

**Events for the upcoming Week at Holy Cross – Mailing out on June 29th**

**First things first – how are you? The heat emergency in our area was very real, people suffered. Are you ok? Call the pastor if you have needs.**

I was very sad to cancel our worship again on June 27<sup>th</sup> (we canceled for rain on June 13, and for sun on June 27 – what’s next – pestilence?)

Our plan has been to ‘go dark’ on July 4 due to so many people having out of town plans. All 5 worship offerings will be available online, however.

**Upcoming Dates for Garden worship - July 11 and July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**(Special events on both of these dates – on July 11<sup>th</sup> we will feature a Baptism (hooray!) and on July 25<sup>th</sup> we will award scholarships to our Endowment Fund recipients! Also we will celebrate our RIC status with joy! Both events will include receptions after worship.**

**Also this week – Tuesday crew every Tuesday from 9 to 11 am, and Thursday noon Bible Study in person, and Thursday 5 pm Zoom Bible Study. If you need the zoom link, let Janet in the office know!**

*A huge thank you to the Tuesday crew for erecting a Shade Sail outside on the courtyard/garden. It looks great and gives the worship team a bit of shade. Thank you so much.*

*We had to miss our scheduled conversation about RIC after worship on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We plan to reschedule that conversation soon. Thank you for your tolerance.*

*Enjoy this time, folks, when so many people are taking ‘time away’ to recharge, and renew. Bless you all for all we’ve been through this year, and for all your caring for each other.*

Every week, you can find our recorded worship elements on our website – [www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org](http://www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org) or on Facebook.

**Pastor Patricia+**

**Healing, Grief and What's Next?** Our Gospel reading is a story of two healings. More than just giving good sermons, Jesus got down to business and helped people directly, by healing their ills. More than that, however, Jesus, God's son spends his time addressing the needs of the people he encounters. That's something we need to hear in our day and time. We find ourselves in an unusual time, a time where many things are 'coming out of the dark' of the pandemic that has killed millions and changed us all, but also a time when grief is a very present part of our daily lives, and needs to be. The reading from Lamentations for today gives us a way to touch the grief that surrounds us. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." I'm going to hold that hope in one hand, today, while I touch the grief that comes from the last 15 months. I, like you, have begun to do some things that we have been unable to do during the pandemic, like have conversations with people. I chatted with our veterinarian this past week. She knew I was a pastor, and asked, "have you lost a lot of people to the pandemic?" And so the trails of thoughts began in my head. Have I lost a lot of people? Well, yes. There was the longtime church member who was officially diagnosed with covid and died within 48 hours of that diagnosis. There are the elderly church members who encountered so much isolation and loneliness during the pandemic, that their aging process seemed to speed up and hasten their journey to death. There are the folks who, in the isolation of pandemic, spent so much time alone that imagining re-entry into social interactions is a fearful thing for them to imagine. There are the lost opportunities that the pandemic brought – careers stalled, educational pursuits slowed or cancelled. There is the feeling of disconnectedness as we encounter the stark and frightening plight of the houseless in our own neighborhood. Somebody should do something, we think. But what, and who? Grief is the real product of our time in pandemic, my friends. And grief is layered throughout the gospel for today. Can we take time to learn from Mark's writing? Jesus is back on the Jewish side of the lake, mobbed by crowds, and yet sought out by Jairus, a prosperous, connected man, whose daughter is terribly ill. And so, he seeks help from this dubious preacher and healer – and Jesus sets out to help. But another story overlaps with his – the woman who has been ill for years, her illness would have meant she could not attend the temple, and no one could touch her without also being put out of the temple. Her sadness, her isolation is real. She reaches out in faith to touch the garment of the healer, and her illness ends. But Jesus stops cold, to call out to know who touched him, and there, in the midst of people who avoided her for years, she admits it was she, who, in faith, reached out for what she needed the most – connection, healing. And then Jesus' focus is again on Jairus, but when they get to his home, his little girl has died from her illness. Jesus is not deterred and speaks to the deceased child, little girl, come out. And, in his quiet way, Jesus conquers death all in a moment, an outgrowth of his compassion for Jairus, his compassion for the entire world. These stories all touch on grief, don't they? And loss. In this afternoon walkabout Jesus is among his people, offering hope to people whose loss is real, whose grief is evident. Hope is his mission. What will we take from this, my friends, from God's son who shows up, if sometimes a little late, to connect with our pain, and loss? I am reminded of lamentations, the steadfast love of the lord never ceases, his mercy never comes to an end. But I also notice that the stories of these people in need are intertwined, they touch each other, they intersect. None of us lives in a bubble, and none of us are unaffected by the pain and struggle of another. We simply must find a way to connect to the pain and loss of the least of us, as we struggle through these days as a pandemic seems to subside. We must think about those we have lost in the pandemic. We must ponder what each of us has lost in the pandemic. And offer hope. Maybe it's giving an encouraging smile to the folks with signs that say hungry, need help. Maybe its joining hands with other churches and agencies like Family Promise making a difference where they can. Maybe its in having conversations again and saying, "Did you lose a lot in the pandemic?" Our stories are connected my friends. Speak Hope to all those you encounter. Amen. – Pastor Patricia Hughes

**Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**July 4, 2021 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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.**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**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**

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **READINGS AND PSALM**

### **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*The call of Ezekiel*

### **Psalm 123**

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

### **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*God's power made perfect in weakness*

### **Mark 6:1-13**

*Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal*

## **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 576** *"We Are All One In Mission"*

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
  
- 2 We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
  
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **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**

### **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**

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.**

## Praying together at Holy Cross – The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 2021

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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



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