the offering plate. To remove your bulletin request please contact the church office.