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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)

November 28, 2021
First Sunday in Advent



Those Who Serve Us

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky
Liturgist:	Vicar Christopher Hill
Acolytes	8:00 10:30
	Kacy Gearns Collin Althardt
Organist:	Mrs. Joy Elowsky

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Stand
Introit

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD? *
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout, *
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD, *
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

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| 1 | Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth. | 5 | God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown. |
| 2 | Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh. | 6 | For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul. |
| 3 | Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne. | 7 | From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides. |
| 4 | Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began. | △ 8 | Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity. |

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Sermon

Stand

8:00 - Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

10:30 - Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.**

Prayer of the Church

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Sit

Offering: (8:00) The Angel Gabriel Stephanie Schuler, flute

As the Church Community, we who are Holy Cross 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, of Holy Cross, 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!

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

10:30 - + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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 forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

331 The Advent of Our King

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| 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy. | 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign. |
| 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free. | 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on. |
| 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring. | △ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity. |

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706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.

- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- ☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.**

8:00 - 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.

Benediction

LSB 166

P 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.
C Amen.

672 Jerusalem the Golden

1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!	3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight, Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.	△ 4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect! In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

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BULLETIN EXTENSION

This Week at Holy Cross (Locations)

Sunday, November 28

- 6:30 pm Adult Information Class
- 6:30 pm NO Wildfire Youth Group

Monday, November 29

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Center)

Tuesday, November 30

- 9:30 am Quilting (Fellowship Center)

Wednesday, December 1

- 11:00 am Mid-Week Worship**
- 4:00 pm Advent Mid-Week Worship**
Handbells & Choirchimes
- 5:00 pm Advent Meal (Fellowship Center)
- 7:00 pm Advent Mid-Week Worship**
PreS, PreK & Kindergarten Program

Thursday, December 2 –

- 9:30 am Mission Quilting (Fel. Ctr.)
- 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study (Fel. Ctr.)
- 5:00 pm We Are Family Dinner (Ravanelli's)
- 5:30 pm Adult Handbell (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, December 3

- 3:00 pm Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 4

- 3:00 pm Holiday Bazaar
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship**

Sunday, December 5

- 8:00 am Worship**
Holiday Bazaar
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship**
- 6:30 pm Adult Information Class (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Wildfire Youth Group

Giving: In the last month we have seen giving decrease in our General Fund. What we call our "White Envelope" offerings. The church and school need the partnership of the congregation to support all the activities that we wish to achieve. Your consideration of what you can do to support our ministry is appreciated!

Altar flowers for this weekend are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul Bohnenstiehl by his family

After a long COVID break another Sunday Bible class has resumed. Please join us in the old youth room near the school cafeteria. We will be covering Christian Doctrine as Pastor cover's in his class. Let's review and be confident in what we teach, preach and confess. We will begin around 9:30 and end around 10:10. People usually come and go as they please. See you there. John Shimkus

Holy Cross has a family that is in need of our assistance. This Christmas Caregiving would like for you to join us in helping the Dellamano family. Money contributed will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children and pay bills. Please open your hearts to show your love to our Holy Cross family. You may contribute through the office or drop an envelope in the collection plate. Please write Dellamano on the memo line. Make checks to Holy Cross. Thank you for your generosity.

Great News! The S.O.S. Soup Kitchen is serving hot dinners again! Holy Cross is scheduled to serve on Dec. 23. All food will be prepared on site at St. John's and served as carry outs only. We will begin food preparations at 3:30 and serve from 5:30-6:30. If you would like to serve your neighbors, please call Gail to see how you can help > 345-4596. Thank you!

SCRIP - School & Church Reaching Inward for Prosperity Here's a challenge for each of you – **make at least one SCRIP purchase for Christmas this year.** In doing so, you are helping our School & Church. Our program took a hit with COVID and we need to increase participation. So much can be done online or by purchasing cards in the office. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Judge at (618) 531-6642 or email at lisajudge@yahoo.com.

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Holy Cross Holiday Bazaar

Friday, December 3 3 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, December 4 3 - 7 p.m.
Sunday, December 5 8 a.m. - Noon

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