

HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Resources . . .
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW - red hymnal in side pocket of your chair)
Now the Feast and Celebration (NFC—Liturgy on inside back cover of ELW)
✚ *Indicates a moment to make the sign of the cross remembering you are a child of God*

Prelude

Greeting

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look here is water!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Pastor: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

Congregation: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie NFC p. 4

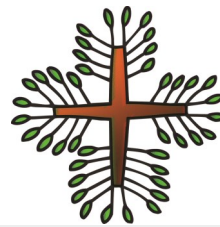
Hymn of Praise Now the Feast NFC p. 5

Prayer of the Day
Assisting Minister: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 28, 2024
8 & 10 AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORD

First Reading

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Verse (stand) Alleluia NFC p. 8

Gospel

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

John 15:1-8

Pastor: (following the Gospel reading) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day Now the Green Blade Rises ELW Hymn #379

Sermon Deaconess Kathryn Freund

Nicene Creed NFC p. 10

Prayers of the Community
Assisting Minister: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed...God of grace,
Congregation... hear our prayer. (additional intercessions will follow)

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 are greeting 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.

Jesus told his followers not to worry, saying he came to satisfy hunger and thirst and testify to life's abundance. Like Jesus, our faith invites us to see God's goodness and reject fear and scarcity. When we give an offering, we practice trusting Jesus that we will be alright and have enough to share. When we give, we let generosity draw us into something bigger and richer than ourselves, lives of meaning and purpose, and God's mission for well-being and flourishing.

To give an offering online to support God's ministries through Holy Cross, go to donate.holycrosschurch.org



MEAL

Offering

Offertory Response As the Grains of Wheat NFC p. 11

Offertory Prayer
Assisting Minister: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Congregation: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving NFC p. 12

Holy, Holy, Holy NFC p. 13

Eucharistic Prayer/Words of Institution NFC p. 15

The Lord's Prayer NFC p. 15

Invitation to Communion
Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Hymn Lamb of God NFC p. 16

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing ... **Congregation: Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer
Assisting Minister: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
Congregation: Amen

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
Congregation: Amen.

Dismissal
Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Congregation: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



PRAYER MINISTRY

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS: (in alphabetical order): Jacob Allen; Nora Ancona; Dessie Arnold; Mark Austin; Justin Bach; Carol Bajorek; Ann Balduino; Barbara Baron; Melissa Becke; Judy Becker; Marilyn Benson; Bruce Berger; Veronica Bertucci; Lucas & Aimee Bond; Barbara Bose; Neil Boushell; Blake Boyer; David Brady; Michelle Brewer; Marcy Brosten; Dan Brown; Bridget Brennan; Marilyn Brennan; Nolan Bruett; Deborah Buckman; John Bullert; Zach Burge; Jane Caccamo; Irene Campbell; Mason Cappaert; Mary Carlson; David Casbon; Kelly Chartier; Kristin Chipman; Brandon Christiansen; Martin Chrobak; Kevin Clark; McKinley Clark; Claus Family; Robert Collins; Julie Compisi; Donna Coninx; Beth Cotter; Christine Coyne; Camden Cromer; Mike David; Dory Delatorre; Doug DeGrazia; Tom DeLeeuw; Susie Deress; Diane Desmond; Sheryl Dikelsky; Gail Dillon; Karen Dorn; Bob Dornbush; Robert Douglas; Dennis Doval; Sandy Downes; Diane Duffy; Suzanne Eriandson Jim Fehling; Marcia Fischer; Karen Fitzgerald; Brian Frank; Bob Franz; Kim King; Nancy Kingsley; Jean Kinsley; Kate Wheeler Kirwan; Jeannie Knight; Brian Koebeck; Jason & Melissa Koebeck; Ken Kozlick; Jeff Kramer; Steve Kreske; Abby Krohne; Heidi Kuehn and parents Leo Kuehn; Johnny Kukla; Daryl Larson; Scott Lauth; Mary Leimer; Darline Leland; Dave LeMieux; Tom Lepper; Betty Lindsey; Stan Livermore; Eric Loge; David Main; Marilyn Martin; Judie Mason; Arlene McCue; Brenda Medeiros; Danny Meixelsperger; Lori Merritt; Allan Meyer; Herb Meyer; Tim Meyer; Patrick Milbourne; Bernie & Halla Miller; Ryan Miller; Megan Mills; Barb Minczewski; Donna Mongeon; Wendel Mongeon; Santos Mora; Mark Morgan; John Monteleone; Lyela Moraw; Joshua Moshier; Anne Mrazek; Leah Mueller; Lynn Mueller; Gregory Munch; Karen Najdoski; Judith Nelson; Chris Niemi; Linda Norby; Bob Nordland, Sr.; Shelley Norling; Eva & Robert Norstrom; Eileen O'Keefe; Delaney O'Leary; Marian Olson; Mike O'Malley; Warren Opfer; Dasha Palic Raymond Palumbo; Barb Parker; Carl Patek; Ken & Karen Patek; Lisa Reed Pelozo; Dave Pelozo; Jayden Penny; David Petta; Becca Peterson; Olivia Peterson; Sarah Peterson; Erich Picking; Kathy Pitts; Ann Porter; Lisa Price; Al Ragazzi; Eddie Ramos; Janet Rardin; Patty Reasor; Sue Reim; Carol Remissong; Shawn Revell; Colt Rever; Kristen Rewalt; Jenna Rietveld Annie Rizzo; Brook Rosberg; Carl Rose; Roland Russell; Carrie Salbeck; Jeremy Salame; Jim Salmon; Elliott San; Mario Sankus; Harold Sargent; Dolores Sattler; John Schumacher; Frank Scolia; Gay Scott; Mark Sendef; Frank Shanahan; Tiffany Sharp; Mark Shutes; Miriam Smith; Terri Solomon; Kelly Sullivan; Stephanie Suo; Mary Syrup; Hilda Teuffel; Dee Thomas; Susan Thomas; Mike Thompson; Mary Twardock; Two Strike Community on the Rosebud Reservation; John Uganski; Julie Urban; Sarah Vadasz; Lynn Walsh; Tika Walsh; Al Varoni & John Wasilk; Sue Westerfield; Tom Westerman; Scott White; Rowdy Wiita; Lorena Williams; Patti Woods; Myrna Wylie; Heather Yapelli; Dick Yetke; Sophia Zemitas

APRIL PRAYER CONCERNS: For all the Men & Women who have been wounded as well as those serving in the Armed Forces; Sharon Vogel; George Farnsworth; Jack Bakke; Erika Brown Thomas; Spencer White; Keith Young; Stephen Jordan & Andrea Ariss; Jean Cameron; Annette Feldman; Jenet Bakke, Jim Gray; Karen Wetterling; Blake Stabenow; Lauren Hartman; Bev Stokes; Annette Roman; Kevin Clark; Kim Reif; Dave Johnson; Dorothy Welch; Arlene Niemi; Heidi Kuehn; Ken Juke; Ann Livermore; Evan Holly; Gene & Kathy Gosch; Mark Schutz; Nick Varzandeh; Melissa Koebeck; Helen Gaydusek; Bill Froemke; David Janowski; Nancy Carani; Nancy Wilkins; Bob Blondin; Raef Stolp; Kyra Smith; Mike Kachuri; Bert Blevins, Marie Mauter, Sullivan Dennhardt; Harold Oelschlager; Carol West; Judy Luplow; Joy Bishop; Joyce Horvath; John Hacholski; Sheryle Magliozzi; Judy Sick; Patrick Burns; Kristine Knutson; Julia Coachrun; Robyn Ward; Nan Orbison; Lois Hall; Bernie & Halla Miller; Judy Graham; Chuck Peters; Judy Sullivan; Christina Brewer; Paul Vanderwerf; Bob Blondin; Donna Giese; Tom Maki; Randy Westman; Tom Westman; Lincoln Ross; Hannah Stieber; Marji Thummel; Amy Marion; Carol Bajorek; The Moraw Family; Marge Stueckemann; Gordon Oakes; Louise Spahn, mother of Sarah Accettura

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Joe Columbia, friend of Bob and Shirley Schmidt, upon his recent passing.

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We offer a traditional Communion table with individual wafers 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 located in the CrossWays Preschool area to the left of the main entrance from 9:30-11:30 am. Families with older children who may still need to have some activity to keep them engaged are welcome to utilize our Prayground 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](https://www.holycrosschurch.org), mail your gifts or drop them into the offering plate.

Worship Resources . . .

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

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As we livestream worship, please be aware that in-person attendance implies consent to be included in livestreamed 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

Director of Early Faith Formation Ministries		Deaconess Katie Freund
Director of Contemp. Music & Worship Tech Arts		Dale Tippet, Jr.
	8:00 am	10:00 am
Assisting Minister	Peg Chartier	Lori Fedyk
Coffee Hosts	Dave & Jill McKeon	
Communion Assistants	Wendy Brewer	Val Maxwell, Mark Fedyk, Susan Williamson, Julie Luczkiw
Greeters	Betsy Wold	Therese Delli Paoli
Reader	Wendy Brewer	Christina Jackson-Skelton
Ushers	Jill & Dave McKeon	Therese Delli Paoli
Altar Care	Betsy Wold	Susan Williamson
A/V Team	Ryan Berger, Corbin Chartier, Justin Smith	Ryan Berger, Corbin Chartier, Justin Smith
Worship Coordinator	Darin Chartier	Darin Chartier

THIS HOUR HAS SEVEN DAYS

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
	9:00 am	Coffee hour, fellowship area
	9:45 am	Final Sunday School for 2023-24, west wing, atrium
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
Monday	6:00 pm	Strength & Core, west wing, 402
	7:00 pm	BSA Troop #194 meeting, west wing, 404
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry meeting, 208
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Group, Liberty Restaurant
	4:00 pm	Red Rose Children's Choir, 402 & 404
Wednesday	9:00 am	Quilting & More Group, west wing, 404
	11:00 am	Town & Country Garden Club meeting, fellowship area
Thursday	7:00 pm	Holy Cross Handbell Choir rehearsal, west wing, 402
Saturday	7:00 am	Saturday Men's Group, 208
	6:00 pm	SEDOL Trivia Night, west wing, 402
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
	9:00 am	Council hosted Coffee Hour and Rev. Katie Meet & Greet, fellowship area
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

To vote on extending a call to an Associate Pastor Candidate (including compensation)

Sunday, May 19 at 11:15 am

There will be a single worship service at 10 am that day

All confirmed members of Holy Cross are eligible to vote. Voting to be done via private ballot. Our constitution makes no provision for absentee voting. Your presence is important!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Emergo and Crossroads Youth Invite Event

Join us for an evening of fun, hotdogs, and fireworks with the Chicago Dogs! The game is **scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 6pm.** If you need a ride, we'll be meeting at Holy Cross at 5pm and carpooling. There will be no cost for tickets to this event.

Students and Chaperones should RSVP with the Youth and Family Director Edwin Andrade at (520) 370-9572 or edwin@holycrosschurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY OPEN Holy Cross is pleased to offer nursery care for our smallest members and guests. A professional childcare staff member will provide nursery care for ages 0-3 from **9:30-11:30 am on Sunday mornings** in the CrossWays preschool area. We are happy to have little ones at worship (Busy Bags are located on the back side of the short wall in the gathering space), in our prayground to the front left of the altar area, or within our nursery area. Please use any or all of these options to help your littles feel welcome and comfortable at worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINAL SESSION TODAY Kids aged 3-5th grade are invited to join in our final session of Sunday School for the 2023-2024 school year this morning at **9:45 am in the Celebration! Atrium.** Come to sing and learn and spend time with your friends once more as we head into summer break! A **GIANT THANK YOU** to all who have volunteered, supported, encouraged and prayed for our program this year. Can't wait to see you in the fall!

STAFFING FOR PASTORAL NEEDS DURING CROATIA TRIP While Pastor Chris and Pastor Bob are leading the Croatia tour, Deaconess Katie will be the staff person responding to any pastoral need. Please contact the church office or Deaconess Katie at 847-367-4060 from April 20-May 1, 2024.

MISSION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Through the Mission Endowment Fund, Holy Cross provides scholarships to assist and encourage post high school education. These scholarships may be used at an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. Requirements are that you be an active member of Holy Cross and that you submit an application form including a thoughtful faith statement. Applications are available online at [holycrosschurch.org/resources](https://www.holycrosschurch.org/resources) and completed **applications are due by April 30.**

HELP TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE; FMSC MEAL PACK Volunteers ages 5+ are invited to help make a difference by participating in our May meal pack on **Saturday, May 4 from 11:30-1:15 pm.** The pack will occur at the Feed My Starving Children location at 742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville. To sign up to pack please contact Emily Young at emily.young@allstate.com

LCMNU SHOWCASE 2024 Join Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern for its annual Showcase on **Saturday, May 4 from 2:00-6:30 pm** at Parkes Hall in Evanston or via online streaming. The LCMNU Showcase fundraiser will feature student panels discussing various topics related to faith, a program featuring student talent, music and special guests, and, of course, food and fun, as we celebrate what makes Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University special. For more details and a link to register, visit the LCMNU website at https://www.lcmnorthwestern.org/2024showcase_info If you would like to join the Holy Cross group at this event contact Patty Moyer at patty@concertedsystems.com

COOL PLANT AND FLOWER SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Thank you to all who have ordered their spring plants from the plant sale! Remember that pick up is coming in a few weeks and volunteers are still needed to assist. **Saturday, May 11 from 11:30am - 2 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 5110 Grand Ave., Gurnee.** Multiple shifts are available between 6:30 am and 2:30 pm. To volunteer, sign up online at bit.ly/COOLplanhelp Please address any questions to Terry Berger, Patty Moyer, Jeri Powers or Diane Rammelsberg at plantsale@coolministries.org

CALLING ALL GRADUATES - SAVE THE DATE! We would like to celebrate with you upon your high school or college graduation! Please mark **Sunday, June 2** on your calendars to join us as we have a special Blessing of the Graduates at our 10 am service. If your student is completing high school or college this year, please contact the church office by May 20, 2024 to provide us with your student's name and Alma Mater so we may include them by name in our service. office@holycrosschurch.org