

MARCH 2025

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing God's Word, Living His Love

## Monthly Newsletter

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM AND 11:00AM



The season of Lent, which begins on March 5, is a very worshipful 40-day period in which we focus on our relationship with Christ and set goals that will bring spiritual growth. While Jesus faced many challenges throughout His earthly life, nothing was going to stop Him from His goal of doing everything that was necessary in order to save us. In other words, He was **“all in,”** despite the fact that He knew He would endure temptation, suffering, humiliation, and even death. It was a high risk move, as He faced many obstacles that could have prevented Him from going to the cross, but it was a high reward move, knowing that all of humanity would be saved. Join us for this Sunday series as we examine how Jesus was **“all in”** from the beginning in His mission to save us.



Sunday, March 9 – *“Rational Temptation”*

- Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 16 – *“Can Anything Stop Him?”*

- Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 23 – *“Managing Your Faith”*

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Sunday, March 30 – *“The Great Exchange”*

- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sunday, April 6 – *“The Future Changes The Present”*

- Philippians 3:17-4:1

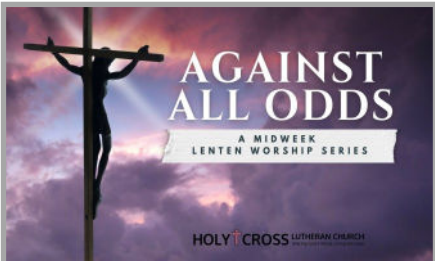
Palm Sunday, April 13 – *“The Humble King Of Kings”*

- Zechariah 9:9-12 & Luke 19:28-40

Easter, April 20 – *“The Ultimate Victory”*

- Luke 24:1-12

While Jesus made His way to the cross, He knew there were many prophecies made about Him in the Old Testament that He sought to fulfill. In fact, the prophet Isaiah made 24 predictions about Jesus over 700 years before He was born. Isaiah prophesied that the promised Messiah would bear our sickness, suffer for us, be silent in the midst of affliction, be sinless, be like a lamb led to a slaughter, and would die. What are the odds that they would all come true? Join us for this midweek series as we will see how Jesus fulfilled every prophecy and accomplished the impossible for us through the cross.



Ash Wednesday, March 5 – *“Forgiver”*

- Isaiah 53:5 & Luke 7:36-49 (5:00pm & 7:00pm)

Wednesday, March 12 – *“Healer”*

- Isaiah 53:4 & Matthew 8:14-17

Wednesday, March 19 – *“Listener”*

- Isaiah 55:6-7 & Jeremiah 29:10-14

Wednesday, March 26 – *“Encourager”*

- Isaiah 53:11 & Matthew 8:5-13

Wednesday, April 2 – *“Protector”*

- Isaiah 53:8-10 & John 14:18-27

Wednesday, April 9 – *“Comforter”*

- Isaiah 53:3 & John 11:17-27

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – *“Server”*

- John 13:1-17

Good Friday, April 18 – *“Savior”*

- Luke 23:26-47

Dinner will be served at 5:45pm – 6:30pm (in Reese Hall) and worship will take place at **7:00pm**.

In God's Service,

Pastor Bill

# FAMILY NIGHT

## SHARING GOD'S WORD



- **Youth Group:**  
Has stopped for Lenten Services. It will resume on April 30th.
- **Gathering Meeting:**  
Sunday, March 30th - 1:00 pm–2:30 pm



- **Wed. Education:** Has stopped for Lenten Services. It will resume on April 30th
- **Children's Church:** Happens during the 8:30AM Worship after the Children's Message.
- **Nursery:** For babies 6M – 3-years-old.



- **During the Season of Lent, you will have Lenten Sermon Notes to complete.**  
Worship starts at 7:00 pm
- **Please fill out one sermon note a month from in person worship.**

# FUNDRAISERS

## Pine Straw Sale

**Per Bale:** Saturday March 29th, April 5th and 12th  
Pick-Up \$5.50 8am - 2:30 pm  
Delivery \$7.50  
Spread \$10.00

*So Grateful for Your Support!*

Order today by contacting Rebekah Bajwa  
Phone: 919.533.4784  
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ENDURE

## HCLC YOUTH YARD SALE

**SAT. MAY 3**  
**DROPOFF:**  
**FRI. MAY 2**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!  
WE RAISED \$1000!

THE REDNECK BBQ LAB

ENDURE  
HEBREWS 12:1-2

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LIVING HIS LOVE

HOLY CROSS is committed to assist EMERGENCY RV to do GOD's work on an ongoing basis with Financial Donations.

MORE information will follow OR Contact John & Linda Miesch: [Eagleprod@mindspring.com](mailto:Eagleprod@mindspring.com)



On **CHRISTMAS DAY**, EMERGENCY RV delivered 2RV's that the HCLC Donation enabled them to provide.

One was given to the Penley family who lost their home to Hurricane Helene. The family just celebrated the birth of their second child and was planning to move into a homeless shelter.

The other RV was given to Timothy McCord, a 70 year-old Vietnam veteran who lost the roof of his camper during Hurricane Helene, but was still sleeping in it.



To see the full story and more you can go to their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/EmergencyRV](https://www.facebook.com/EmergencyRV) or you can go to their website at [www.emergencyrv.org](http://www.emergencyrv.org).

HELPING THE HOMELESS IN RALEIGH

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## MATTHEW MINISTRY

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## Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

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## HOLY CROSS PRAYER MINISTRY "YEAR OF PRAYER 2025"

We have formed one of the most powerful and important Ministries any Church can have, the PRAYER MINISTRY, Holy Cross is becoming a "House of Prayer"

where EVERY aspect of our Church is constantly SATURATED in Prayer.  
Once again together with PASTOR Bill we are declaring 2025 to be another  
**"YEAR of PRAYER"**



In March we at Holy Cross are offering up PRAYERS for  
**"Families and Neighbors"**

**May we LOVE our "families and neighbors" as we LOVE ourselves!**

Heavenly Father, YOU have established the family as the very foundation of society. YOU have given us all the members of our own family. YOU know each of them personally and love them. Grant that we may each feel YOUR LOVE and share it with every member of our family. May we love one another as YOU love us.

You have instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves and told us that EVERYONE is our neighbor. Today I lift them up to your loving hands and pray for physical and spiritual protection for all our neighbors; those next door, down the street, in our community AND throughout the world. You know the physical and spiritual challenges they are facing, be with them and their families. Many of our neighbors and family members may not know You. I pray that You would provide men and women of faith to share the Good News to those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Father, may they feel Your presence. Draw them to You, TODAY! Please grant unity and YOUR PEACE in their home and ours, that we may be examples to the rest of the world.

We pray these things in the name of JESUS. AMEN

Together we are a "PRAYER SATURATED CHURCH".

Ask GOD what role HE has designed for you and then contact  
John & Linda Miesch, Prayer Ministry Leaders  
at Church or at [Eagleprod@mindspring.com](mailto:Eagleprod@mindspring.com) OR call 919-553-3579



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# MINISTRY EVENTS

## LIVING HIS LOVE



### “Ladies’ Bible Study”

**Saturday 3/1**  
Reese Hall  
(9:00– 11:00am)

Contact:  
Debbie Fick  
(919) 632-3643



### “Seasons of Life”

our journey through grief!

**Wednesday 3/12**

Reese Hall  
(11:00am-1:00pm)

Lunch and drinks are provided.

Contact: Debbie Fick  
drfick1014@gmail.com



### Quilting Ministry

**Thurs. 3/13 & 3/27**  
Classroom 1  
(9:00am—12:00pm)

No Experience Necessary &  
All Supplies Provided.

Contact: Dewie Francis  
(919) 302-6193



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
**2nd Saturday of The Month**  
Room 1

(10:00am– 12:00pm)

“She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.” (Proverbs 31:13&20)

Contact Ella McBryer via phone or text at 919-757-7955



### Helping Hands Ministry

“Carry each other’s burdens and in this way we will be fulfilling the law of Christ!”  
(Galatians 6:2)

Are you available to provide “tangible” help to those who have needs for meals, rides, moving help, etc?

Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643 or  
Marvin Fordham (919) 219-0982.



### Cancer Support Group

Meets the **2nd Monday**  
of each month

**Monday 3/10**

Reese Hall  
@ 6:30 pm

Contact: Chuck Munson Jr.  
@chuckmunsonjr@gmail.com



“I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for it will be done for you by My Father in heaven for where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them”  
(Matthew 18:19-20)

If you have any prayer requests please email them to:  
Contact: Berta Hinton @berta37@msn.com



### Men’s Breakfast

Meets the **1st Saturday** of  
each month from  
**9-11 am**  
in the Lobby Coffee Area

For additional information  
Contact: Debbie Fick (919) 632-3643



### “Angels from Heaven” Ministry

Will be performing on  
Sunday, March 9th  
At The Springbrook Nursing and  
Rehab Center in Clayton  
from 2:00-3:00 pm

Contact: Debbie Fick drfick1014@gmail.com



**Mom’s In Prayer**  
Monday Nights @ 7:00pm

Scan the QR code  
to join the  
zoom meeting



Contact: Liz Coleman: lizy@e-colemans.com

# LORD IN YOUR MERCY, *Hear Our Prayers.*

## Please Pray For Our Holy Cross Family With Health Concerns:

<i>Sonja Coull</i>	<i>Connie Reid</i>	<i>Bill McElwain</i>	<i>Caroline Schust</i>	<i>Linda McLoughlin</i>
<i>Jacob Boyd</i>	<i>Richard Lavery</i>	<i>Garry Bleeker</i>	<i>David Lawrence</i>	<i>James Lucas</i>
<i>Kathy Savoy</i>	<i>Penny Schneider</i>	<i>Eric Roeser</i>	<i>Joan Tucker</i>	<i>Jeanie Scroggs</i>
<i>Rebecca Lavery</i>	<i>Ed Leigh</i>	<i>Ernie Creech</i>	<i>Carolyn Selby</i>	<i>Lanny Scroggs</i>
<i>Tom Hansen</i>	<i>Connie Beal</i>	<i>Brenda Horne</i>	<i>Chris Urban</i>	<i>Kim Ruggero</i>
<i>Judy Fowler</i>	<i>John Miesch</i>	<i>Elisabeth Junker</i>	<i>Duane Scheller</i>	<i>Dan Swan</i>
<i>Mark Wilson</i>	<i>Chuck Munson, Jr.</i>	<i>Carla McMullen</i>	<i>Velvet Shank</i>	<i>Paul Niewoehner</i>
<i>Margaret Lee</i>	<i>Dennis Reese</i>	<i>John H. Wood</i>	<i>Karla Bishop</i>	

## Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross Receiving Cancer Care:

<b>Tonya Gordon</b> , friend of Diane Reczek	<b>Candy Robinson</b> , mother of Robin Oelrich
<b>Ralph Souter</b> , friend of Harold Winkle	<b>Colleen Gilmartin</b> , friend of George & Donna Rossetti
<b>Peggy Davis</b> , niece of Linda Beers	<b>Carla Barbour</b> , daughter of Sharon & Chuck Fox
<b>Judy Evans Stoudt</b> , cousin of Doug Aitken	<b>Christy Dollar</b> , Open Arms parent
<b>David Coleman</b> , brother of Paul Coleman	<b>Angela Stancil</b> , niece of Terri Pelle
<b>James Atkins</b>	<b>Fred Oelrich</b> , father of Robin Oelrich
<b>Pam Denning</b> , friend of Candice Patterson	<b>Cora Lee Cox</b> , Niece of Carrie Benner
<b>Bill Berry</b> , friend of Doug Aitken	<b>Everette Kelley</b> , child of a friend of Tara Webb
<b>Leon Goldapple</b> , father of Jennifer McNally	<b>Janet Crowe</b> , mother of Ed Crowe
<b>Nathan Fannin</b> , Margaret Lee's neighbor	<b>Cristie</b> , neighbor of Annie & Scott Dull
<b>Karen</b> , friend of Elaine Reese	<b>Tammy Cochran</b> , cousin of Annie Dull
<b>Mason Fannin</b> , friend of Margaret Lee	<b>Donna Sappington</b> , niece of Joyce Smith
<b>Derryck Sauls</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Leslee</b> , brother & his girlfriend of Cindy Barnes
<b>Jean Barbour</b> , aunt of Robert Bennett	

## Please Pray For Friends and Family of Holy Cross With Health Concerns:

<b>Lois Lintner</b> , mother of Madonna Bennett	<b>Mary Ruth Nicols</b> , niece of Eunice Burch
<b>Sherry Whalen</b> , friend of Judy Fowler	<b>Marcia &amp; Phil Riley</b> , sister & brother-in-law of Blake Ball
<b>Spenser Goldman</b> , grandson of Penny Schneider	<b>Carlos &amp; Tamy Garcia</b> , friends of Sandy Nesselrode
<b>Sandy &amp; Bill</b> , friends of Edie Voorhees	<b>Donna Cantarella</b> , friend of Ellie Shep
<b>Joseph &amp; Mary Littleton</b>	<b>Rita Giudice</b> , friend of Penny Schneider
<b>Charlotte Bucklen and Stephen Kelley</b> , friends of the Coleman Family	<b>Lucy Giudice</b> , friend of Penny Schneider
<b>Shirley &amp; Brian Blatchley</b> , sister & brother-in-law of Bill McElwain	<b>David Nicols</b> , nephew of Eunice Burch
<b>Steve Estes</b> , husband of Gail Estes	<b>William Schramm</b> , friend of Harold Winkle
<b>Barbara Ekerdt-Creecy</b> , niece of Donna Steele	<b>Jim Scroggs</b> , son of Jeanie Scroggs
<b>Thomas Craig</b> , brother of Caroline Schust	<b>Shawn Roeser</b> , Son of Juie & Eric Roeser
<b>James Norris</b> , father of Meredith Marsh	<b>Dave Aitken</b> , brother of Doug Aitken
<b>Danny McCarthy</b> , friend of Michele Capozzi	<b>Artie V.</b> , friend of John Lundoy
<b>Monica Clonts</b> , sister of Blake Ball	<b>Al Barbour</b> , cousin of Robert Bennett
<b>Faith Hicks &amp; her daughter Grace</b> , goddaughter of the Colemans	<b>Heidi Goldman and Gretchen Schneider</b> , daughters of Penny Schneider
<b>Heather, Charlie, &amp; Joyce Pike</b> , friend of Doug Aitken	<b>Nancy Morse</b> , friend of Ellie Shep
<b>Tod &amp; Karen</b> , parents of Sean Pritchard	<b>Heidi Mayer</b> , friend of Doug Aitken
<b>Joyce Moore</b>	<b>Margot Coleman</b> , mother-in-law to Lizy Coleman
<b>Matthew Marek</b> , cousin of Robert McNally	<b>Kim Welch</b> , cousin of Jaime Brannon
<b>Rosie Villamil &amp; Mahtob Mahmoody</b> , friends of Elisabeth Junker	<b>Kris Jaeckle</b> , friend of Doug Aitken
<b>Mark Morgan</b> , nephew of Tim & Billie Shank	<b>Francis Larry Overby</b> , friend of John Paul Keon
<b>Linda Williams</b> , aunt of Jamie Brannon	<b>Ralph Hendrex</b> , father of Travis Bjorklund
<b>Michael Costa</b> , brother of Jennifer McNally	<b>Angie Bassette</b> , friend of Jamie Brannon
<b>Carol &amp; Larry</b> , friends of Jerry Benditz	<b>Gail Estes</b> , sister of Kathy Savoy
	<b>Amy Aldinger</b> , friend of Rick & Dewie Francis
	<b>Michael Cox</b> , friend of Denise & Andria Sears

2025

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Classroom 1)
2 8:30 am Cont. Worship 9:45 am LWML Board Mtg. 10:00 am New Member Class 11:00 am Trad. Worship	3 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	4	5 5:00 pm Ash Wed. Service 5:45 pm Family Night 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service 7:45 pm Praise Team	6	7	8 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
9 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	10 6:30 pm Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	11	12 11:00 am Seasons Of Life 5:45 pm Family Night 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Praise Team	13 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	14	15
16 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship 12:15 pm LWML Potluck	17 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	18	19 10:00 am Ruth Circle 5:45 pm Family Night 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Praise Team	20 6:30 pm Parkinson's Group Meeting	21	22
23 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	24 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)	25	26 5:45 pm Family Night 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:45 pm Praise Team	27 9:00 am Quilting Ministry	28	29
30 MITE SUNDAY 8:30am Cont. Worship 11:00 am Trad. Worship	31 10:00 am Mite Counting 7:00 pm Mom's In Prayer (Zoom)					

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# VITAL STATS

Date	In Person Attendance	Offerings
1/5	269 (125 & 144)	\$ 7,696
1/12	268 (142 & 126)	\$ 7,357
1/19	275 (139 & 136)	\$ 8,599
1/26	263 (126 & 137)	\$ 7,658
Direct Deposit Offerings (Jan.)		\$ 14,040
<b>Total Envelope/Plate Giving:</b>		<b>\$ 45,350</b>

Total offerings received thru 1/31/25:	\$ 45,350
Total projected offerings thru 1/31/25:	\$ 47,705

Special Gifts (to Holy Cross):

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund:	\$ 16,110
Building Fund:	\$ 210
Matthew Ministry:	\$ 280
Backpack Buddies	\$ 600
Youth	\$ 415

2025 Mission Offerings (from Holy Cross):

iChoose Pregnancy Support Services:	\$ 250
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