

From your Council President – September 21, 2021

Welcome to Autumn. Even if calendars did not list the first day of Fall, last weekend's weather was nature giving notice that the seasons have changed. Along with the much-needed rain and cooler temperatures other events earmarked the passing of summer.

The Oregon State Fair was held in late August after being cancelled last year. Schools started with full in-person classes for the first time since sending the kids home for Spring Break back in March 2020. This September brought the return of football, on the high school, college, and professional level. Mt. Angel just held their annual Oktoberfest celebration with the motto, "The Joy of Being Together Again!"

While all these events do usher in Fall, they also have the distinction of having large groups of people massed together in impossible to maintain socially distant spaces. This comes at a time when traditionally the cold and flu season begins, and we exchange the various germs between us. We cannot avoid living our lives, but we can take steps to be safe.

Continue following the protocols that you have been over the past year. Practice good hygiene, washing your hands often, monitor your health conditions and stay home if you are running a fever or feeling unwell. Seek out medical care if your symptoms persist and a day or two of rest cannot shake your run-down feeling. Let your loved ones and church know if you are not feeling well. We all need to watch for and care for each other. It is one way we can be the presence of Christ on earth, helping our fellow neighbor.

Recharging our tank with the love and grace of Jesus Christ is a necessary step in giving us the energy and commitment to serve all those that need our help throughout the week. Worship is an important way we can refill our tank. We just held a service of the Word and Sacrament with the Reverend Swee last Sunday and again sat, socially distant, with masks, listening to the choir sing the liturgy and share special music with us.

Your church council will lead a Service of the Word this **Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 10:00 AM in our Sanctuary**. There will be NO music nor Communion. There will be a message of reflection on what our church has been and where it is heading. I hope you will join us if you are able and feel comfortable in doing so. Your health and safety are our first priority.

Even if you cannot attend the service, please reach out to the council members via email or phone with your questions or concerns about our church.

Always Your Faithful Servant in Christ, Bryan Struve, Council President

**Worshipping at Home with Holy Cross Lutheran Church
September 26, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS AND PSALM

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The LORD's spirit comes upon seventy elders

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

James 5:13-20

Prayer and anointing in the community

Mark 9:38-50

Warnings to those who obstruct faith

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. *Alleluia.*

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 557 "Awake, My Soul, And With The Sun"

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

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through 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

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in 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. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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