

Hello, Holy Cross Friends! **This mailing is a little different, because we want very much for you to fill out the enclosed post card and mail it back to us!**

Some folks have already told us they would prefer to get contact from us by email, and we have stopped mailing to them. BUT, we thought we would ask EVERYONE – what’s your preferred method of contact? And we will do our best to honor that. Janet has been scanning the entire mailout packet and including that in our weekly email blast, so you won’t miss out on anything if you prefer to have us contact you that way. Janet’s email is staff@holycrosslutheran-salem.org or you can call her at 503 364-6041. – Thanks for your help! Pastor P+

Our 2020 Graduates: Congratulations and Many blessings to all!

Ezekiel Mushaney is graduating from McMinnville High School. He is the great-grandson of Suzanne Stephen.

Makenna Falkenstein-Barker is graduating from high school in Lewiston, ID. She is a trombone playing music major who will be attending Whitworth University in Spokane, WA this fall. She is the granddaughter of Jerry & Kathy Barker.

Chloe Elmore is graduating from Sprague high School and will be attending Western Oregon University this fall. She recently took first place in the Cherriots Bus art competition. She is the daughter of Travis and Tawnya Elmore.

Caleb Sell is graduating from Cascade High School and is planning on attending Linfield University and playing football. He is the grandson of Loran & Peggy Sell.

NEXT – We are having a zoom Worship for Ascension Thursday May 21 at 7 pm – so we will cancel “What is God saying today” this Thursday. The zoom information is here - Topic: Ascension Zoom Worship - Holden Evening Prayer

Time: May 21, 2020 07:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting (by computer)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86060436933?pwd=MGZiYkFsTENkMnplNWtYZ1hpWmx2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 860 6043 6933 Password: 165581

By telephone -Dial in +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Pentecost is coming! Sunday May 31st at 2 pm we will have a Pentecost Drive Up Communion (bring your own bread and wine and follow Oregon law re: open container) – ALSO we will honor the Confirmands that day – **COLOR FLAMES FOR EACH OF THEM, PLEASE**, and mail them to church or bring them by – We will have the chance to wave at all them and congratulate them! They are Clay Barrett Nyquest, Chloe Addison Elmore & Cole Allen Elmore.

Praying together at Holy Cross – May 24, 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 ill, with Covid 19. We pray for those struggling with chronic illness or pain. *(specific people are mentioned here)*

Lord, in your mercy Hear Our Prayer

We pray to be useful – give us meaningful work, and appropriate compensation. Be with those struggling with employment. *(specific people are mentioned here)*

Lord, in your mercy Hear Our Prayer

We pray for learning, and the spark to keep our children learning all year long. For teachers and staff whose work has changed and keeps changing. *(specific people are mentioned here)*

Lord, in your mercy Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the appropriate use of time, including rest and restoration. *(specific people are mentioned here)*

Lord, in your mercy Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the spring and the gift of new life in the garden and the fields. *(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 your Ascension, Lord, and for all those graduates in our midst this year – give them joy, and remind them of your love for them. Thank you, Lord, for loving us. It is what makes all the difference. Amen.

**WORSHIPPING AT HOME WITH HOLY CROSS - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
EASTER - MAY 24, 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 666 "What Wondrous Love is This"

1) What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2) When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for
My soul

3) To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,

who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 1:6-14**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

****PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

****SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

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 7:1-11 (A recorded version can be found on 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.**

