

Holy Cross Kids

January 2024

Dear Holy Cross Kids,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. There are many wonderful things ahead of us at church this year. What is something you are thankful for from last year? What is something you are going to pray about for this new year? I am praying for each of you this week!

Our hymn for this month is *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. We will practice this song in class (and you can practice at home), and we will sing it with the entire congregation a couple of Sundays this month.

Last month we learned a little bit about The Apostle's Creed, which helps us to say what we believe by faith. If you can recite it this month, please see Miss Amanda for a prize. This month in the elementary class we will learn about three important big words: justification, sanctification, and salvation. We will also play some games and have time to pray with and for one another.

We have two new questions and answers this month and two new verses. If you have the New City Catechism book at home, we will be memorizing a different verse than the one listed in that book for question 32.

I am looking forward to seeing you **on the second and third Sunday of this month.**

Love in Christ,

Miss Amanda

For January 14-21

Q.32 What do justification and sanctification mean?

A. 32 Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

"... But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11b

For January 21-February 11

Q.33 Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works or anywhere else?

A. 33 No, they should not, as everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.

"Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.." Gal. 2:16

Looking Ahead

January 14, 21 & February 11 & 18 -

Elementary Class Meets

February 11 - 4th Annual Holy Cross Kids'

Valentines Exchange

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above