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The mission of Holy Cross is to communicate the love of God in Jesus Christ to our members, community, and world, as we bring people to their Savior through baptism, make disciples through education, and care for our members and community in acts of love. (Matthew 28:19-20 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

February 24, 2021
2nd Wednesday of Lent



Those Who Serve Us

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Welcome to Holy Cross! We pray that God would bless your worship with us. Please fill out a digital connect card using the QR code on the back of the bulletin! You may also fill out a paper connect card, which can be found in the back of the sanctuary!

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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| 1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart. | 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share. |
| 2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole. | 4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live. |

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Stand

Lent Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

Reading

Psalm 25:1–10

- ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Sit

Sermon

Prayer

P Let us pray: Generous God, fill our hearts with anticipation and open our mouths to sing of that coming day when Your glory shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. Let every instrument be tuned for praise to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, whose coming we await with hope and joy.

C Amen

456 Were You There

accompanied by School Band

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
- 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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Offering

As the Church Community, we use our resources together to care for the needs of our neighbors and proclaim the gospel to all who need to hear it. As members of this community, if you would like to work toward these goals, one way you can do this is by giving an offering through the plate in the back, through the mail, or through the "Donate Now" button on our website. Thank you for the time, prayers, and offerings you joyfully give in service of our neighbor and the gospel!

"At Jesus' Feet Our Infant Sweet"

School Band

Stand

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.

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
C Amen.

886 The Day Thou Gavest

- 1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

- 2 We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And never rests by day or night.

- 3 As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

- 4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
Thy saints beneath the western skies,
And hour by hour, as day is breaking,
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.

- 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

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In-person Worship Guidelines

- Social distancing is important so please keep your distance from others as you enter and exit the church.
- To maintain a safe environment for all who worship here, **masks are to be worn at all times.**
- **ALL members will be seated by an usher.** Family groups will be allowed to be seated together.
- Worship **without** Communion - Ushers will seat families from the front to the back and exit, with the help of an usher, from the back to the front. Please exit the building so that sanitizing can take place to prepare for the next worship service.
- Worship **with** Communion – Ushers will seat families from the front to the back and exit will be as directed by Pastor & Vicar after you have received communion.
- Sanitizers will be available at the top of the stairs as you enter and exit the sanctuary. Please use it.
- Paper bulletins will be handed to you by an usher. Please take your bulletins with you and dispose of them at home.
- Offerings will be placed into a plate situated at the back of the church where you enter and exit the sanctuary.
- Restrooms will be for limited use only. Which are found at the top of the stairs, or just below the landing. Please do not use the restrooms in the Fellowship Center.
- No Bible Classes, Sunday School or Coffee Hour will be available until move out of Phase 4 of the reopening plan.
- The Fellowship Center is closed for general use because it is now being used as a classroom. To keep it sanitized, we ask you do not enter it during the weekend.
- We ask for your patience. We know we will want to celebrate our return and greet friends we haven't seen in a while. Please follow all the guidelines as we Praise God for the return of some normalcy in our lives.