Holy Cross
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION



November 29, 2026 - 9:30 am

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Canticle of the Turning"* ELW 723

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* ELW 249

Prayer of the Day

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 1: 46-55... And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, [48] for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; [49] for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. [50] His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. [51] He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. [52] He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; [53] he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. [54] He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, [55] according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Paraments and Banners *"Emmanuel"*

Advent Wreath *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Sanctuary Greens *"The Holly and the Ivy"*

Christmas Tree *"O Christmas Tree"*

Nativity *"Away in a Manger"*

Poinsettias *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music		
Offertory	"*Light One Candle*"	ELW 240 Vs 1
Great Thanksgiving		
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		
Communion		
Communion Hymn's	*"Lamb of God"* *"Fling Wide the Door"*	 ELW 259
Communion Blessing		
Post-Communion Prayer		

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing		
Sending Song	*"Christ Be Our Light"*	ELW 715
Dismissal		
Postlude		

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⇒**Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, December 5th from 8 to 10am. CLICK HERE to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be cereal and canned fruit.

⇒**Hanging of the Greens** Today is our Hanging of the Greens worship service where we decorate and prepare our worship space for the Advent Season.

⇒**Advent Celebration** Join us as we prepare for the coming King! Today, Sunday, November 29th, following worship, everyone is invited to join in the fellowship hall following worship for our Advent Celebration! There will be fun Advent activities for all ages, family sizes and abilities!

⇒**Christmas Poinsettias** are available to order. Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with a $10 donation towards a Christmas Poinsettia. Click here to purchase online or use a poinsettia envelope located on the usher stand Sunday.

⇒**Christmas Caroling** Join your Holy Cross Family on December 13 at 1:45 p.m. (event: 2-4:00 p.m.) as we go Christmas Caroling to some of our members who are not out-and-about. Meet at the church at 1:45 p.m. to form groups of carolers. Music is provided, and all ages welcomed!

⇒**Cookie Walk & Hot Cocoa Bar!** Save the Date—Sunday, December 20th following worship you are invited to a winter wonderland in the Fellowship Hall. The High School Youth Group will have homemade holiday cookies ready to go home with you. For a suggested donation of $10, you can fill a to-go box to the brim! There will also be a free hot cocoa bar and a raffle. We hope you can join us and support the Youth Fund!

⇒**RCMC Upcoming Concert** Come experience a few of your favorite things - holiday fun, queer joy, and music that moves you - with River City Mixed Chorus at their annual winter concert! The first performance in RCMC's 43rd Season, *Tied Up With Strings*, is packed with sassy, sparkly four-part harmonies sung by more than 180 singers dedicated to creating music that makes a difference all year long. Classic carols will be mixed with Broadway hits, pop favorites, and whimsical movements to help you celebrate your holiday season. RCMC's incredible voices will be joined by the RCMC instrumental ensemble, including strings this season! Santa Claus will be one of our honored guests at the concert, and be available for photos in the lobby before and after the performance. Make your spirits bright with this family-friendly concert - RCMC's winter concert will become your favorite annual holiday tradition! One night only! Tickets at Ticketomaha.com

⇒**Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 29
9:30 am Hanging of the Greens Service
10:40 am Advent Celebration
10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Monday, November 30
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, December 1
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 2
12:30 pm Tai Chi
6:00 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Youth Group/Radical Ringers.

Thursday, December 3
6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 4
1:00 pm Knitting
6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep
7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, December 5
8:00 am Food Pantry
1:00 pm Batten Piano Recital

Sunday, December 6
9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Adult Forum
10:40 am Wonder Together
10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Mary Youngerman, Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Edward Leza; Connie James, friend of Wendy Brenner; **Josh & Nicole Irvin,** family of Joel Irvin; **Kimberly Sobota,** mother of Joel Irvin; **Madelyn Abbott**, daughter of Heather Abbott; **Meg Trowbridge**, friend of Nicole Szymczak; **Bobbi Valandra**, sister of Jason Valandra; **Arthur Oberwetter**, father of Julie Leahy; **Gordon Blake,** father of Alisa Krueger; **Scott Matheson**, brother in law of Julie Noteman; **Joshua Perilo**, son of Sharon Perilo; **Sonrisa Lewis**, friend of the Harvey family; **Ken Gross,** cousin of Julie Noteman; **Josh Moreau,** friend of Wendy Brenner's family; **Nancy Bartell,** sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; **Michael Schadendorf,** grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; **Dave Huggins**, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; **Mya Calendar**, daughter of Trisha Ryan; **Kelsey Schneider**, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; **Theresa Ramelb**, friend of Jacque Petersen; **Shari Jensen,** friend of Ed Krueger; **Linda Anderson**, Barb Kay's sister; **Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers,** McDonald's grandson.