

**EVERY  
MEMBER  
MATTERS.**



## **“Unity”**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024*

*Growing*

IN FAITH

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*Serving*

IN LOVE

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*Together*

IN CHRIST

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# HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're with us to worship today, and hope God's Word will refresh you. We pray you might find peace and comfort in the forgiveness Christ freely gives. We believe you'll be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit who gives and strengthens faith through the Word and Sacraments. You're always welcome to worship with us, and join any activities we host. We are excited you are here, and pray God's richest blessings upon you today.

## GUESTS & VISITORS

We'd love to know that you were with us today. Scan the QR code below to check-in online, and we'll connect with you soon! *You can also use the check-in card you'll find in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher anytime.*

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We love kids in Church! There is a kids station as you enter the sanctuary, which has books and bags for younger children to borrow. Coloring pages and children's bulletins are for anyone to use. *Please return books and bags when you are finished.*

## OFFERINGS & GIFTS

Giving back to God in thanks for all He provides is an important part of worship and our ministry to the community. If you have something to give, place it in the offering plate as it goes by. **You can also safely give online** using the QR code below or visit [holycross.life/connect](https://holycross.life/connect)

## HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ when He says He is truly present in the bread and the wine of Communion. Those who are baptized, and believe the promise of Christ; that His body and blood are given for you, for your forgiveness—are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

**If this is not what you believe, or aren't sure whether to receive or not—we ask that you refrain until you've spoken with the Pastor.** You are invited (kids too!) to receive a blessing. Come forward, with your arms folded across your chest, and the pastor will bless you.

*\*Gluten-free bread (individually wrapped) is available for those who need it. Simply ask the pastor when you come forward. White grape juice is also available in the center ring of the communion tray.*

CHECK-IN and GIVE ONLINE  
or go to [holycross.life/connect](https://holycross.life/connect)



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



## SONG

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## PRAYER & INVOCATION

## CONFESSION READING

Colossians 3:12–17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON READING

John 13:31–35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## SERMON

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

- G** 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### READING

1 Corinthians 10:16–17

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** And also with you.

*Those gathered are invited to offer a handshake, fist-bump, or hug with those around them, while saying "Peace be with you" as a way to share the peace we have in God with one another.*

### LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**WOV 748 Bind Us Together**

**626 Come, Let Us Eat**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**GBARNGA PRESENTATION**

**Jon Rossman**

**GOD'S BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**



**Go in God's Grace and Peace**

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**Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project, Inc.** ("Gbarnga Mission") is constructing and staffing a school called the Gbarnga Lutheran Training Center (GLTC) to provide primary, secondary, and vocational education for impoverished families. Our mission is to share God's love as we facilitate Christ-centered education, community development, economic opportunity, and health initiatives in rural Liberia. More specifically, our main purpose is to provide a Christian education for the children in the village of Deanville and its surrounding communities south of the city of Gbarnga, Bong County, Liberia. Gbarnga (pronounced "BONG-ah") is the second most populous city in Liberia with nearly 45,000 inhabitants. Located approximately 120 miles northeast of the capital city, Monrovia, it continues to struggle from the effects of war with no municipal electricity, water or sanitation systems. It is surrounded by poor, mostly agrarian, villages such as Deanville, that have no schools or government services. Through the generosity of donors, GLTC is educating children, providing clean drinking water and a nutritious meal each day – all while sharing Jesus' love for them.



**Jon Rossman** is President and CEO of Gbarnga Mission. He is formerly co-founder of Product Insight, Inc. — a Boston area product development firm — and currently owns and operates Details Carpentry — a residential remodeling company in Chelmsford, MA. He has planned and participated in numerous short-term mission trips both domestically and internationally including building projects in Central Appalachia, the Gulf Coast, Mexico, Haiti, and Nicaragua. Since his first trip to West Africa in 2014 he has spent over a year living in Liberia overseeing all aspects of the mission. He and his wife, Kathy, enjoy hiking, traveling, and ethnic foods. They have three grown children, three grandchildren, and a 14-year old Bichon poodle named BJ. Follow his blog about Liberia: [www.gbarngablog.org](http://www.gbarngablog.org)

## PRAYER LIST

### Holy Cross Members

Sabine Bonnar, Adele Buck, Cheryl Connic, Roberta Crocker, Donna DiLalla, Gary Jackson, Audrey Paray, Barbara Schneider, Maura Senft, Monika Seyal, Kim Testani, Laurie Vaitkus, Barbara White; our homebound—  
Myrtle Anderson, Thomasina Petrahai, Anita Schoch, and Effie Solaz.

### Family & Friends

Jim Atkinson, Brett Bartling, Millie Bohac, Madeline Darcy, Tom Deloge, Laura Dick, Margaret Dittmar, Norman Dittmar, Susanne Dowling, Bianca Durkin, Janet Enko, Marian Ernst, Joe Feltovich, Will Fleming, Peter & Evelyn Gaug, Mike Goldey, Joao Paulo Silva Gomes, Bev Hahn, Liz Heppermann, George Hermes, Jenny Jablonka, Reinhard Krapalis, Andrew Krolides, John Peter Melle, Carol Messerschmitt, JoAnne Meyer, Ben Milositz, Veronica Musca, Hiedi Nyitrai, Marge Powell, Vincent Riccio, Ryan Rubega, Herbie Ryland, Bill Schiller, Joey Senft, David Sochacki, Kathy Sochacki, Christopher Stead, Mike Tavares, Ken Wilson, Audrey Winnick and Irene Zmarzlak.

*“Lord, hear our prayer on behalf of those lifted before you”*

If would like to offer prayers on behalf of yourself, or someone you know, visit [holycross.life/prayer](http://holycross.life/prayer)

## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**Bulletins** by Dave, Joanne and Sarah Bogen to celebrate Donna’s birthday.

**Communion Wafers** by Edith Skoog in loving memory of her husband, Billie.

**Communion Wine** by Sarah and Joanne Bogen in memory of Grandma Lorraine.

**Gluten-Free Wafers** by Donna and Gary DiLalla in loving memory of Donna’s brother, George A. Stromp.

**Oil for the Candles** by Audrey Paray in loving memory of her brother, Bob Hanson.

*If you would like to donate any of these elements that are used in worship in honor or memory of a person or event please see the chart in the hallway or contact the church office*

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**In-Person Worship** ..... 75  
**Offering** ..... \$4,410.00  
**Weekly Budget** ..... \$7,275.00

# HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

April 28, 2024

## **GBARNGA MISSION**

Turn knowledge into action. Help support the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project by selecting an item from the Giving Tree in the narthex. Your gift can sponsor specific programs, purchase needed items, and/or sponsor one of the students. Thank you for your support that aids a thriving mission founded by fellow Lutherans here in New England.

## **CROP WALK—**

### **ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**

Get your walking shoes ready! The 50th Annual Greater Bridgeport CROP Hunger Walk is next Sunday, May 5, beginning at 1:30 pm. We are looking for both walkers and financial supporters of walkers. Watch for more information. Let's all help to end hunger!

## **HOLY CROSS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year at our preschool. Part-day and full-day programs are offered for Pre-K, 4s and 3s. **To find out more details, contact our Preschool Director, Michele Glennon: [preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com) or 203-268-6471.**

## **CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!**

It's time for spring cleaning and the chance to turn those castaways into pocket money. Reserve your table now for Holy Cross' Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 25. Registration forms are available in the lobby.

### **Don't want your own table, but have things to donate?**

Contact Kerry Geffert at [president@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:president@holycrosstrumbull.com) to let us know what you have. We're planning to have a Holy Cross booth where the proceeds will go to support Holy Cross ministries and activities. Watch for more ways in which you can be involved! Thank you for your support!



## WEEK OF APRIL 28

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**SUNDAY** 9:30am—10:30am -----Worship  
10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class

**MONDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**TUESDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**WEDNESDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**THURSDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**FRIDAY** 7am—5:30pm -----Preschool

**SUNDAY (5/5)** 9:30am—10:30am -----Worship  
10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class  
1:30pm -----CROP Walk (*begins in Bridgeport*)