



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.

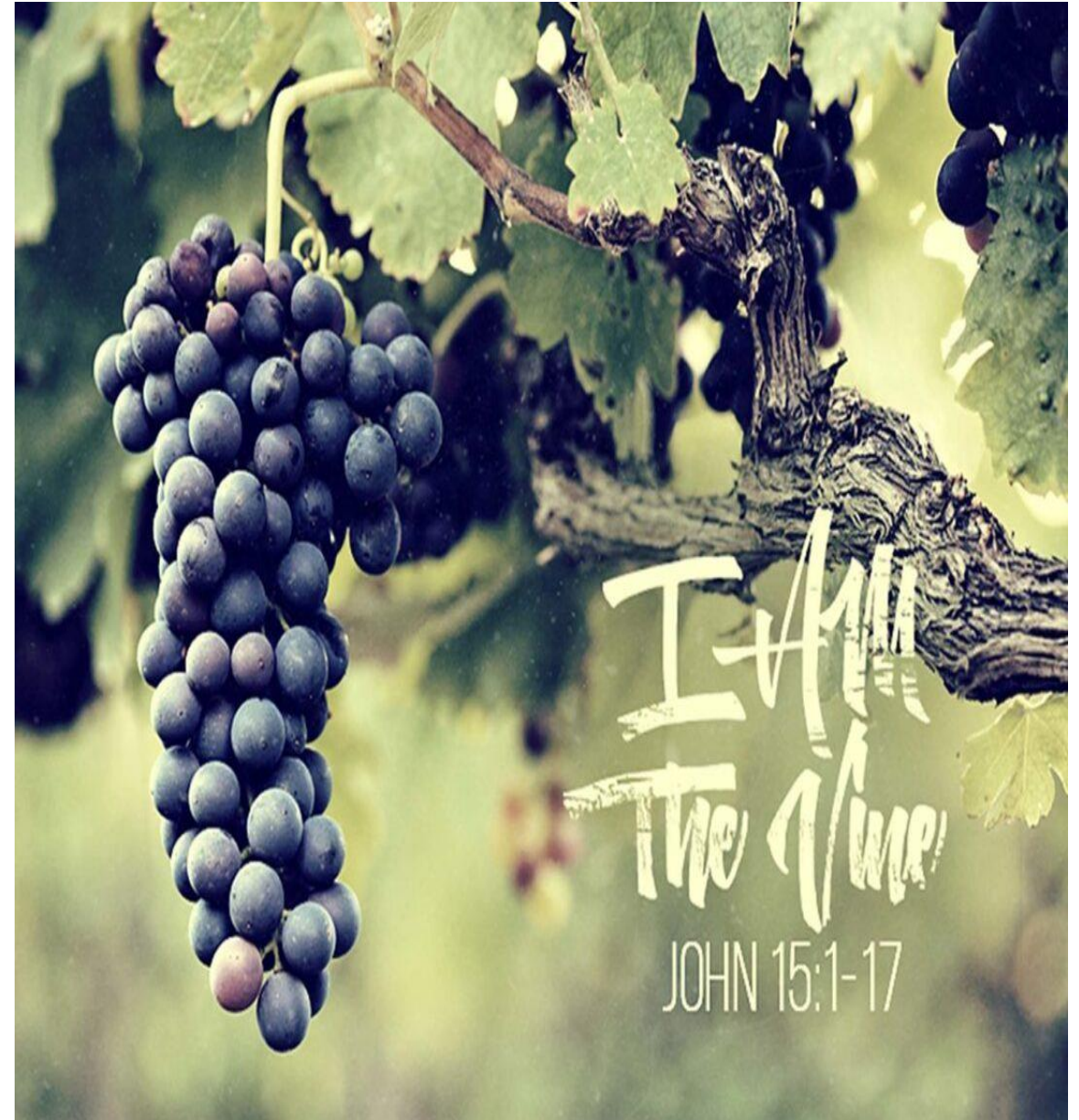
For our circuit congregations.

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.





Our Father's Business

Fifth Sunday of Easter **April 28, 2024**

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!
Guests and visitors, we invite you to come back and worship with us again!

As We Gather • When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Glenn W. Fluegge in celebration of his birthday today (April 28).

"Cross-Word" newsletters for May are available in the members' mailboxes. Extra copies are on the desk in the back of the sanctuary.

Evangelism & Children's Ministry Meeting this week 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.

Volunteers are needed to water the flowers in front of the church for May, which begins this week on Wednesday. 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!

If you are helping with the Heavenly Hope Food Truck on May 16, please note that this takes place at the Elks Lodge, not at church. We need volunteers for **Thursday, May 16, 2024, from noon and 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge** to help distribute the food. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you can help out on May 16. Thank you!

SUNDAY April 28	TUESDAY April 30	THURSDAY May 2	NEXT SUNDAY May 5
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	6:00 PM EVANGELISM & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Guest Pastor Russ Bowder BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	4/21/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777	\$44,432
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$3,098.78	\$45,210.78
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	\$321.78	\$778.78
% Ahead/Behind	11.6%	1.8%

A Daycare Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Want to give flowers for the altar? The following upcoming Sundays are available: May 5, 19, 26; June 2, 16 (Father's Day), 30; all Sundays in July; all Sundays in August. 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.

Next Sunday, Pastor Craig will be at Immanuel, Crystal City, for their confirmation. Pastor Russ Bowder will be our guest pastor.