

Events for the upcoming Week at Holy Cross – Mailing out on July 20th!

Our bible study, “What is God Saying Today” will meet in person and on zoom on Thursday, July 22nd (noon in person, and 5 pm on zoom) the Gospel is John 6:1-21

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055018008?pwd=SlJHN0lkcWhlUVF3aWE4MkEzV1BRdz09> Meeting ID: 840 5501 8008 Passcode: 569519

This Sunday, July 25th is WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN! AT 10 AM

We had a great time on the 11th but learned a few things – bring a hat, or an umbrella just to be safe! Water is smart, too. Its early (10 am) but can still get hot out there! We will have two exciting events that day – Receiving our RIC certificate and banner! (hooray!) and also awarding 7 \$500 scholarships to deserving young people we know! Very exciting. You know you want to come – so RSVP to 503 364 6041 today (no later than Friday noon) **If you can help set up or take down, please call the office – 503 364 6041.**

Church Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:30 pm. Tuesday crew continues to meet most Tuesdays from about 9 am to 11am (they are organizing our space to make room for items from our ‘storage space’ at the Easter House.

Please chat with Council (especially Steve Tweet) and congratulate them on completing the sale of the Easter House to Family Promise to be an integral part of their outreach to folks ‘climbing out’ of homelessness! Good job, council!

Plan to attend worship on August 1 at 10 am in the sanctuary as I end my ministry with you good people. Also, if you can stay afterwards for a lunch (in the garden) we would love that. Contact the church office soon! 503 364 6041

Note from Pastor P – My last day will be August 1, 2021, and I am attempting to make a lot of connections before that day – call me at church, or email me patriciamakesjam@gmail.com if you want to set something up. Thanks!

Every week, you can find our recorded worship elements on our website – www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org or on Facebook. Bless you all in these fabulous Oregon Days! Please pray for our leadership here at Holy Cross!

Pastor Patricia+

Sheep without a Shepherd The gospel for today has this verse about Jesus' response to the crowds - As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. There's a lot of theology in this one sentence from Mark. The gospels are chock full of visuals, and evocative stories that can get pretty complicated. But Mark, the gospel writer here, is able to give us the main point in just a few words. They were like sheep without a shepherd. The scene comes to mind immediately, sheep in a pasture, or out on a rocky place, but there is no shepherd to lead them, so they could get in trouble, eating the wrong thing or fall or be subject to predators. Being in charge of livestock is a holy responsibility, isn't it? Of course, it's Fair time here in Oregon. I love to go to the fair, especially the barns full of animals. My husband Joe is a very good sport. I drag him to every barn, and we look at the goats, and the pigs and the llamas, and the horses and cows, and I even love the chicken house. Did you raise animals for the county fair? I never did, we moved a lot, and I never put down a lot of roots. But I know families who did. Who do now. And I like those kids, those families. I am so impressed at the responsibilities that the kids learn. It's a fearful thing, though, raising animals. I know. I have chickens now, and I lost one to a predator. It's a hard thing. The kids who raise animals for the fair really understand that - its life and death - they feed them, keep them warm, but not too warm, get them water, and worry and call the vet if they get sick. I think it's the trust that the animals have for us when we care for them that is really sobering. It's up to us. We've gotta do our best - a life depends on it. When you hear this gospel reading that says Jesus sees the folks who need him like they are sheep without a shepherd, do you identify with how his stomach must feel? Somebody needs to act. Do you feel that way when you look at the need in our world today? The homeless? The hungry? That's how Jesus felt - and Jesus does act, but it's not an accident that Jesus, the son of God, who lived a life here on earth, gathers a group of people, the disciples, around him, as he begins an intentional ministry of love and care. He doesn't function alone. The disciples are part of Jesus' plan. Mark particularly focuses on their ministry and life together in this area around the sea of Galilee. There is bonding, and care, between Jesus and the disciples. They hang out together, they ask a lot of questions, and make a lot of mistakes. The ministry in Galilee goes from town to town, caring for folks, healing, and feeding. And the disciples participate. Take note of verse 32 And **they** went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Then in 33 - now many saw **them** going - Jesus and the disciples have become a unit - folks are looking to them all for the help they desperately need. They are bonded. In The beginning of the reading in Mark 6 Jesus cares for the disciples - pushing them to rest - because they have been pouring themselves out for others following his lead. They are too tired to help anyone else, so Jesus shows them how important rest is. These snippets from Mark's Gospel point us to recognize that Jesus and the disciples were a team - focused on good. Sure, sometimes, Jesus has to reorient the team, and sometimes they act pretty scared, and seem to have forgotten what He has been teaching them. But a team they are. I believe when the church in our time is functioning at its best, the world sees a team taking action, caring for those in need, feeding, sheltering, being the church. One way the church shows it's care for each other is in the sacrament of Holy Communion. People need to eat. Jesus shows his care for the disciples, and others in the gift of food. When we share communion together, it is an act of caring. As Jesus cares for the disciples, so he continues to care for the church. The church is at its best when we show that community care. Sometimes in church, we take time to honor one person, or one group, and lift up their contributions, and caring for a larger world. But, mostly, a church that is following Jesus is getting things done - caring for their neighbors, with the compassion that Jesus models for us. It's why we still need the church, friends, to help us band together to reach out for good. Jesus and the disciples were the church in that moment of time. Today we are the church. I challenge us to work together as Jesus taught. Amen. - Pastor Patricia Hughes

**Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church
July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding
and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may
embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

READINGS AND PSALM

Jeremiah 23:1-6

From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Christ healing the multitudes

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 332 *"I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say"*

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The people of our congregation were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall never hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

At this time, you may remember the gift of holy communion with your own bread and cup.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy,
Through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
And send us as joyful witnesses,
That your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

BLESSING - HENRI FREDERIC AMIEL

Life is short
and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And Go in Peace to love and serve The Lord.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

From sundaysandseasons.com.
Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Praying together at Holy Cross – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Hope is
our
Mission**



Pastor
Patricia Hughes



Retires
August 1,
2021



Worship in the Sanctuary of
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
at 10:00am

**Lunch Reception immediately following in the
Garden at Holy Cross.**

**Join us to CELEBRATE a faithful CAREER and the
TIME that has been devoted to making the
Corner of Lansing and Sunnyview a shining
example of God's Work
Our Hands**



2755 Hollywood Dr NE, Salem, OR 97305 – McKay Park

Churches in East Salem are seeking to cast off the old divisions. We're leaning in toward building a united family, a group of Christians who believe that the church is strongest when it worships together, listens together, and serves together.

Join us for one stop on that long journey: an evening of ice cream and worship at McKay Park (2755 Hollywood Dr NE, Salem, OR 97305). August 8th at 6:30pm. Free ice cream provided by Keizer Ice Cream.