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# NEWS & NOTES

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### November 3



**REFORMATION**  
Sunday

### My Daily Walk With God

Nov.	1	Ezekiel 23:11 - 25
	2	Ezekiel 26 - 28
	3	Ezekiel 29 - 32:16
	4	Ezekiel 32:17 - 34
	5	Ezekiel 35 - 37
	6	Psalm 37; Ezekiel 38 - 39
	7	Psalm 24; Ezekiel 40 - 41
	8	Ezekiel 42 - 45:8
	9	Ezekiel 45:9 - 48
	10	Esther 1 - 5
	11	Esther 6 - 10; Ps. 83
	12	Psalm 42, 126, 129, 137 Malachi
	13	Psalm 89; Mark 1:1 - 31
	14	Psalm 146; Mark 1:32 - 3
	15	Psalm 107; Mark 4
	16	Psalm 142; Mark 5 - 6:29
	17	Mark 6:30 - 8:26
	18	Mark 8:27 - 10:31
	19	Mark 10:32 - 12:37
	20	Mark 12:38 - 14:31
	21	Mark 14:32 - 15
	22	Psalm 16, 21, 22, 67 Mark 16
	23	Psalm 48; Ephesians 1 - 3
	24	Ephesians 4 - 6
	25	Song of Solomon
	26	Romans 1 - 2
	27	Romans 3 - 5
	28	Romans 6 - 8
	29	Romans 9 - 11





### What Is Holy, Holy, Holy?

The word "holy" means different things. It can refer to something that has many holes in it, such as a strainer someone dumps spaghetti noodles into. It can refer to a sacred religious artifact such as the holy grail or the Holy Bible. However, when the Bible uses the word "holy" it refers to someone who is sinless. For example, the Triune God is holy because he does not and cannot sin. Since God is holy, he demands human beings must be holy or sinless to enter heaven. Unfortunately, we are not. We break the Ten Commandments and sin against God every day. This is why God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus lived a holy life and then went to the cross where he took our sins upon himself and suffered and died for them. Through his innocent suffering and death, God the Father forgave our sins. Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior is holy in God's sight and will go to heaven where they will live holy lives forever. As believers in Jesus we eagerly look forward to the day when we will be in heaven singing our praises to God for making us holy so we can live there with him. However, in a basic liturgical worship we already praise God for this now. In this column entitled, "Questions About Christianity", we are looking at the different parts of a basic Christian liturgical worship service. This month we will learn about the song Holy, Holy, Holy by answering this question, "What is Holy, Holy, Holy?"

Holy, Holy, Holy is often referred to by its Latin name *Sanctus* (*Sanctus* means holy). The Holy, Holy, Holy or *Sanctus* is a liturgical song that closes the Preface. Clement of Rome reported using this song in his worship services as early as 104 A.D. Over the years, different versions of the Holy, Holy, Holy developed. The song became widely used during the service of Holy Communion throughout most of Christianity by the fourteenth century.

The words of Holy, Holy, Holy come from two main Biblical texts. The first is from Isaiah 6. In this chapter the Lord allowed the prophet Isaiah to see a glimpse of heaven. As the Lord sat on his throne, he was surrounded by seraphs with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. As they were flying, they praised the Lord saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." The second Biblical text is from Matthew 21:1-11. In these verses Jesus is riding on a colt into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday surrounded by many people who are putting their coats and cut palm branches on the ground as they cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Holy, Holy, Holy is a very fitting song for Christians to sing right before they receive Holy Communion. The word holy is said three times to depict that each person of the Triune God is holy. When Christians sing this song, they humbly admit the Triune God is holy and they are not. But they rejoice because God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to forgive them of their sins and make them holy in God's sight through faith in Jesus as their Savior. Through Holy Communion, Christians once again are forgiven of their sins and assured they will go to heaven where they will live in God's holy presence forever because they themselves will be holy.

## Welcome Home Sunday

"God said, 'Let there be light'" (Genesis 1:3). God wasn't simply expressing a wish, like walking into a dark home and saying, "Let's turn some lights on." God was calling a new reality into existence. *"And there was light."* When God speaks, reality results.



When God tells you that you are a saint, you might want to say, "But, I sin every day!" True enough, but God has spoken. He sent his Son to live, die, and rise for you, creating a new reality. In your baptism, God himself spoke to you, telling you that you are pure and blameless. And when God speaks, reality results.

Throughout Scripture, God refers to believers as a family. That is more than metaphor. That is God calling a new reality into existence. Our privilege and responsibility is to seize the power given us through our baptism and live out that reality. We are called by Christ to show the same level of love and self-sacrifice that would show to biological kin.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> in our 9:00 a.m. worship service we will be holding *Welcome Home Sunday*. *Welcome Home Sunday* is a celebration of this reality. On that day, we praise God for giving a spiritual family... a spiritual home. Our goal for that Sunday is to make it into something of a spiritual family reunion. We want to have 100% of our members and former members in attendance. Why? Because God has told us we are family. And when God speaks, reality results. In addition, on *Welcome Home Sunday* we will have a potluck meal immediately after the service in the fellowship hall. You can also come to our Monday worship service at 7:00 p.m. Please, set aside November 3<sup>rd</sup> and join your brothers and sisters in Christ!

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## Thanksgiving Worship Service

On Wednesday, November 28 at we will have our Thanksgiving worship service at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## Gift Bags for Shut-ins

Cross of Christ Ladies are again preparing Christmas gift bags for our shut-ins and residents of Hamilton Park Place. We are looking for pens, pencils, small notepads, individual tissue packets, small magnifying glasses, large print puzzle books, hard candy, sample size lotion, shampoo, conditioner, etc.

## **Letter from Tom Nicholson about his Vicar year in Texas**

To my sisters and brothers at Cross of Christ,

It is with joy that I am writing to you once again. It is hard for me to believe just how quickly the last 7 years have gone by. It was seven years ago that I first left all of you in Portage to attend Martin Luther College. Furthermore, it's been three years since I relocated here to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. And now, my final year in the classroom has begun. It has been a big adjustment coming from Vicar Year back into the classroom.

For those of you who may not know, the third year of the educational program at WLS is called the Vicar Year. It is a practicum year, where I and all my classmates spent a full calendar year at a congregation somewhere in the United States working with a full-time pastor, learning from him how to handle the day-to-day ministry. I served with Rev. Andy Schroer and Rev. Aaron Glaeske at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Edna and Victoria Texas. Pastor Andy and I worked together at our Edna campus, which is the established congregation. Pastor G. and I worked together at our second site mission in Victoria, which was about half an hour down the highway. I taught catechism, attended Council meetings, sang in the choir, made new-mover visits, participated in the chaplaincy program at the local hospital, and visited those members who couldn't make it to worship regularly. It was an utter joy to be able to contact so many people with the Gospel who otherwise might not have heard it.

I also had the privilege of leading Sunday morning liturgy and preaching in both English and Spanish. If you think memorizing a sermon in English would be hard, you should give Spanish a try! All jokes aside, the opportunities I had to minister to people of a different background in a different language were invaluable. I grew in both my confidence and my ability as a Spanish speaker, and I cherish all the relationships that God placed in my life among the congregation in Texas. Their warmth is a testament to the common bonds of love we all share as children of the one true God.

As fall comes in full force and the leaves fall off the trees, I am reminded of the Words of the Prophet Isaiah, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever." How amazing it is that God has given us his amazing, enduring, life-saving Word. Beyond that, he has given me the opportunity to study and apply it full-time. Praise be to God! And it's largely due to your encouragement. You encouraged me when I was young and not even thinking about my future. You encouraged me as I made the decision to go MLC. You've continued to encourage me in the years since with kind words and generous gifts. May God return to you the blessing you have been to me a thousand-fold. You are in my prayers and on my mind. *Soli Deo Gloria* (translation: to God alone be the glory).

Your brother in Christ,  
Thomas Nicholson

**School Calendars**

**St. John's Lutheran School**

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<b>NOVEMBER EVENTS</b>	
November 28 -29	Thanksgiving Break - No School



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<b>NOVEMBER EVENTS</b>	
November 7	Planned Early Release at 1:00 pm Parent-Teacher 2:00-4:00 & 5:00-8:00 pm.
November 8	Planned Late Start - 10:00 am
November 8-10	National Lutheran Choral Festival
November 19	Interim Reports
November 20	Planned Late Start - 10:00 am
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Break - No School

**Tuition Assistance Fund**

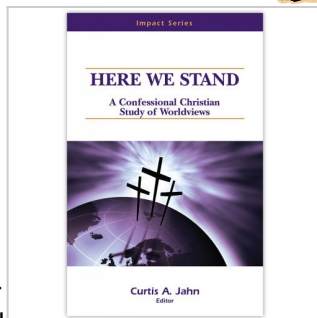
In order to assist parents in sending their child(ren) to one of these schools or another WELS school, Cross of Christ has established a Tuition Assistance Fund. The goal of this fund is to give \$125.00 per child a month for 10 months each school year to the school their (child)ren are attending for their tuition. If you would like to receive assistance from this fund, talk to the Education Chairman. If you would like to contribute to this fund at any time, please mark on the front of your weekly offering envelope how much you want designated to go to this fund.



## Here We Stand A Confessional Christian Study of Worldviews

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther said, "Here I stand!" when confronted with the false teachings of his day. Not much has changed since then. Christians are tempted and confronted now more than ever. Christianity as a whole is under attack. How are we to respond? We need to understand differing views as well as our own faith so we can firmly say, "Here we stand!"

In the book *Here We Stand*, the authors use the truth of God's Word to examine such worldviews as Darwinism, Islam, New Age, atheism, pantheism (the view that everything is God—humans and all of nature), postmodernism, and the moral relativism that says anything and everything is "okay." By learning about other worldviews, Christians can better understand and witness to the people who hold those views. Readers will also see how such non-Christian worldviews influence their own beliefs, attitudes, and actions without their realizing it.



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[www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

*The website for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*

[www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net)

*Northwestern Publishing House's website that sells religious materials.*

[www.whataboutjesus.com](http://www.whataboutjesus.com)

*Learn more about Jesus, the Bible, how to deal with social concerns, etc.*

[www.christianliferesources.com](http://www.christianliferesources.com)

*Stay up-to-date with important life issues and get answers to difficult ethical questions.*

[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

*A search engine (comparable to Google or Yahoo) that donates money to the Wisconsin Synod when it is used.*

[www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org)

*The website for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.*

## **Church Council October Meeting Recap**

At their October meeting the Church Council discussed using One Drive for church accounts, the WELS Self-Assessment, and the upcoming Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

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## **Education Committee Meeting October Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Matt Buchholz, Joshua Veglahn, Jill Schultz, Nate & Molly Newman*

Sunday School started on September 9th. Joshua is stepping down as superintendent. He is still open to teach. We are looking for a volunteer to help with this!

Advent Wreath is the theme of the Children's Christmas service. Practices are scheduled for the first 3 Saturdays in December.

VBS Recap: There were 19 children that attended. Numbers were down a little bit. There was a great turnout for volunteers though. Thank you to all hardworking volunteers! Friday service was well attended. We will continue to do Friday services.

The Youth Group went Mini-golfing at Pirate's Cove on 8/18th. Children had fun and went out for ice cream after. The next activity was on 10/27 at the Newmans' farm. The children enjoyed archery, outdoor activities, campfire, and a cookout. The Winter activity is tubing at Cascade Mt. and cookie baking in December. We are trying to schedule a date.

There are 8 children using Tuition Assistance.

There are 8 children attending Confirmation classes at Cross of Christ.

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## **Fellowship Committee October Recap**

*Current Members: Chairman Joshua Veglahn, Sandy Beimborn, Vi Burmeister, Pat Eckert, Joan Klappstein, Judy Trebatoski, and Barbara Youngs.*

- Funeral for Lila Freber was discussed.
- Welcome Home meal on November 3 was discussed. Group 4 is serving. Fellowship committee will assist in providing food. Decorations were purchased and will be used for the funeral and Welcome Home.
- Church basement clean up: please put items away and keep tables and counters wiped clean.
- If you are interested in helping serve on Sundays, being on a Fellowship Group, or are willing to provide snacks for Sundays, please talk to Sandy Beimborn.



## **Evangelism Committee October Meeting Recap**

The Evangelism Committee met Oct. 14th. We discussed Friendship Sunday and the church picnic. It was suggested we look into moving the picnic to early Summer to increase interest and attendance. Joshua will follow up with Fellowship. For the remainder of the year the committee will focus on promoting Welcome Home on November 3rd, hosting a "Kids Day" on November 30th and inviting the community to our Christmas services. The "Kids Day" on November 30th will be an all day event our church will host. We will be offering a day of activities for kids so parents can go Christmas shopping without them. We will be making more information available in the future but we are in need of volunteers to make this event happen. This is a great and fun way to serve the Lord! If you are interested please contact Joshua Veglahn.

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## **Cross of Christ Ladies October Recap**

*Officers: Joan Klappstein, Sandra Beimborn, Judy Trebatoski, Jill Schultz,*

*LWMS Reporter: Sandra Beimborn*

On October 17, Cross of Christ ladies met for their yearly planning meeting. Everyone brought something for tacos which everyone enjoyed. The children in attendance especially had fun.

In November we will attend Divine Savior's Ladies Night Out.

In December we will meet on the 19th to assemble the gift bags for our shut-in and residents of Hamilton Park Place. Items needed are gift bags, wrapped hard candy, magnifying glasses, large print puzzle books, notepads, pens, pencils, sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, hand sanitizer. Everyone attending the December meeting is to bring two dozen cookies--one to share and to pack for the shut-ins,

At the March meeting we will be making soap--some for the shut-ins and some for the participants,

There will be a bake and craft sale the last Sunday in February.

The Cross of Christ Ladies encourage all ladies of Cross of Christ to come to the CCL gatherings. *Children are welcome!* Do not forget, they start at 6:30 p.m.

All confirmed ladies of the congregation are members of Cross of Christ Ladies (CCL) and of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS).

## New Members

Donna Lowrey by profession of faith.

Ashley Statz (with Addison Crawford) by adult confirmation.

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## Shut-Ins

Lois Plath

Elmer Glaeske

Norman & Bernice Stump

Margery McCluskey

Marian Kreitzman

Audrey Zunker

Julie Moran

Even though these members are unable to come to regular worship services, please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Cross of Christ Church Council Members

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## Questions or Concerns?

If anyone has questions, concerns, or comments about our church, please feel free to talk to someone on the Church Council because God has provided these men to assist you.

## Thankful Giving Opportunities

In 1 Corinthians 16:2 God encourages believers to give their first fruits as offerings in church in proportion to their income. Believers do this to thank God for what he did for them and to support the gospel ministry.

Cross of Christ encourages all of its members to give their offerings for these reasons. It also offers other programs for its members to give to the church above and beyond their offerings, which do not support our church's budget.

**SCRIP:** We offer a SCRIP program where members can buy gift cards for many different stores. A percentage of the money our members pay is given to the church. SCRIP deadline is always the second Sunday of the month. Order forms are available at church in the mailbox labeled SCRIP. If you need help, talk to Jeannine Heckmann.

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