

A Special Invitation

You are cordially invited to a Drive Up Communion opportunity at Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

Sunday, May 10th, at 2:00pm, in the parking lot of the church at 1998 Lansing Ave. NE, Salem, OR.

If you are comfortable driving to the church (and ONLY if you are comfortable)

Enter through the Sunnyview entrance of the church. We will form a line of cars leading to the Lansing Ave. exit.

At the foot of the stairs, next to the Lansing Ave. exit, Pastor Patricia and an Assisting Minister will be there. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN ELEMENTS**—bread of some kind, and wine or juice. Be mindful of the Oregon open container laws.

Pastor Patricia will consecrate your elements, and you will consume the body and blood in your cars. Pastor Patricia and the Assisting Minister will stay at least 6 feet away from individuals at all times, and will not hand you anything. *We will have a basket for offering if you desire.* The usual videos for worship will be posted that weekend, as well as the mailings of prayers, sermons and worship text.

Pandemic fatigue is a real thing, and this Drive Up Communion is offered to all as an opportunity to find comfort in God's Body and Blood—Given For You!

LAST CALL FOR GRADUATES!

Please let the office know of any graduates in your family by Sunday, May 17th. We know it's a tough time for graduates right now, so we would like to honor their achievements!

Blessing the Mothers

Who are our first sanctuary.

Who fashion a space of blessing within their own being:

With the belly, the bone and the blood, or, if not with these, then with the durable heart that offers itself to break and grow wide, to gather itself around another as refuge, as home.

Who lean into the wonder and terror of loving what they can hold but cannot contain.

Who remain in some part of themselves always awake, a corner of consciousness keeping perpetual vigil.

Who know that the story is what endures is what binds us is what runs deeper even than blood

And so they spin them in celebration of what abides and benediction on what remains:

A simple gladness that latches onto us and graces us on our way.

—*Jan Richardson*