



School Supply time is here! Washington Elementary School called us for help. They are completely out of supplies!

You can choose whatever you would like to buy from the list below. If you would rather donate money and not shop for supplies yourself, you can make checks out to Suzanne Stephen or Gae Nichols and they will shop for you!

***All supplies need to be at the church no later than August 22nd.*** Here's the list:

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| Backpacks                       | #2 pencils                |
| Pink erasers                    | Expo dry erase markers    |
| Expo fine tip dry erase markers | Regular markers           |
| Skinny Expo markers             | Glue sticks               |
| Elmer's glue                    | 24 pack Crayons           |
| Boxes of Kleenex                | Primary Journals          |
| Highlighters                    | Wide rule comp. notebooks |
| College rule notebooks          | Colored pencils           |
| Wide rule spiral notebooks      | Solid colored folders     |
| Rulers                          | Standard lined paper      |
| 1-1/2" binders                  | Drawing notepad           |
| Mechanical pencils              | Eraser caps               |
| Grid/graph paper                | Earbuds/headphones        |
| Math journal                    | Pens                      |

If you have any questions, please give Suzanne (503/910-1183), Gae (503/871-8175) or Janet (503/364-6041) a call.

## **Events for the upcoming Week at Holy Cross – Mailing out on July 27th**

Hello, friends. This is the last one of these I will write, as I retire as your pastor on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, after a fulfilling 7 ½ years with you good people.

The last few weeks have been unusual – lots of goodbye moments, lots of visits with homebound folks. This past Sunday, we had a jubilant outdoor garden worship with recognition of our RIC status (Reconciling in Christ – an intentional welcoming of people from all gender identities, sexual orientations and races) which was joyful. We also recognized our 7 scholarship recipients – I was so pleased that several of our student/recipients were able to show up, and the others each had a family member present to receive our thanks, best wishes, and a bouquet of flowers, too!

Our friends, Judy and Pastor John Maas showed up too, and that was wonderful.

This Sunday, we worship in the sanctuary – August 1 at 10 am! Please RSVP – I'm sure you realize that in these covid times we need to make a plan for social distancing for everyone. We wear masks when we are indoors this Sunday, as we continue to take precautions for the 'least of these' – the under 12s who have not been able to receive a vaccination.

I haven't got a sermon written yet (better pray for that one), but I'm looking forward to seeing you all and smiling at you! We have a luncheon reception in the garden afterwards which means I'll be able to see all your smiling faces.

Remember, the Church Council is in charge (they always were!!) and the Bishop's office will make plans to arrange for an interim pastor. In the meantime, worship will be handled by guest pastors for a specific Sunday (stay tuned for more info!).

This Thursday, at noon our Bible study groups are meeting at Wallery's Pizza in West Salem at 12 noon (hoping to have our bible study and eat lunch together). If you were ever part of the bible study – or wanted to be – you are welcome! (Wallerys – 1555 Edgewater st nw, Salem, OR – 503 362-6858).

We will still have the 5 pm zoom bible study just in case folks can't make it in person! (Bible study topic is John 6:24-35)

Remember, you are God's much loved people, folks, God loves you and so do I. This week, and next 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+**

**Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of dreamers,

We are often oblivious to the ways in which we oppress and are complicity in the oppression of our neighbors. We have sinned through our actions and our lack of action. Our sins are unique and varied and yet we are all consumed by the same fire of sinfulness. We have not loved and welcomed the LGBTQIA+ community into the church with open arms and a mindset of re-imagining. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may live and serve you in newness of life in your holy name.

**When we have had power, we forgot what it is for.**

**We raised ourselves further up.**

**We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love,  
to lift up the voices of those beaten down.**

**When we have been weak, we have let ourselves be told  
we are broken beyond repair, and forgot the promise  
that each of us is Your child, made in Your image.**

**We have listened to the siren song of the world  
that says what we get is what we deserve.**

**We have forgotten your grace.**

**In this space, remind us.**

Hear the good news! God has not watched from far way, but has come near to be with us, to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life. God has declared that we are not separate, but children of one family, united in Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**  
Alleluia!

**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**

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat  
and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only  
from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **READINGS AND PSALM**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*The LORD gives manna in the wilderness*

Psalms 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24,  
25)

Ephesians 4:1-16

*Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35  
*Christ the bread of life*

### **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 485 "I Am The Bread Of Life"**

### **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**

#### **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.  
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. **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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**Broken and Beloved** Today's gospel is the familiar story of hungry men, women and children, being fed on a hillside at the sea of Galilee. They were people who were hungry for what Jesus had to offer them. They were people who were following Jesus as he and his disciples were ministering in Galilee – they were eager to hear what Jesus had to say, and to be witnesses to his healings – maybe even be healed themselves. This is an important story from the bible, all 4 gospel writers recount this event. And it is an accessible story for you and I – we have all experienced hunger, and can put ourselves in the place of being fed as the crowd was fed. Today, though, as we read and ponder the gospel writer, John's account, I am drawn to the radical change of the status quo that Jesus models, which echoes through our celebration today at Holy Cross. Picture the hillside, with me, won't you, and the eager, yearning crowds gathered there, seeking healing. John's narrative takes the time to mention that Passover is near – and so, my thoughts drift to the celebration of Passover which would have taken place in Jerusalem, in the temple, organized so that men in good standing were invited to worship near the altar, and women and children allowed to be further away, and non Jews would be left to gather outside the colonnades, only eavesdropping on the holy rituals offered in that temple. I believe Jesus' heart was grieved for the barriers created by humanity between worship, and adoration of the Creator, and true caring for humanity. Here, on the hillside of plenty, all find a comfortable place on the grass, and food is passed to share – no questions asked – enough to feed them all – indeed the plenty is so great that 12 baskets full are gathered up of the broken pieces left over from the barley loaves. Jesus' vision of the church is here – on that grassy hillside in Galilee, just as I believe that vision is here in the garden courtyard of Holy cross on the corner of Sunnyview and Lansing. We have taken the steps and had the conversations necessary to put up signs that make our inclusion of all people, without artificial barriers related to their gender, their sexual orientation, or race an expectation. All are truly welcome, just as on the hillside that day. I wonder, now, how do we as followers of Christ, continue to model the openhanded inclusion of Jesus from John 6? Remember, the crowds were invited to rest, and be fed, not just gather for teaching or worship. This narrative is a model of the beloved community – where care and regard are manifested by the church Jesus founded to ensure an equitable life for everyone. I am so encouraged by your leadership here at Holy Cross – since the last time we met, the documents have been signed to sell our property just across the parking lot to Family Promise, with whom we have partnered for many years, in order to facilitate the creation of expanded housing for families on the edge in our community. How else shall we as people of God address the needs of our community? Our city cleared out and cleaned out several homeless camps within a mile of our church this week. What shall we do as Jesus followers to serve in the gap? The needs of those displaced people continues. What is our role in offering practical support? John chapter 6 shows Jesus first noticing, and then responding to the needs of those gathered in a practical and generous way. How are we called to be practical and generous to the obvious needs that surround us here, in our own neighborhood? There is much to challenge us in this gospel, today, friends, but there is just as much to comfort us, especially in these days when the trauma of pandemic has affected us all. "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." Jesus says. There are so many moments in these times, when you and I are aware of our brokenness. Brokenness over the illness of so many, the death of people close to us, and of so many we never met. Brokenness over the disruption of our lives, the lost opportunities of being together, the relationships which did not survive the pandemic. But the image of brokenness for me as your pastor will always connect to the action of breaking the bread for holy communion, following Jesus' own example. I truly miss not being able to place a torn piece of bread in your open hands at the chancel rail. Please know that I am picturing placing that gift in each hand during all the communion moments we have shared together. I give you each, today and always, to hold in each heart, the image of the brokenness of Christ, given to the world, and to each of you, individually, to nurture you, and to create the beloved community of Christ in all the world. Amen.

– Pastor Patricia+



**Praying together at Holy Cross – The Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost August 1, 2021**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers  
for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the  
baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of  
ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore  
the unity of the faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over  
deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction,  
and strengthen the work of conservation organizations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with  
patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the  
well-being of the community.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those  
who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread  
from heaven that gives life to the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of  
hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or  
elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life  
until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear Our Prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving  
love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**Hope is  
our  
Mission**