



Music Ministry

Music is a strong and vibrant part of the mission and ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. A variety of musical offerings give each person a chance to find a place to worship through music. Music, especially singing, is an incredibly important learning tool and expression of faith.

All people, both congregants and members of the Athens community are welcome to participate in music at Holy Cross.

CHANCEL CHOIR *rehearse Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 7:30pm.*

While the congregation continues to be the most important and influential choir at Holy Cross, our Chancel Choir sings choral anthems at the 11:11 am worship service and on Festival days, leading the congregation in liturgy and hymns as well. The choir is open to all members and non-members ages high school – adult, who desire to grow musically, spiritually and in our rich Lutheran musical heritage

THE SONRISE SINGERS *rehearse Sundays at 10:00am.*

A contemporary vocal group which participates in the 8:45 Alive! service. This informal group ‘rises with the sun’ to usher in the morning with joyful songs of praise. Any interested singer can join us. Soloists are welcome as well.

THE HOLY CROSS RINGERS *rehearse Wednesday, 7:30pm to 8:30pm*

Our handbell ringers makes a joyful noise to the Lord with our 4 1/2 octave Schulmerich English handbell set and 3 octaves of Schulmerich handchimes enhancing our worship services with preludes and special selections throughout the year and on Easter and Christmas Eve. We’re always looking for interested individuals to join us. Reading notes and rhythms is a help but training is provided.

LUTHERAN MEN’S VOICE *rehearse every Sunday at 12:30pm*

Our developing Men’s Chorus is open to all men who love to sing praises to God. We perform musical selections on occasion at our 11:11am worship service.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH PRAISE BAND *rehearses twice a month on Sunday 2:30pm*

Our Youth Praise Band currently includes guitars, keyboard and drums but we are always looking to add new musicians. We currently play on occasion at our 8:45Alive! Service.

HIS VOICE PRAISE ENSEMBLE *rehearse every Sunday at 8 :15am*

His Voice Praise Ensemble lead worship every Sunday at our 8:45 Alive! Service. The ensemble includes both instrumentalists and singers.

KEYBOARD MUSIC

Holy Cross is blessed with a beautiful Shantz pipe organ as well as a Yamaha DGX-640 Digital piano in the sanctuary.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Instrumentalists bring beauty to our worship. On occasions our instrumentalists bless us by playing such instruments as trumpet, trombone, horn, flute, bassoon, harp, guitar, violin, oboe, and even ocarina.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTION

We currently offer piano and guitar instruction to youth and adults beginners to advanced.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I'm very excited about the opportunities that these programs provide to God's people here at Holy Cross to minister to God and to His people through His gift of music. Please contact me if you'd like to participate in any of these programs. If you are not able to participate, please pray for us and encourage your musically gifted friends or colleagues to join one or more of our groups. I look forward to even greater things as we continue to hold fast the profession of our faith and Lutheran traditions while we take a hold of the "new things" that God is doing.

David Singer

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