

From your Interim Coordinator – August 17, 2022

Attention, Holy Cross Lutheran Church family and friends, we will hold our second joint worship service with our fellow ELCA and Better Together partner, Christ the Good Shepherd, this time here at Holy Cross, on the corner of Lansing and Sunnyview. Our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske will preside over the Service of the Word and Sacrament and Vicar Sena Norton will preach the sermon. Sonya Zieske will be playing hymns on the organ and Gail Struve will provide piano accompaniment to the Setting Eight liturgy. All are welcome. Please join us for worship together, this **Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 10 AM.**

After the joint worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and some social time. The theme of Community Conversation #2 is Sharing Christ's Love. How have we been blessed by Christ in our personal lives and at church. How do we continue to pass along these blessings to the community around us as we are getting smaller in numbers and continuing to age. Please plan to attend and expressing your thoughts on the future of your church and ministry in Salem.

Last Sunday we held a normal Service of the Word and Sacrament presided by Pastor Curtis Zieske. If you missed attending the worship, you may watch this and other video recordings on the Holy Cross YouTube channel at; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHbmFBDWLG1W-jcI8jRhOQ>

A reminder that the final Sunday of August (8/28) will be the day that the Endowment Committee presents the scholarship awards and is also the deadline for bringing in your school supplies to the church.

Also, please continue to respond to the Member Contact Information Form that we sent out last week and update your email address and contact information. You may reply via email, call the church office, drop it off on Sunday or mail in your response. Thanks for keeping us connected to you!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the transition and events at our church, do not hesitate to contact Loran or I via email or phone.

Together with you in Christ, Bryan Struve, Interim Coordinator

**Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church
August 21, 2022 – Eleventh 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

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures
surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give
us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of
human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry

Psalms 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 526 “God Is Here”

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.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (*local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named*). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially*). God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (*congregational leaders may be named*). God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in 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.