

**Greetings! Here's some things about Holy Cross to help you catch up this week!**

We are in Marion County, Oregon, which is currently in Phase 1 of reopening as of May 20, 2020. The guidelines state we must remain in phase 1 AT LEAST 21 days, so June 10<sup>th</sup> would be the earliest we would move into Phase 2. Your leadership and I (Pastor Patricia) have been on many conference calls with state and local authorities to learn about this, and we have documents about what is permitted/expected in each phase. Please see <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon> for more information about these guidelines.

Here's our take on the wisdom of reopening our church – *Your leadership is prayerfully considering all the information, including sanitizing of space before and after each use, (which will probably mean removing many things from the sanctuary that are resistant to sanitizing), and discerning a way we can invite people to worship that does not exceed the total number allowed for each phase. (Do we send invitations, or turn people away at the door when we hit our limit?) Do we run more than one service in order to accommodate these limits? Then there is the matter of our immunocompromised members and friends, as well as those over 60 who are still advised to shelter in place until Phase 3 or later. Additional concerns are worship practices which we love but have been identified as problematic in this time of infection – such as communal singing, choir singing, taking communion and maintaining social distance. Please know we are working on these.* Phase 2 increases the number of people allowed in a space to 50 persons, which will be slightly more workable than the current limit of 25. Please be in prayer for your leadership at this time, and know that we appreciate your patience as we work to take care of you.

**Dates to remember – May 31 is Pentecost! Wear Red, and come to our drive up communion at 2 pm in the parking lot (bring your own bread and wine, as before). At this event we will also honor our confirmands who will be affirming their baptism in small private services with me this week. Please come prepared to honk and wave and congratulate them. BEFORE SUNDAY – Please get your flame drawings (with notes to the confirmands if you like) to the CHURCH- we have a wonderful display for them, and we need your flames! Again, their names are Clay Barrett Nyquest, Chloe Addison Elmore, Cole Allen Elmore. This is a surprise for them, so don't tell!**

Phone calls,etc. We now have 3 different groups making calls, or sending notes to our membership – Council, Stewardship and Janet, church secretary. Here's why – in times like these, communication is key. (Janet is calling to verify your address, and contact info, Council and Stewardship are calling to check on how you're doing in these times of stress). Please know, we are praying for you continually, and yearning for the day we can be together again – blessings – Pastor Patricia+

**Praying together at Holy Cross – May 31, 2020**

**We pray for those in leadership in our country, our state and our cities. May God sustain them and continue to point them to compassionate, quick and well-informed response.**



**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray for those who are sick, or struggling with physical limitations. Be our healer, Lord.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray for purpose and focus in our lives – give us clear indication of how we may serve.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray the end of a school year, and graduations. Give those achieving milestones a sense of completion, and satisfaction for a job done well.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray for those dealing with ‘pandemic fatigue’. Remind us that we are beloved children of God.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray for the farmers and ranchers and all who work in those industries, that they be safe and know how important they are.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**For this and all those matters, circumstances and individuals whose needs are brought to mind at this time.** *(specific people are mentioned here)*

**Lord, in your mercy**      Hear Our Prayer

**We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – may we each be filled and whole. We pray for Clay, Chloe and Cole making their Affirmation of Baptism this week. Thank you, Lord, for loving us. It is what makes all the difference. Amen.**

**WORSHIPPING AT HOME WITH HOLY CROSS – PENTECOST**  
**MAY 31, 2020.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,

and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW 403 “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”**

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
  
- 2 To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

**\*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

*Please open your Bible to the following readings;*

**\*\*FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**\*\*SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-3**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Glory and praise to you, O lord Jesus Christ?**

**\*\*GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 (A recorded version can be found on [www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org))**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please see attached prayers.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE 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. As you worship in your homes, we remember the gift of communion that we share.

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.***

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

**LORD'S PRAYER** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen.**

