

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

And it shall come to pass that everyone who
calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
May 19, 2024

We Are Called to Be

A church where together we...

Encounter Christ
Are Changed By Christ
And Introduce Christ to Others

We Live Out This Calling Through

Devotion to Scripture
Sacramental Worship
Fostering Connection
Trusting the Abundance of God
The Blessing of Children
The Witness of Generosity and Hospitality
Cultivating Art and Beauty
Celebrating Vocation

We Belong

To a Movement of Churches
Planting a Revival of Word and Sacrament
Infused by the Holy Spirit

Welcome to Church of the Cross. We are glad you can join us today for our worship service.

If you are new to our church, you may not be familiar with the Anglican liturgy. But as you follow along in the bulletin it will guide you through the service. We encourage you to participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable.

We do celebrate communion in our services, and we invite all those who have been baptized and are committed to following Christ to join us, regardless of denomination. There are directions explaining how we partake of communion in the bulletin at that point in the service, and a leader will further explain these directions at that time as well.

Children's Ministry is available at each of our Sunday services.

At 9 AM, Children age 3 - 3rd grade begin in the service and then are dismissed to our 2 classrooms: Preschool (age 3-5) and Godly Play (Kinder- 3rd grade) with prayer after the collect.

At 10:45 AM, Children age 3 - 6th grade head to their classes similarly, with the addition of our 2-3rd grade class upstairs and 4-6th grade class downstairs. PreK parents please come up to reconnect with your littles after the Peace, others will be dismissed from their classes to the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available at both services for children under 3. During the announcements, please pick up infants and toddlers from the nursery, and preschool children from their class. Older children will be brought to the Sanctuary at that time.

If you have questions or need more information please let us know--you can ask a greeter or anyone else you see serving today to help you, or you may contact us using the contact information provided on the back of the bulletin.

Thank you for being a part of our worship. We hope the Lord blesses you through our time together.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee.
 cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
 which wert and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
 Tune: John B. Bykes (1823-1876)

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Celebrant: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People: **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Celebrant: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: **and your young men shall see visions.**

Celebrant: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of Israel,

People: **that he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Celebrant: And it shall come to pass

People: **that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Celebrant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

King Of Kings

(kids only choir) Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son

Praise the Spirit, three in one

God of glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

(everyone) Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting

Without hope, without light

'Til from Heaven You came running

There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets

To a virgin came the word

From a throne of endless glory

To a cradle in the dirt

(everyone) Chorus

Praise the Father, praise the Son

Praise the Spirit, three in one

God of glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

(everyone) Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming

And to reconcile the lost

To redeem the whole creation

You did not despise the cross

For even in your suffering

You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation

Jesus for our sake you died

(kids choir only) Verse 3

And the morning that You rose

All of Heaven held its breath

'Til that stone was moved for good

For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs

And the angels stood in awe

For the souls of all who'd come

To the Father are restored

(everyone) Verse 4

And the church of Christ was born

Then the Spirit lit the flame

Now this gospel truth of old

Shall not kneel, shall not faint

By His blood and in His name

In His freedom I am free

For the love of Jesus Christ

Who has resurrected me

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Celebrant: Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children are dismissed to their classes.

9am - Preschool through 3rd grade

10:45am - Preschool through 6th grade

The Word of God

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will
show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (please stand)

(At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us).

**Alleluia, alleluia
Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers
Alleluia, alleluia
You are worthy of praise forever**

Paul Calvin

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

John 14:8-17

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Repeat the Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Joel Bascom

Leviticus 23:15-22

¹⁵ "You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. ¹⁶ You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord. ¹⁷ You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the Lord. ¹⁸ And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one bull from the herd and two rams. They shall be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord. ¹⁹ And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰ And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. ²¹ And you shall make a proclamation on the same day. You shall hold a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a statute forever in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

²² "And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God."

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* *universal*

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Confession of Sin

(You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

Please pick up children from the nursery and PreK classroom at this time.

Announcements

Offertory

You may place your gift in the offering baskets as they pass by, or you may also give online using our website or text the amount of your gift to 952-333-4320.

Continuously

*I will hold your right hand
Right beside you my word is true
I am continuously, continuously with you*

*I'll be your shelter where're you go
And when you wander I'll bring you home
I am continuously, continuously with you*

*Though your flesh and heart my fail
I will uphold you, you will prevail
I am continuously, continuously with you*

*I am continuously, continuously
I am continuously, continuously
I am continuously, continuously with you*

*Rest in my love as you sleep tonight
Rest in the song that mercy sings
Your shield and strength all through the fire
I will be your covering*

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

(Adapted from *Our Modern Services*, published by the Anglican Church of Kenya 2002)

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: This is our God.

People: **Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant: We are his people.

People: **We are redeemed.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right and our delight..

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of__

Hosts. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of__

Hosts. Hea - ven and earth are__ full of the

glo - ry of your ma - jes - ty Bles - sed is he who

comes__ in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na

in the high - - - est.

Elizabeth Stewart

Celebrant: Almighty God, owner of all things...
..."Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me."

People: **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant: In the same way...
...Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

People: **We have died together,
We will rise together,
We will live together.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father...
...and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of
your eternal kingdom.

People: **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

People: **The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray
together:

Celebrant and People:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **Though we are many we are one body,
for we all share one bread.**

Celebrant: The cup of blessing which we bless

People: **Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Celebrant: Draw near with faith and receive.

People: **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Celebrant: Christ is alive forever.

People: **We are because he is.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

If you are coming forward to communion, you will be dismissed by row. You will first receive bread, which you may eat upon receiving. Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers. We also have individually wrapped, allergen-free wafers available for those who need them on a table near the sound board. Please take one before coming forward for communion.

After eating the bread, you may receive either wine from the common cup, or grape juice from individual cups.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. Prayer ministers are in the Chapel Room, off the side of the sanctuary near the sound board.

Breath Of God

Verse 1

The breath of God, the promised one
Filled their mouths and loosed their tongues
To sing the praise of the risen Son
The mighty works that God has done

Verse 2

The breath of God on daughters, sons
He is poured out on old and young
To sing the praise of the risen Son
The mighty works that God has done

Chorus

O breath of God, O Spirit come
Fill our mouths, and loose our tongues
To sing the praise of the risen Son
The mighty works that God has done

Verse 3

In these last days everyone
Who calls the name of the risen Son
They shall be saved by His precious blood
Oh mighty work that God has done!

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The Spirit Is Moving

The Spirit is moving over the waters,
Turning our chaos into creation.
The Spirit is moving, sisters & brothers,
Taking away our hearts of stone.

The Spirit is moving, parting the waters,
Leading us out of the kingdom of sorrow.
The Spirit is moving on our sons and daughters,
Turning our darkness into dawn.

Chorus

We will walk together through the seas.
We will work together through the tide.
We will find the way that leads to peace;
The Spirit is our guide.

The Spirit is moving, trouble the waters,
Leading us into the merciful kingdom.
The Spirit is moving, breath of the Father,
One with the Savior, making us one.

Bridge

The Spirit is moving (To lead us out of sorrow)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us through the night)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us into mercy)
The Spirit is moving (To lead us in the light)

Paul Zach. 2021

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No Place Better (Psalm 84)

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
How wonderful Your presence, Lord
How my soul longs to see Your face
To come with joy into Your courts
How blessed is the little sparrow
Who makes a nest inside Your house
'Cause I can think of no place better
To make a home and sing out loud

Chorus

I want to be in Your presence,
I want to be near Your heart
I want to know You're close
Even when I'm feeling far
I don't want what this world would offer,
I want the living God
'Cause there's no place better than where You are
For there's no place better than where You are

Verse 2

We will go from strength to strength
Even in the wilderness
You are turning tears to desert springs
Leaving gardens in our footsteps
How blessed is the longing pilgrim
Whose heart is set on Zion's hill
The one who knows there's no place better
To bring our sorrows and be filled

Bridge

One day with You is better than a thousand elsewhere
One word from You is better than silver or gold
I'd rather be a servant in Your house, O God
Than a king with all the riches I could hold

Caroline Cobb Smith | Wendell Kimbrough (as published by Integrity Music)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems of this life on earth...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the difficulties of our circumstances...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works from his temporary power...

All: **We send to the Cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...

All: **We set on the risen Christ.**

Celebrant: The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

9:00 - French, Finnish, Chinese, Spanish, Swahili, English

10:45 - French, Finnish, German, Spanish, English

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Upcoming Events

For complete details on church news and events, visit:
www.ofthecross.org/events

WEDNESDAY

MAY
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9:30 AM

POLO: Parents Of Little Ones

Parents, caregivers, and children who want some fun time to play with other kids are welcome to join in on this casual playtime together. We'll meet at Cross. Please email Andrea Pope (andrea.s.pope@gmail.com) with any questions.

THURSDAY

MAY
23

7 PM

Men's Fellowship

All men are welcome for this time of fellowship. We meet at a different house each month for this casual hangout time. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverage (for yourself or to share). We'll meet at Keelan Diehl's house in Wayzata. Please sign up online so we know who is coming. If you have questions, email keelan.g.diehl@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY

MAY
29

6 PM

Young Adult Ministry

For 18 through mid-30s, we meet weekly to share a meal. This ongoing group offers a great place to pray together while considering vocation, current topics, ministry throughout our lives, and just being a supportive community for each other. We will meet at Church. Contact Casey and Marty Ochs (marty_ochs@yahoo.com) to learn more.

WEDNESDAY

MAY
29

7 PM

A Time Set Apart - CANCELLED

We are no longer meeting for this event. Stay tuned for the next one, which will likely happen sometime this fall.

TUESDAY

JUN
4

7 PM

Prayer Gathering (3 of 3)

Prayer gatherings were a big part of laying the foundation for Church of the Cross nearly 20 years ago. As we prepare for our birthday in Sept, we invite you to the Ruch home (6615 Maloney Avenue in Hopkins), where we first gathered as a church, for times to pray for Cross and all that God is doing in and through her. If you've never been part of an intercessory prayer group, we make it really easy to pray together. Praying out loud is not required. You can call Molly Ruch for more details at 952-738-2446.

THURSDAY

JUN
13

7 PM

Women's Fellowship

Adult women of all ages are welcome! The goal is to create a relaxed, casual atmosphere where women can come as they are and enjoy time together. We'll meet at Skylar Zilka's house in Bloomington. Drinks and snacks will be provided, but you're welcome to bring something to share. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one and sign up on our website so the host can best prepare their space. If you have any questions, please email Kris Ford (kris@coreyford.com).

WEDNESDAY

JUN
19

6:30 PM

Newcomers' Dinner

If you are newer to Church of the Cross, you are invited to a dinner at Christian and Molly Ruch's house (6615 Maloney Ave, Hopkins, MN 55343). Come to learn more about the church, meet some other new people, and ask questions about our church community. If you'd like to join in, please RSVP on our website.

Announcements



Summer VBS for Kids: June 24-27 | 9:30-11:30am

Registration is open at ofthecross.org/kids-vbs! This year, our theme comes from Galatians 5: The Fruit of the Spirit. Kids of the Cross will be invited to notice the work of the Spirit and how to join in. Highlights will be classic songs, lots of fruity snacks, and opportunities for service. Thursday will conclude our VBS with a family hotdog lunch and time of worship together.

Calling All Chili Cookers

Do you have a great chili recipe that you're proud of? Now is your moment. We're looking for someone to prepare chili for our next Newcomer's Meal, which will be on Wednesday, June 19, at the Ruchs'. You will be making chili for the crowd there and getting it to the Ruchs' house in time for the meal. Interested? Contact Deacon Joel (joel@ofthecross.org) if you are interested.

New Life Family Services: Walk For Life Fundraiser

Skylar and Isaiah Zilka will walk the 2.1-mile loop around Normandale Lake to support New Life Family Services and the sanctity of human life. In efforts **to raise \$5,000 before June 8**, will you donate to "Team Zilka" as they join Walk for Life to support the unborn and families facing crises in pregnancy or parenting? You can give at page.fundeasy.com/6694225. Any amount truly makes a difference! If you have questions, email skylar@ofthecross.org.

New Life Family Services: World's Largest Diaper Drive

Our ministry partner, NLFS, is joining a national movement to collect 2 million diapers throughout May to help families in need. Will you donate a box of diapers to the cause? The most needed sizes are sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7, and all sizes of Pull-Ups. You can order online from their Amazon Registry to ship diapers directly to NLFS or drop off diapers at their two church drop sites. You can visit nlfs.org/event/worlds-largest-diaper-drive-2024 for the registry link and drop-off details. Questions? Email skylar@ofthecross.org.

"Thank You!" From the Swansons

The Swansons have a car for their travels in May and June. Thank you to everyone who responded and showed care for this need. It really meant a lot to them. Now, they are looking for a vehicle to use from July 16-30 and August 22 to Sept 10 (or so; the departure date isn't set yet). If you can borrow the Swansons a car on one of these dates, please email joel@ofthecross.org.

Send a Meal for Newborn's Family

We are overjoyed to welcome Linus Amos Walters, born to Luke and Haliee Walters on April 25. The parents are thrilled to be home and enjoying settling into life as a family of six! If you'd like to bless the Walters Family with a meal, please sign up at mealtrain.com/trains/0m1ylz.

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Pastoral Care: Communion

As a sacramental church, we acknowledge that our physical presence is important and leads to spiritual enrichment and comfort. If you (or someone you know in our community) are unable to get to church or are physically limited in getting to church, we are here for you! The pastoral staff can visit you at home or in the hospital. We are available for prayer and to bring you communion. Please contact Deacon Joel (joel@ofthecross.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

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Ongoing Ministries

Youth Ministry

SUNDAYS: 6-8:30pm | Contact: peter@ofthecross.org

Teens in 7th-12th grade are welcome to join us for this fun and spiritually enriching time each week. Our youth group is a great place for youth to foster relationships, have fun, and dive into the Scriptures. If you or your teen is interested, please contact Pete about getting involved.

Men's Bible Study

FRIDAYS: 6:30-7:30am | Contact: keelan.g.diehl@gmail.com

Build deeper relationships with other men, share life, and challenge each other in our walk with the Lord. Our hour in the church library will focus on fellowship, discussing the Daily Office readings, and prayer.

Note: Men's Bible Study won't meet on May 24 because of Memorial Day weekend. However, this event will start again on May 31. John Towner will be leading it through the summer months--same time, same place.

Giving Report

Year-to-Date, as of 5/5/2024

Budget*	\$797,247
Giving	\$813,622

*The annual budget (running from July '23 to June '24) is \$938,980.

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