

From your Interim Coordinator – May 24, 2022

Last Sunday we held a Service of the Word and Sacrament led by our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske. He reflected on the keynote speaker, Dr. Susan Abraham's address at the Synod Assembly the prior weekend and the overall theme of Trusting in the Spirit Jesus Promises. If you were unable to attend worship with us last week, you may watch a recording of this service and other previous worship events on the Holy Cross YouTube channel at; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHbmFBDWLG1W-jcI8jRhOQ>

You may also find links to recordings of the Synod Assembly on the Oregon Synod website at oregonsynod.org.

This coming Memorial Weekend on **Sunday, May 29, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, we will hold a short Service of the Word in the Sanctuary at Holy Cross. We will use the sermon time to hear from our Synod delegates; Andrew Miller and Loran & Peggy Sell, about the workshops they attended and their thoughts on what was discussed during the Assembly. All are welcome, please join with us for worship at Holy Cross, Sunday at 10 AM.

Weekly, you are invited to attend Bible Study on Thursdays at noon in the Holy Cross library. Contact Carolyn Ford or the church office for more information.

Also, this Thursday, May 26, 2022, marks Ascension Day on the Church calendar and we have been invited by Pastor Joe Hughes to join with his congregation in West Salem for worship in singing Holden Evening Prayer followed by a time of fellowship. The service begins at 7:00 PM at Peace Lutheran Church, 1525 Glen Creek Rd. in West Salem.

The month of May ends soon, and we need to keep three dates in mind as we move into June. On June 4, 2022, the Salem Community Chorus is holding a concert at St. Mark Lutheran Church from 7-8 PM.

The deadline for scholarship applications to be submitted to the Endowment Committee is June 15, 2022.

Finally, on June 24, 2022, the Salem Leadership Foundation is holding its Fancy Friday celebration and fund raiser. Please contact the church office for details as we are trying to pull together a second table to host from Holy Cross.

Please keep your church, your leadership, and your fellow members in your thoughts and prayers as we continue our transition journey. Do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email with your questions or concerns.

Always your faithful servant in Christ, Bryan Struve, Interim Coordinator

Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church
May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.
Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READINGS AND PSALM *God speaks to us in scripture reading and song.*

Acts 16:16-34

While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptized

Psalm 97

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Blessed are those who wash their robes

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 392 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry (*especially Helen Tipton, Ray Miller, Rob Nelson, Bob Derry, Anna Westcott and Jan Scully*). Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit’s gift of faith. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters (*like Jiří Tranovský, whom we*

commemorate today). Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,

that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**