

By Faith

Hebrews 11:17-31

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16-17, 2025**

As We Gather

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- ◆ For those who may require it: Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- ◆ Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- ◆ Communion in the pew is available: let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- ◆ Individual Communion cups: Please do *not* stack the plastic cups in the baskets after use at communion. Stacked cups stick together and hinder the rinsing process. Thanks for understanding!

ATTENDANCE PADS: Take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located by the center aisle of each pew. Provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Those with hearing aids can now download and use a smartphone or tablet app that broadcasts the service to their hearing aids. (Bluetooth connection required)

Step 1. Log in to the Guest Wi-Fi

Network Name: **HC-Guest**

Password: **Romans1:16**

You will be prompted to join the "HC-Guest" Wi-Fi network

Step 2. Download the ListenWIFI App

Search your device's app store for the **ListenWIFI** app by Listen Technologies



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Service, Setting Three
August 16-17, 2025

Prelude: Partita on "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Robert Powell

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" LSB 813, sts. 1-3, 6-7

Please Stand



1 Re - joyce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joyce, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
6 At last the march shall end; The wea - ried
△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their
we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgive the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 ✠

Introit

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

C **He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

P Give ear to my prayer, O God,

C **and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!**

P For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

C **it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.**

P But it is you, a man, my equal,

C **my companion, my familiar friend.**

P We used to take sweet counsel together;

C **within God's house we walked in the throng.**

P But I call to God,

C **and the LORD will save me.**

ALL 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.

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

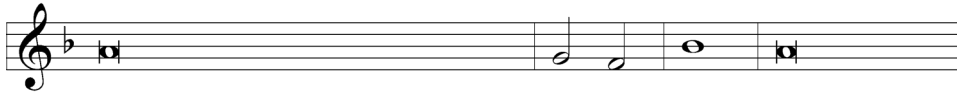
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



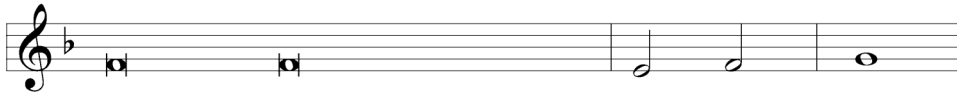
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Please Sit

A The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear His word,
or who has paid attention to His word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until He has executed and accomplished
the intents of His heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in My council,
then they would have proclaimed My words to people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him

who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 11.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190; Please Stand



Holy Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Please be seated/Sunday

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and
by de-ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Lutheran High Teacher Installation and Dedication

8AM

Offering & Rite of Fellowship

Please Sit

We ask that all worshipers take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle and return it to its spot when finished. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you. Thank you.

Voluntary: Nimrod from "Enigma Variations"

Edward Elgar, arr. Len Rhodes

10 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 16-17, 2025

Prayer of the Church

Please Stand

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Additional petitions conclude:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ 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 meet, 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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."

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 197



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution for Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns:

Please Sit

LSB 646 "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LSB 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 724 "If God Himself Be for Me"

LSB 635 "O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing"

Dismissal LSB 199

Please Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you
in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

- A** 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.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: "Thy Strong Word"

see next page

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Erhalt Uns Herr

Paul Manz

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Closing Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" LSB 578, sts. 1,3, 5-6.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

Lutheran High School

Grow + Serve in Christ

Thanks to the incredible generosity of LHS families, alumni, and friends — and the dedication of two LHS alumni, Nate Droste (Droste Construction) and Carl Drafall (Mission Architects) — major renovations are ahead of schedule! When students returned on August 13, they walked into seven fully renovated classrooms and a brand-new kitchen, ready to serve and strengthen our campus community. We also welcomed Food Service Consultants (FSC) as the new on-campus food provider!

The Commons and science labs are receiving major upgrades, with improvements continuing into the fall. These spaces will soon host worship services, concerts, theater productions, and collaborative learning — all supporting our mission to Grow and Serve in Christ.

So far, more than \$2.2 million in pledges have brought these projects to life — from fresh paint to new technology and furniture that encourages learning, faith, and fellowship. As we move into the next phases — including improvements to the baseball/softball complex and design work for a future multi-purpose center — LHS is grateful for your continued prayers and support.

Interested in leaving a lasting impact? Reach out to Dr. Doug Kuhlmann, Head of School, to learn more at [**dkuhlmann@lhssc.org**](mailto:dkuhlmann@lhssc.org) or (314) 497-3014.

The new Lutheran High website is an updated digital glimpse at the spiritual, academic, and student growth at LHS.

Visit [**lutheranhighstcharles.com**](http://lutheranhighstcharles.com) to explore the new site and experience for yourself the energy, growth, and Christ-centered mission that define LHS.

Thank you for partnering with LHS in this exciting season of growth.
Together, we are building a Christ-centered campus
for generations to come!



<https://zestcoloring.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Moses-Led-His-People-From-Egypt-Coloring-Page-300x300.jpeg?v=1700355065>

Serving in God's House Today

August 16-17, 2025

Preacher on Saturday		Pastor Jason P. Kohm
Preacher on Sunday		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Director of Music		David Gilson
Violinist		Brody Van Wave
Elders	Saturday, 5PM	Rob Paoletti, Paul Helvey
	Sunday, 8AM	Chris Price, Don Wischmeyer
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Neal Menscher, Joe Snyder
Ushers	Saturday, 5PM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 8AM	Terry Hardy, Mark Ziolko
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Refer to Elder

COVER: Images compiled by JANiewald. Clockwise:

Abraham, Isaac, & the Ram

<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/ec/4b/37/ec4b37c81a84f0ecd6d9a55333edceb9.jpg>

Isaac blessing Jacob and Esau

<https://lightoftruth.in/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/god-choosing.jpg>

Jacob blesses Joseph's sons

<https://thetorahportion.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Jacob-blesses-gsons-e1566015565370.jpg>

Joseph directs Israel to take his bones upon the Exodus

<https://heaven4sure.com/wp-content/uploads/Bones-of-Joseph-1052x675.jpg>

Moses in the basket

https://lh4.ggpht.com/-dkwCDxNuLCI/VOxVXR0WyXI/AAAAAAAAAyD8/L4S_UAuY9gQ/moses-in-basket_thumb4.jpg?imgmax=800

Moses flees to Midian

<https://images.fineartamerica.com/images/artworkimages/mediumlarge/2/flee-the-scene-john-shaffer.jpg>

Moses and the First Passover

<https://quizizz.com/media/resource/gs/quizizz-media/quizzes/4872b48e-71fb-4e5e-b971-5296e87d3fcf>

Moses Crosses the Red Sea

https://as1.ftcdn.net/v2/jpg/05/68/60/84/1000_F_568608428_UNOsvTk8lVnJ3WVcr7dSq0MwGjJdBmtE.jpg

Rahab

<https://alchetron.com/cdn/rahab-3845b2b2-ee83-4aa1-a08e-36886e79dac-resize-750.jpeg>

Walls of Jericho

<https://th.bing.com/th/id/R.c33a062d279ec41c2beebb624a34665?rik=Fl29aXfRyBTqxA&riu=http%3a%2f%2fbibleencyclopedia.com%2f%2fpgas0082.jpg&ehk=Rfh%2bLoQiuM9ObK%2fp9B8lW%2fmaR4%2bll8%2fgdlu5xeLvjk%3d&risl=&pid=ImgRaw&r=0&sres=1&sresct=1>

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News

Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church & Preschool

8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway
O'Fallon, MO 63366
(636) 272-4505
www.hcross.com

Rev. Andrew J. Gimbel
Rev. Jason P. Kohm
Pastoral Team

Charity Smith
Director of Christian Education

David Gilson
Director of Music

Dani Richardson
Interim Preschool Director

Joyce Niewald
Church Secretary
secretary@hcross.com



*With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.*