



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Secretarial hours Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m. Pastor/Seminarian prepares for a long set of bell tones before walking up to altar.

Words written in **Bold** generally signify congregation response.

The Greeting

Welcome, let us stand and share the sign of peace and conversation.

Sit

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.

Tune: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87

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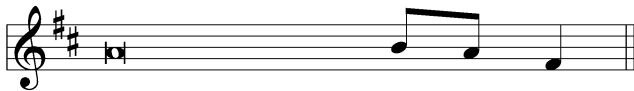
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Stand

Common Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Easter)

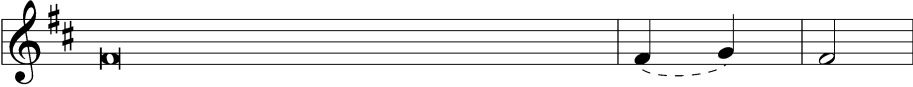


L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



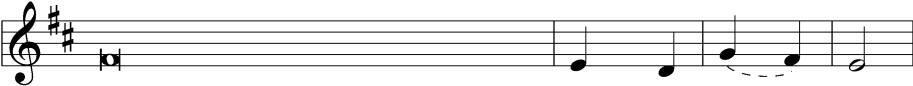
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite



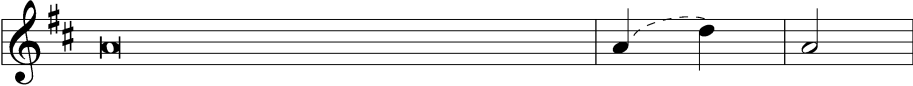
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

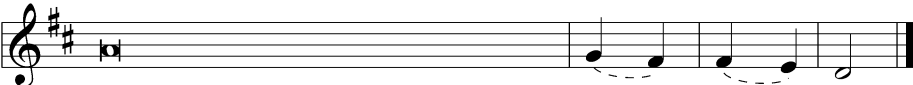


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

- 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For He is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Additional Psalms

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the | heavens;

praise him | in the heights!
²Praise him, all his | angels;*
praise him, | all his hosts!

³Praise him, | sun and moon,*
praise him, all you | shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest | heavens,*
and you waters above the | heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD!*

For he commanded and they were cre- | ated.

⁶And he established them forever and | ever;*
he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, | snow and mist,*
stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

⁹Mountains and | all hills,*
fruit trees and all | cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all | livestock,*
creeping things and | flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*
princes and all rulers | of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens to- | gether,*
old men and | children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is ex- | alted;*

his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for | all his saints,*
for the people of Israel who are near to him. | Praise the LORD!

Sit

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Readings

Reading

L A reading from Acts, chapter 5.

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 20:19–31

L A reading from John, chapter 20.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put

out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Easter)

LSB 222

L Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

L Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

Seminarian Peyton Holland

Canticle

Stand

94 | We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Text: Stephen P. Stark

Offering

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the offertory plate. The Pastor or Seminarian will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.

We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts. 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.

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 227



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

Lord's Prayer

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 the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228



L The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
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Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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APRIL EVENTS

**The fresh flower arrangement on the altar,
given by Vicky Eisenbeis**

The occasion, celebrating our 26th Wedding Anniversary on April 14th,2026

April 16: Options for Women is having a Banquet for Life Dinner begins at 6:30 PM

Keynote speaker Mike G Williams is nationally known as a speaker writer who has a passion for life. More information in fellowship hall bulletin board.

April 18: Jeep/SXS poker run, for mighty Maia, rides begin between 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM- must have proof of insurance. Having a Silent Auction and the band Crossroads will be playing from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

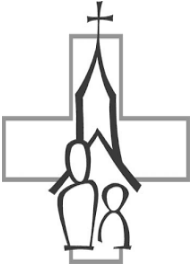
Holy Cross Lutheran Church - is organizing a large basket of summer-themed items for **Mighty Maia's Silent Auction**, as noted on the Narthex Bulletin Board. The list of donations needed includes beach towels, sunscreen, water goggles, snacks, and gift cards. We kindly invite you to sign up and contribute; your generous donations are greatly appreciated.

April 19: Trinity Lutheran Friedheim "Men's Club" Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Free Will Offerings Carry Outs Available

Sunday's church doors open at 8:00 AM service begins at 9:00 AM following with a Bible Study coffee and pastries generally served.

Tuesdays Bible study starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30AM



SERVING TODAY

Seminarian: Peyton Holland
 Ushers: Wayne Schremp and Rick Hutson
 Organist: Todd Brueckner

UPCOMING SUNDAY April 19, 2026

Pastor Stephen Constien
 Scripture Readers:
 Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson
 Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka
 Organist: Todd Brueckner

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	63
Second Week	
Third Week	
Fourth Week	

Your Financial Support of Your Church	4/5/26	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,902.00	\$44,628.00
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$4,325.00	\$36,749.64
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$1,423.00	-\$7,878.36
% Ahead/Behind	49.0%	-17.7%

Includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

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*hanks*g*iving: thanking God for specific blessings. *S*upplication: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound **Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Nick Krege, Pansy Meyer, Val Rakey.**

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** continued prayers for recovery of cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), **Laura Pruneau Fallert** (Cancer treatment) that her blood counts stay strong and that she is excepted to a new trial period with her oncology team. Continued prayers for healing for **Wayne Phillips**. Continuing prayers for **Maia Rottler** she is on treatments for Leukemia give her family faith to help her in this journey. (granddaughter of LaJune Rottler). Sending prayers for Carl Noll's recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in April **Levi Huck** (April 5), **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), **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.

We continue to pray for a Pastor to find his calling to Holy Cross Church.

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

To submit a prayer request for inclusion in the bulletin, contact Connie, the church secretary, at 573-535-0084, or the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com. Please provide your request by Wednesday noon to ensure it appears in that week's bulletin. Prayer requests will continue to be listed until removal is requested by the submitting family. If you would like the Pastor or Seminarian to read a request aloud during the service, write it on the attendance card, fold the card, and either give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.