

**From your Interim Coordinator – July 26, 2022**

**There is NO church at Holy Cross next Sunday!** Did you know there is NO worship service at Holy Cross this coming Sunday, July 31, 2022. Instead,

We will be celebrating our Lutheran heritage by joining with our sister ELCA congregation and fellow “Better Together” partner, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, for a joint worship service of the Word and Sacrament at **10:00 AM on Sunday, July 31, 2022**, at their building, which is located at **4440 State Street, Salem, OR 97301**. Recent Luther Seminary graduate, Vicar Sena Norton will be presiding/preaching and following service there will be a community conversation social time with refreshments in their Gathering Space. Do not miss this opportunity to reestablish connections that have been on hold during the two years of the pandemic. The future of both of our congregations will be enhanced if we team up and work together in obtaining a joint, full-time pastor, to serve both of our church families and facilities.

Last Sunday we held a Service of the Word and Sacrament, presided by our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske. If you missed attending worship, you may watch a recording of these events on the Holy Cross YouTube channel at; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHbmFBDWLGfW-jcI8jRhOQ>

Last Friday the funeral service for Jennie Reisch was held and our sanctuary was filled with friends and family to honor her memory. Please continue to keep the family of Jennie in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, please continue your prayers for Ray Miller and his family as he deals with health issues in the hospital. We have received word that he may be discharged soon and return home. That is great news!

If anyone needs pastoral care or would like to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office so that we can arrange it.

This Thursday, the Transition Team is gathering to acknowledge the completion of the Ministry Site Profile and determine its future steps. They will meet at 6:30 PM, but not at the church. Instead, please meet at The Yard Food Park which is located at 4106 State Street.

Please do not forget that service this coming Sunday is at Christ the Good Shepherd, not Holy Cross. I hope we have a large showing of our church family as we discuss the future options available to us. If you have any questions or concerns about the transition and events at our church, do not hesitate to me via email or phone.

Together with you in Christ, Bryan Struve, Interim Coordinator

**Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
July 31, 2022 – Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.  
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and  
to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**READINGS AND PSALM** *God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.*

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*Search out wisdom, for all is vanity*

**Psalms 49:1-12**

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)*

**Colossians 3:1-11**

*Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God*

**Luke 12:13-21**

*Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasure*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 775 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”**

### **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**

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busyness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress (*especially*). Renew us at your table of mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints (*especially*). Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## **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.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**