

Events for the upcoming Week at Holy Cross – Mailing out on July 6th!

A Special event this week – Friday, July 9th at 11 am in the Holy Cross Sanctuary – Service of Eternal Life for Arnold Larson. *Please RSVP in the office, 503 364 6041 so we can plan well.* The state safety requirements for churches shifted on June 30th, and we are allowed more people in the sanctuary. The guidelines require us to check vaccination cards if people go without masks. As we as churches are required to honor, the “least of these” – our under 12s who have no vaccine yet – we will continue to wear masks indoors for safety. Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Dates for Garden worship - July 11 and July 25th

(Special events on both of these dates – on July 11th we will feature a Baptism (hooray!) and on July 25th 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!

Every week, you can find our recorded worship elements on our website – www.holycrosslutheran-salem.org or on Facebook.

A note from Pastor P –

Folks, the date for my retirement is getting closer – **August 1** is less than 4 weeks away. Won't you call, or email or 'check in' with me in some way before we say goodbye on August 1? I am making lots of visits these days, but I need your help to 'end well.' Bless you,

Pastor Patricia+

Doing Good in God's Name - I brought my oil today. Lots of you folks are familiar with my oil. When I visit people in the hospital, I bring my oil, and, often, anoint the person who is ill or recovering or about to have a scary procedure. And the reading for today is why. Mark 6:13 The disciples cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. Did you see that? The disciples are curing the sick, and anointing with oil is part of the process. This whole reading for today could be summarized under the header – “Doing good work in God’s name” Because we start with Jesus doing the good work, and end with the disciples. But this reading isn’t a laundry list of how to bring God’s mojo to bear in a situation – it’s actually about building the character needed to be God’s emissary in a world that isn’t easy to love. Think for a minute, will you, about people you have known who you felt embodied God’s love and did God’s work in the world. Maybe they were kind people, who went out of their way to offer kindness and a smile in your life. But maybe they were people who shook things up, in order to point out injustice or just plain bad behavior. I think of Martin Luther King Junior, who spoke out against injustice and was jailed for his positions. The account here of Jesus’ actions in Mark 6 remind me that being a follower of Christ can, instead, often take us into conflict. Jesus has gone to his home town, and even ends up in his home church or synagogue, where he speaks. He’s been doing this all along – throughout Galilee, but this is different. The people there know him, and know his family. They sound pretty unpleasant when they say, ‘where did he get all this? And what about the deeds of power? Isn’t he the one who’s the son of Mary, and aren’t his brothers and sisters our neighbors? And they took offense at him. Jesus makes a remark, but then it seems his powers are blunted there, in that hotbed of disbelief. It’s not a coincidence that he focuses on teaching the disciples following this, in order to prepare them. People will not always welcome you, oh followers of Jesus, nor will they roll out the red carpet. The disciples need to know this, and so do you. Folks will not always be interested in hearing about Jesus or associating with us as we try to spread Jesus’ message. Have you experienced that? Some rejection at the hands of those who don’t appreciate your message of God’s love? If you haven’t, I humbly suggest, you may be doing it wrong. Jesus, God’s son was sent to us with a mission – to change the world. Have you noticed that he does it a lot through parables? Narratives about people and circumstance that are designed to pull the curtain back on a world that’s pretty noisy, pretty busy. And when the curtain is pulled back, we can look at the world, and at ourselves, in the way that Jesus does. I’m going to tell you a secret that I learned a while ago (finally) about Jesus’ parables. The parables are all about me! Now wait, I don’t mean they’re all about me because I’m such a star and need my own stage for people to adore me. No, listen close – they are all about me! But, of course, for you, they are all about you! And here’s why – even when Jesus is talking about ‘difficult people’ making hurtful comments or even acting selfishly – He’s not telling us that so we will come away from a story thinking – gee there are some real unpleasant people in the world. No. He’s telling us that story about unkind or vengeful people so that we realize they are us! We all have the opportunity, the reality of being pretty unkind and selfish, don’t we? I sure do. I know in my heart just how self involved I can be, and how being ‘other-focused’ is always a stretch. But it’s a stretch Jesus invites us to join Him in. In today’s Gospel, I think we can see pretty easily that we are the sent out in the end of the reading, and Jesus wants us to be ready for a poor reception, and to travel light, but to shake the dust from our sandals if it doesn’t work out. But I also know that Jesus wants us to realize that we are also the unpleasant townspeople in the first part of the reading. The ones who throw unkind comments at Jesus and his followers, and even imply that he’s illegitimate. The ones whose perception of Jesus is frozen as a boy raised among them, and won’t give him and his followers a chance now that he is an adult, and is living into the mission God gave him on earth, as His Son. The parables are all about me! And you, of course. Flawed, sinful, self involved people, who at the same time are entrusted with Jesus’ message of complete love for all. You can do it, friends, get out there and heal in Jesus’ name. The power is yours. Amen. – Pastor Patricia Hughes

**Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church
July 11, 2021 – Seventh 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

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS AND PSALM

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David and the house of Israel dance before the LORD

Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in. (Ps. 24:7)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist

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 812 “Faith of Our Fathers”

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

3 Faith of our fathers! We will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

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.

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Praying together at Holy Cross – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodians and Tuesday Crew, for our office staff and for all of our volunteers.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever.

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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Mission