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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Words from the Cross

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 25, 2011, marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Dr. C. F. W. Walther, the first president of The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States and both Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary while in St. Louis. Walther is known by many as the "American Luther" and is the founding father of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). In honor of this historic event, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has produced an outstanding five-part high definition video series that follows the life of Dr. Walther, presents a history of the LCMS and—through studying Dr. Walther's life and teachings—provides viewers with a better understanding of the importance of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

The first part of this video series is a feature-length film which we will show at Holy Cross on Saturday, November 5, from 1:00-3:00 PM. During our regularly scheduled Wednesday morning Bible Study from 9:15-10:15, we will go through the movie with commentary provided in four parts. This will begin on November 9 and continue through November 16 and 30 and conclude on December 7.

Prepare to visit the early Lutheran Church in America, circa 1840, and to meet this early hero of the church, Dr. C. F. W. Walther, a man who sacrificed his homeland, his health, and nearly his life for the freedom to speak freely, to believe freely, and to live freely. He did it to save his Church and the faith for those he loved AND for us who would come after.

In this month that we set aside a day for thanksgiving, let us also rejoice and give thanks to God for our wonderful heritage as Lutherans. We have been blessed by the right preaching and teaching of God's Word and the beautiful gospel of the forgiveness of our sins by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Skelton

Introducing the feature length film:



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1-3 p.m.**



Popcorn and soda provided!

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