

**Holy
Cross**
Lutheran Church

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025**



Learning from Jesus this Lent.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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*Good morning,
Welcome to Holy Cross*

--THIS WEEKS ALTAR FLOWERS—Bonnie and John Zerwig donated the front altar fresh flowers for the celebration of their anniversary today.

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.**

Palm Sunday Breakfast. There will be a breakfast following service on Palm Sunday (next weekend). Betty Schremp will have a sign up sheet available.

Bible Study. There will be a bible study Tuesday 4/8 at 10:30.



APRIL EVENTS



April 13, 2025-Palm Sunday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 9 a.m. – Breakfast To Follow



April 17, 2025-Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 6 p.m.



April 18, 2025-Good Friday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 6 p.m.



April 20, 2025-Easter Sunday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 9 a.m.



Remember other Lenten Services are available in outside area

More information on bulletin board in Narthex. Some areas serve a potluck dinner!!



PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST. Trinity Lutheran Church Friedheim Men's Club is having a pancake & sausage breakfast today from 7:00am until Noon in their parish hall. More details are available on the bulletin board for those interested.



NEW MELLE PASSION PLAY. April 5TH, 6TH, 12TH, AND 13TH. Seating is on a first come first-seating basis. 4700 Hwy Z New Melle, Missouri 63365. There is more information available on the bulletin board.



Center for Life has their annual banquet on **April 10th, 2025, (Night to Shine)** at the **KC Hall in Bloomsdale. Doors open at 6:00pm.**

The Order of Service

The Greeting

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

We are transformed in Christ.
**To share the hope of eternal
Life.**

Welcome- The Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 912

“Christ is our Cornerstone”

The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19b;(18:20)

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 1 24:8

If you, O Lord, keep a record of our sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You, there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Psalm 1 30: 3-4

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.

The Responsive Psalm 32 Verses 1-7

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you
forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you
may be found.;


surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

The Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



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

Collect of the day

Almighty God, You gave Your only – begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself. Grant that we Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Old Testament Reading

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:¹⁸ “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:8-14

The New Testament Reading

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Straining Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what Thus says the Lord who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. ¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Object Lesson

Sermon Hymn • 422

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

Sermon

Pastor Rux

John 20:30 “An Incomplete Jesus”

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.

Three ways to give:

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



C 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.

The Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:2

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

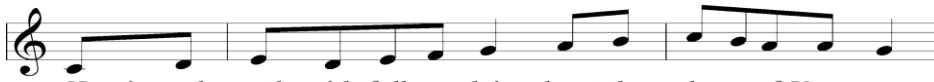
It is truly good, right and salutary that we should always and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your 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



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

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

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 glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20:1; Corinthians 11:23-25*

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.

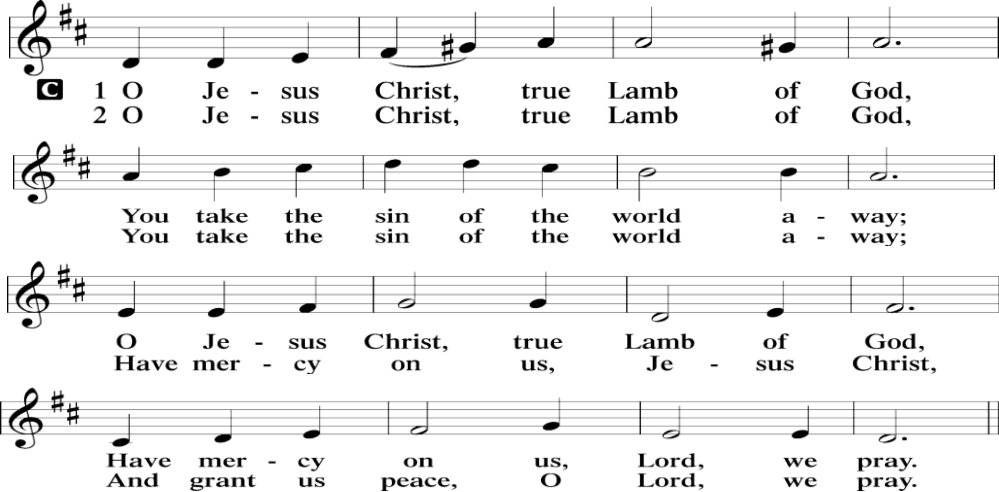
The Pax Domini *∞* The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

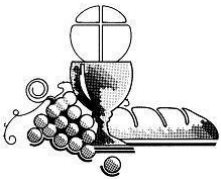
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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, 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 • 433

“Glory Be To Jesus”

Communion Hymn • 425

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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, 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

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.

Amen

The Benedicams and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn • **430**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Pastor:	Jarold Rux
Lay Reader:	Meaghin Shremp
Organist:	Faustina Blumenfeld
Ushers/Communion:	Rick Hutson
	Wayne Schremp
	Randy Ruzicka

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 6	TUESDAY April 8	WEDNESDAY April 9	THURSDAY April 10	FRIDAY April 11	NEXT SUNDAY April 13
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Bible Class	Bible Study 10:30am To 11:30am	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 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion

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)

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**. **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 • 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, and Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer Surgery). God touch everyone with recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in April • Levi Huck (April 5), Christa Reiter (April 10), Stephanie Schlueter (April 1), John Inman (April 15) Paula Boland (April 15), Frank Rolfe (April 19), Glenn Fluegge (April 28).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in April • Steve & Sherry Glaeser (April 5), John & Bonnie Zerwig (April 6), Glenn & Vickie Eisenbeis (April 14) and Dan & Kelly Sullivan (April 16).

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 & 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.