

Events for the upcoming Week at Holy Cross – Mailing out on May 25thth

Our Theme for this season after Pentecost is “Hope is our Mission” Can you imagine how Hope can be Your Mission this week?

*Our bible study, “What is God Saying Today” will **meet in person and on zoom on Thursday, May 27th (noon in person, and 5 pm on zoom) the Gospel is John 3:1-17!***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84055018008?pwd=SlJHN0lkcWhlUVF3aWE4MkEzV1BRdzO9> Meeting ID: 840 5501 8008 Passcode: 569519

We are not meeting on June 3 and June 10 – Pastor has family in town!

This Sunday, May 30th we will have Drive up Communion at 12 noon – we will also have a box to receive your RIC response forms.

AND, for something completely different – are you interested in this?

Coming up – Can you help? We have 4 garden worships planned this summer (ALL SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10 AM!). Here’s the list – Call Janet in the office to volunteer for one of these tasks, won’t you?

Worship Team for each event (Pastor, pianist, and Assisting Minister already assigned)

Dates June 13, June 27, July 11 and July 25th

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
Altar care set up	
Usher helper	
Setup of chairs	
Set up of speakers	
Set up of recording	
Take down of chairs	
Take down of speakers/equipment	
Clean up of Altar	

Every week, you can find our recorded worship elements on our website – www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org or on Facebook. Bless you all in these fabulous Oregon Days! Please pray for our leadership here at Holy Cross!

Pastor Patricia+

The Drama of Pentecost - I read an article this week about returning to movie theaters in the spring and summer of this year. After 15 months of mostly not being allowed in theaters, what will bring the audiences back do you think? What will bring you back? At my house we watched some of those Netflix premieres, and even Apple premieres – The Tom Hanks WW2 movie, and they were fun. But, in my heart, what will bring me back to watch a movie in a theater again will be the sheer beauty of a scene painted across the 45 feet of a movie theater. I saw a revival of Lawrence of Arabia once in a theater, and the sheer beauty of the landscapes – vast oceans of sand, caravans of camels that lasted for miles – that’s what kept me in my seat, mouth open in wonder, as the credits began to roll. It seems to me, if the movie makers are going to get us back in their spaces, we aren’t really looking for drama. I’ve had enough drama these past months. Maybe you have too. We’ve had drama – attempting to keep ourselves and the ones we love safe for these past months. Will this outbreak claim more lives? Will they be lives we know? Will those we love who get ill be able to survive their illness? Will they be one who suddenly takes a turn for the worse? The roller coaster of covid 19 has continued. It seems like nearly every day in these times, I would be relieved at the survival of people I know, only to be decimated by the names and faces in the obituaries, in the daily covid reports in my email. I have had enough drama for awhile. The roller coaster of this pandemic has made me yearn for green pastures, simple conversation with people I care about, and, perhaps most of all, the assurance of God’s love.

Pentecost is an exciting feast day in the church – we often call it the birthday of the church, because, as we read in the Acts 2 passage, the disciples, feeling adrift 50 days after Easter, are gifted with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Wind, the Ruach that blew across the waters in the first chapter of Genesis to create the world, creates a new desire a new focus for each of the disciples. Spreading the good news of God’s love through Christ for each of us, and everyone else. The disciples are filled, and are sent out. And the world is changed. This is dramatic gospel.

The Gospel reading from John is the counterpoint to that drama. While the apostles are sent out, filled with God’s spirit and fire, the gospel gives us Jesus’ calm heart to heart conversation with the small group he has loved, cared for, and inspired, all this time. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Jesus tells the disciples. When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. The holy spirit, the advocate, the helper – that is what you will receive from God. It’s all you need. Jesus tells them that by leaving them, and returning to God, ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. We talked about this in our bible study this week. Why does Jesus have to go away for the spirit to come to the believers? Couldn’t they have both – Jesus around the campfire and the spirit in their hearts? But, no, it couldn’t be that way, and truly, we wouldn’t have wanted it that way. Because while Jesus was here on earth, they wanted to be with him, to sit with him and listen to him, and be inspired to do what he wanted – to change hearts and minds, and change the world. But once he has returned to God, the spirit comes, and the disciples go out. To other communities, other places, other opportunities where they can talk about God’s love, God’s son, and God’s possibilities for the world. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; Jesus says, and then this ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All the gifts, all the life changing love and power that Jesus had while on earth, now comes to the disciples. The spirit will make it so. And all the opportunity to change the world – that comes to the disciples, too. The Acts2 reading begins what I call the acts 2 revolution – the world is changed forever, through these, the sent out in Christ’s name. But the drama of that event is not the important thing to me, at least today as we share this time. The gift – in the heart of each believer – sent to change the world – that’s the drama of Pentecost. Given to the disciples that day, given to each of you, as the body of Christ. God bless you as you go forth to change the world. Amen. –
Pastor Patricia+

Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church

May 30, 2021 – Holy Trinity Sunday

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READINGS AND PSALM

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 *(see attached)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy,
Through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
And send us as joyful witnesses,
That your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(led by the Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the

world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.**

BLESSING - HENRI FREDERIC AMIEL

Life is short

and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

And Go in Peace to love and serve The Lord.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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Praying together at Holy Cross – May 30, 2021 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for nations suffering conflict and poverty. Bring peace and plenty to their shores.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Be with all those who continue to deal with Covid-19 illness and loss.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this worshiping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

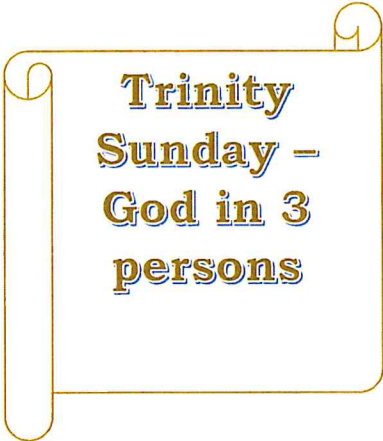
We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.



**Trinity
Sunday –
God in 3
persons**