

HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O
MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD.
AND WHAT DOES THE
LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?
TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO
LOVE MERCY
AND TO WALK
HUMBLY WITH YOUR
GOD.

- MICAH 6:8

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 31-February 1, 2026

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 whose health or circumstance 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.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- Please do **not** stack the plastic communion cups in the baskets. Stacked cups hinder the rinsing process. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE PADS: We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please 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.

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Password: **Romans1:16**

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Divine Service, Setting One LSB 151

Prelude: Two Settings of "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"

Paul Manz, Paul Fey

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LSB 904

Please Stand



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered

2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est

3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from

△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred

dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night

God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;

ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,

With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to

Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your

Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.

God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.

Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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 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

Introit

Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v.6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on His law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

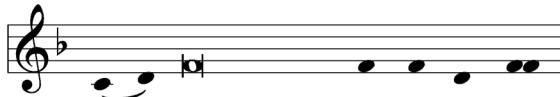
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

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.**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie

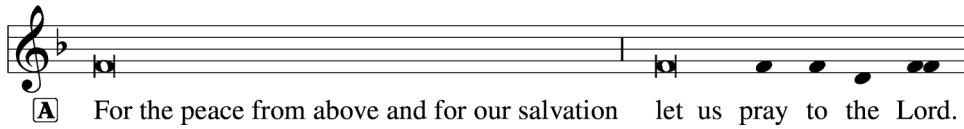
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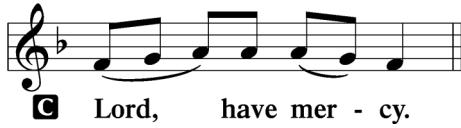
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



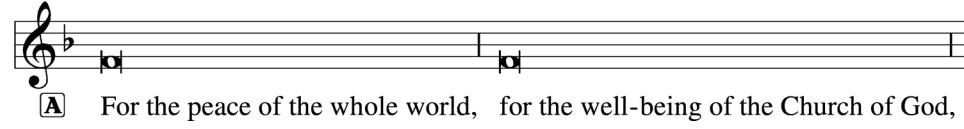
C Lord, have mer - cy.



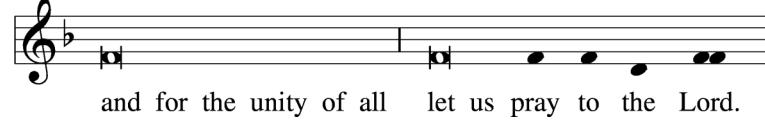
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



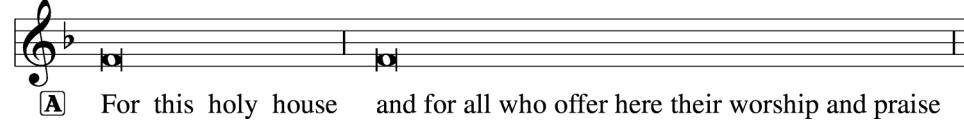
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



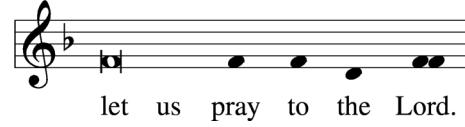
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



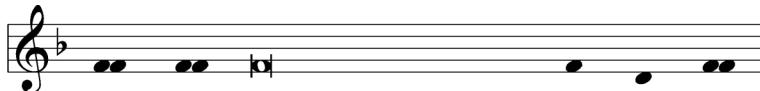
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Please sit

A The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany is from Micah, chapter 6.

Hear what the LORD says:
 Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth,
 for the LORD has an indictment against His people,
 and He will contend with Israel.

³"O My people, what have I done to you?
 How have I wearied you? Answer Me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
 and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response: What Does the Lord Require?

Eric Nelson; Sunday

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace.

-adapted from Micah 6:6-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter 1.

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Please stand



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children’s Message on Sunday

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB 683

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Please Stand

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 [†] of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Offering

Please be seated

As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.

Voluntary: Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160; Please stand

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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: Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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.

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.**

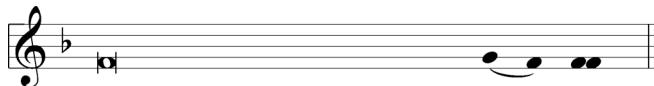
Words of Our Lord Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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 163



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

Please see notice on page 2.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 690 Hope of the World

Dismissal

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.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

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.

Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837, sts. 1, 3, 5-6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Lift High the Cross

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

Together We Serve on January 31-February 1, 2026

Preacher	Pastor Jason P. Kohm	
Liturgist	Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel	
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Organist	David Gilson	
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	Sunday, 8AM	John Bertram
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Bruce Richardson
Ushers	Saturday, 3PM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Vesper, Terry Hardy
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Refer to Elder

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