



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**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: 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 • Dave Doenges (bladder cancer), Kelly Sullivan (recovering from knee surgery), Meaghin Schremp (undergoing chemotherapy for cancer), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in April • Christa Reiter (April 10), Stephanie Schlueter (April 11), Paula Boland (April 15), John Inman (April 15), Frank Rolfe (April 19), Glenn Fluegge (April 28).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in April • John & Bonnie Zerwig (April 6), Glenn & Vickie Eisenbeis (April 14).

For those who mourn.

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.

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

For missionaries.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024





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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!
To our guests and visitors, a cordial welcome to you!
Our prayer is that our Lord will bless your worship in our midst,
and our hope is that you will have an opportunity
to join us in worship again soon.

As We Gather • Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting follows the service today.

We need volunteers to water the flowers outside the church in front. As we did last year, each volunteer will water one day a week for the entire month. **If you are willing and able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary.** Thank you!

Meeting—Children's Ministry Evangelism on Thursday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. at church to discuss the upcoming Honey Festival on June 29 and other events in 2024.

Holy Cross donated \$500 to Heavenly Hope, and it was designated for the May 16 food truck. We need volunteers for Thursday, May 16, 2024, from noon and 2:00 p.m. to help distribute the food. We will receive recognition in their press release. Tim Inman is using a Thrivent Action Team to help support the project. **Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you can help out on May 16.** Thank you!

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY April 21	TUESDAY April 23	NEXT SUNDAY April 28
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion
QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING after the service		BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	4/14/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777	\$41,655
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$2,143	\$42,120
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$634	\$465
% Ahead/Behind	-22.8%	1.1%

Want to give flowers for the altar? The following upcoming Sundays are available: May 5, 19, 26; June 2, 16 (Father's Day), 30. Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.

Interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith and membership at Holy Cross? Consider signing up for Adult Instruction Class! During the season of Easter (March 31—May 19), times are available to meet with Pastor to walk through the chief parts of the Christian faith and what it means to be a member at Holy Cross. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary if interested, and Pastor will reach out to coordinate a time(s) to meet.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, holds us firmly in His strong hand. We follow Him along paths of righteousness. He knows our needs. He leads us to the nourishing green pastures of His Word. He refreshes us with the living water that is the Spirit of God. The crucified and risen Lord is our Shepherd, and in Him, we have everything we need.