

May 31, 2022

Dear Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Salem Oregon Family,

Do you remember the quote I mentioned at the beginning of this transition process?

The past is in your head. The future is in your hands.

As we move forward in this process, arduous as it is, it is important to reflect on some facts that exist for Holy Cross. One to ponder that is totally outside of our control is the FACT that the bank can only acknowledge the name for the “Business” of Holy Cross in just the way I greeted you (not including the word family). The Patriot Act has made that happen.

So as we move forward in this NEW time

Post pandemic

Association Age to the now Authentic Age

We are facing things that have never been faced in the history of Holy Cross. This call process comes to us at a time when there is reduced numbers of attendees in most smaller churches across the world, not just us. There is a smaller number of pastors to choose from etc. This presented an additional challenge to the Transition Team to discern what our Ministry Site Profile might look like for this time of evaluation. We have come to grips with moving forward in the Profile and addressing some of the questions that were skipped in the last Profile with an agreement in place with the Synod. These questions dive a little deeper into the makeup of our congregation and the Lansing neighborhood in which Holy Cross is located. We should have it ready in early to mid-June to bring you all together to review, comment and make changes to it. Yours in Christ, Karen Halvorson

Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church
June 5, 2022 – Pentecost

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

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Genesis 11:1-9 (alternate)

God destroys the tower of Babel

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 396 “Spirit of Gentleness”

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 Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds.

Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering (*especially Helen Tipton, Ray Miller, Rob Nelson, Bob Derry, Anna Westcott and Jan Scully*). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel (*as you did for Boniface, whom we commemorate today*). Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. 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.**