



Weekly Email Blast!

This past week, Pastor Patricia (me) and Pastor Joe met with our 5 confirmands by zoom for our class on the Lord's Prayer. It was quite a time. One of the group didn't have a camera so we couldn't see him, and one used her mom's phone, so she kept turning the phone from side to side - popping her picture from vertical to horizontal throughout the class!

These 5 confirmands from our two churches (Holy Cross and Peace) have been learning for two years now. The first year we learned about the Holy Bible, and the second year we have learned about Martin Luther, and the history of the Reformation. We have studied the Small Catechism together as well. These young people are an amazing resource - caring and inquisitive - and love God and their church. As we get closer to Pentecost, May 31, when they are due to Affirm their Baptism, in a ceremony we have often called Confirmation, it is my hope you will keep them all in prayer for God to bless them and their lives with everything good. Thank you my friends, Pastor Patricia Hughes.

The confirmands names are: Clay Barrett Nyquest, Chloe Addison Elmore, and Cole Allen Elmore, Riley Kirk Olson, and Aliyah Nicole Tan. Thank you for your prayers.

We're still looking for 2020 graduates so we can celebrate their achievements!

Please email Janet at staff@holycrosslutheran-salem.org or call her at the office at 503/364-6041 with information on the graduate, like where they are graduating from, if they're headed to college or a new job, etc.

It's not limited to high school seniors—if you know a graduate from a trade school, community college or college, please let us know.

Every Thursday, we have a zoom meeting (a conversation on the computer or phone) we are calling, "What is God Saying Today?" We meet at 5 pm so that working people are able to join us. This week, April 30th, we will be talking about Psalm 23 (the psalm appointed for this Sunday, May 3). This is such a familiar psalm, used in so many ways and instances. Can you think of a time or a place when you have a strong memory of Psalm 23? Share that with us on our Thursday Zoom meeting, won't you? - blessings Pastor P+

We will use the Zoom platform and the lectionary for the Sunday coming up – I find that at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Zoom Instructions for Participants:

Sometime before 5 pm on Thursdays

You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.

Here is the link to our meeting – it's the same every Thursday – I recommend logging into Zoom and signing in (it is free to register) and then entering the meeting ID in the box provided.

Zoom Meeting ID: 782-5295-9541782 5295 9541 Password: 9ZvcXn

News from the Oregon Synod and our Bishop: Synod Assembly has been postponed (likely until fall)

Has your congregation designated a COVID-19 point person yet? Please invite your representative to share their contact information with [Jan Weirima](#) of the Oregon Synod Disaster Response Network.

Please visit [www.http://oregonsynod.org/](http://oregonsynod.org/). The following pages are regularly updated with new content as we receive it.

[COVID-19 resources](#)

[Ideas & Resources for Worship & Connection](#)

Additional resources from the ELCA: paycheck protection program, in home worship resources, and so much more!

[ELCA Public Health Page](#)

PRAYERS FOR

Our global family as we confront this pandemic

Those on the frontlines, serving in healthcare, food supply, childcare, sanitation, and other essential services

Those who have lost all source of income

Those that are sick, and those caring for sick loved ones

Our church family as we all deal with new forms of worship and work to stay connected through new forms of gatherings and worship heading into Easter.

Those that have already lost beloved members to COVID-19

Those that are in transition