



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025
8AM & 10AM



HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Resources . . .
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal in the side pocket of your chair)
Now the Feast (NFC - booklet insert in back of red hymnal)
‡ Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross, remembering you are a child of God

Prelude My Lord What a Morning J. Michel
Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ‡ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that god receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose

injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about

one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ‡ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Congregation: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie NFC p. 4

Hymn of Praise Now the Feast NFC p. 5

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Anthem (10 am) Glory to God Lynch
Holy Cross Choir



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORD

First Reading

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel Verse (stand) Alleluia NFC p. 8

Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to ...

John 2:1-11

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: (following the Gospel reading) The Gospel of the Lord. **Congregation: Praise to you O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day Bind Us Together *please see screens*
Sermon Rev. Katie Freund
Anthem (8 am) Glory to God Lynch
Holy Cross Choir NFC p. 9

Prayers of the Community
Pastor: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Giver of gifts, you form each member....God of grace,
Congregation ... hear our prayer. (additional intercessions will be shared)

Sharing of Peace
The people may greet one another as you are comfortable with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words. As you greet one another in the main aisle, you may wish to lift your head toward the center camera above the doorway and greet the congregation online with a peace sign or wave.
Response: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory
Offertory Prayer
Great Thanksgiving
Holy, Holy, Holy
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Hymn Lamb of God NFC p. 16
Post-Communion Blessing ... **Congregation: Amen**
Post-Communion Prayer ... **Congregation: Amen**

SENDING

Temple Talk (10 am) Jewish Voice for Peace-Chicagoland Chapter
Announcements
Benediction
Dismissal
Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Live in hope.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.
Postlude Nettleton J. Longhurst

PRAYER MINISTRY

JANUARY PRAYER CONCERNS: For all the Men & Women who have been wounded as well as those serving in the Armed Forces; Lincoln Ross; Hannah Stieber; Carol Bajorek; The Moraw Family; Randy Westman; Vreni Forster; Sue Westerfield; Annie Krumtinger; Casey Schmid; Vera James; Lauren Janowski; Larry Kaplan; Pauline Caepert; Joanne Rank; Tyler Beckett; Jerry Kluchka; Libby O'Del-Kosowski; Heather Yapelli, Jake Naumowicz; Evan Holly; Judaline Nelson; Grace Collins; Erin and Rufino Laguio; Barbara Otte; Jessica Hutchison; Judy Luplow; Kathy Dorn; Jill Houser; Terri Bajorek; John Pfister; Jennifer Hamm; Carolyn Husemoller; Raef Stolp, Kelly Chartier; Cielo Moioffer; Judy Sullivan; Doug Kreiser; Laura Deegan; Mary Duncan; Alex Flores; Stan Livermore; Vasiliki Bexes; Walt Moyer; Barb Binversie; Lori & Mark Ventura; Barbara Bose; Matt Rislov; Tim Notaro; Tom Gottfried; Yale; JJ Froemke; Diane Duffy; Barb Lynch; Ruby Johnston; Kelly Yarc; Sue Garland; Donna Bye; Jessica Harren & family; Dennis Dovel; Dane Trodahl; Karen Fitzgerald; Judy Becker; Lewis & Carole Jackson; Chuck Brewer; Halla Miller; Infant son of friend of Karen Kobeck; Dave Hinze; Dick Nevins; Chuck Mauter, Louise Krikorian; Jim O'Rourke; Dick & Gloria Cornman; Alan Holly, brother of Peg Chartier; Owen Kult, infant son of Celebration! family; Rick Anton, friend of Val Maxwell; Raeber Family, former members of Holy Cross

Our prayers of sympathy are with the family and friends of Al Varoni, brother-in-law of Bill Miksch, upon his recent passing.

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We offer a traditional Communion table with small pieces of baked bread and individual cups. Distribution will take place during the service. For those who do not wish to come forward for Communion, we will continue to provide an optional distribution practice of "individually packaged communion kits" that will be available at the table upon entry to the sanctuary. Please take a kit with you if you plan to participate in this manner. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request.

Families desiring nursery support for children ages 0-3 are welcome to use our professionally staffed nursery in the Celebration! wing to the left of the main entrance from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Families with older children who may still need some activity to keep them engaged are welcome to utilize our Playground in the front of the sanctuary or our Busy Bags found on the reverse side of the mini wall in the Gathering Space.

We encourage you to utilize online giving at donate.holycrosschurch.org, mail your gifts, or drop them into the offering plate.

Worship Resources . . .

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal inside pocket of your chair)

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✚ Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross, remembering you are a child of God.

As we live-stream worship, please be aware that in-person attendance implies consent to be included in live-streamed and recorded worship services and still photos. If you would like to limit the possibility of being visible in the videos, please sit towards the back of the sanctuary.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Organist

Rev. Christopher P. Neptun
Rev. Kathryn Freund
Paul Vander Weele

	8AM	10AM
Assisting Minister	volunteer requested	Marshall Jowers
Reader	Sarah Accettura	Chuck Boucek
Greeters	Spencer Chartier	Therese & Alex Delli Paoli
Ushers	volunteers requested	Gail Kelly & Mary Price
Communion Assistants	Dan & Sarah Accettura, Peg Chartier, Joe Taylor	Karla Boucek, Mick Garrison, Dave Klein, Cheryl Turner
Altar Care	Julie Luczkiw	Therese Delli Paoli
Worship Coordinator	Lori Fedyk	Jeannine Phillips

THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
	9:00 am	Coffee Hour, fellowship area
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
Monday	5:00 pm	BSA Troop 194 Merit Badge Training, 208
	6:00 pm	Strength & Core Exercise Group, west wing, atrium
	7:00 pm	BSA Troop 194 Meeting, west wing, 402
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group, Liberty Restaurant
:	4:00 pm	Red Rose Children's Choir Rehearsal, west wing, 402
Wednesday	9:00 am	Quilting Group, west wing, 404
	4:00 pm	Red Rose Children's Choir Rehearsal, west wing, 402
	7:00 pm	Holy Cross Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Thursday	6:30 pm	Stephen Minister Training, 208
Saturday	7:00 am	Saturday Morning Men's Group, 208
Sunday	8:00 am	NO 8 AM SERVICE TODAY
	9:00 am	Coffee Hour, fellowship area
	9:45 am	Sunday School, west wing, atrium
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion sanctuary

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP CHANGE FOR 2025



In an effort to make worship volunteering and scheduling easier, please use your cell phone to access our volunteer SignUP form to schedule yourself or members of your family for worship volunteer roles. As always, if you have questions, please contact the church office for assistance at 847-367-4060.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHEPHERDS NEEDED Shepherds are needed to assist with Sunday School and being a shepherd mentor finds you walking the journey of faith with our younger friends. You may sign up online at holycrosschurch.org/sundayschool to serve. If you have questions about the program, please reach out to Pastor Katie at pastorkatie@holycrosschurch.org

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The annual congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 10:45 am. There will only be one service at 10 am that morning.** The agenda will include the election of 2025 church council, 2024 ministry reports, pastoral acts, membership and financial reports plus the proposed 2025 ministry budget. All confirmed members of the congregation are eligible to vote. An electronic copy of the Annual Report will be posted to the website on **Wednesday, January 22.** Hard copies will be available in the church office beginning on **Thursday, January 23** or at the annual meeting on Sunday morning.

BOOK CLUB January Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm** via Zoom. All persons interested in book discussion are welcome to attend. Our discussion will center on **The Women** by Kristin Hannah. We extend an invitation to all to join us for this event.
Zoom link: holycrosschurch.zoom.us/j/94321824417

COMMON THREADS Our knitting and crochet group remains on hiatus through January. Please continue to work on projects on your own. We are hoping to resume in person meetings in February.

ALTAR FLOWERS Commemorate a happy occasion or celebrate the memory of a loved one with altar flowers. Anyone may order flowers for the altar at a cost of \$50 per bouquet and you may take your arrangement home following the 10 am service. Please return the vase as we reuse them to keep the arrangement costs affordable. Please request and pay for flowers online on our website at holycrosschurch.org

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST AND RECEPTION Are you interested in becoming a member of Holy Cross? Our next New Member Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, February 8 at 9 am with our New Member Reception being held on Sunday, February 9 during worship.** To learn more or to indicate your interest in joining, please contact the church office at (847)367-4060 or via email office@holycrosschurch.org

AROUND THE CROSS CONCERT CHICAGOLAND VOICES Chicagoland Voices will make a return engagement here at Holy Cross for a free concert on **Saturday, February 8 at 7 pm.** Performing selections of classical, jazz and Broadway favorites, Chicagoland Voices is a dynamic and exciting group to listen to. Our own Carol and Mike Dikelsky, Rob Twardock and Tori Murphy are all members of this group and look forward to sharing their love of music with the whole community.

CONFIRMATION INTENSIVE SPRING SESSION SCHEDULE The Spring 2025 session of Confirmation begins with **registration and orientation on Sunday, February 23 from 5-6pm. Parents and students must attend this session together.** Sessions 1-6 will be held on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 20 and April 6 from 5-8 pm. Confirmation rehearsal will be held on Saturday, April 12 and Affirmation of Baptism will be on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10 am. All students grades 6-12 are eligible to attend. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris pastorchris@holycrosschurch.org



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