

From your Interim Coordinator – June 14, 2022

I write this cover letter to you on Flag Day 2022 as we look forward to Father's Day weekend and another Sunday of worship at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Flag Day is the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and was established in 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation declaring the national Flag Birthday to be on June 14.

He stated, *"The flag of the United States has not been created by rhetorical sentences in declarations of independence and in bills of rights. It has been created by the experience of a great people, and nothing is written upon it that has not been written by their life. It is the embodiment, not of a sentiment, but of a history."* - Woodrow Wilson

Remember those words and how it applies to the long, rich history of Holy Cross as we move through this time of transition. Our church is the combined experience of a great many people, whose trust in God, belief in Christ, and powered by the Holy Spirit has allowed us to serve our community and each other for over eight decades on the corner of Lansing and Sunnyview.

Last Sunday we celebrated Holy Trinity Sunday with a Service of the Word and Sacrament led by our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske. While we may not fully understand the Triune God and how the Father, Son and Spirit are at one the same, yet separate, our faith allows us the Grace to receive forgiveness and serve others as Christ served us. 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/UCiHbmFBDWLGlW-jcI8jRhOQ>

This coming **Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, we will hold a short, lay led Service of the Word. We will honor all fathers and you can expect an update from your Transition Team. All are welcome, please join with us for worship if you are able, Sunday at 10 AM.

We will again hold Bible Study on Thursday at noon in the Holy Cross library. Contact Carolyn Ford or the church office for more information.

Reservations for *FANCY FRIDAY*, Salem Leadership Foundation's annual celebration and fundraiser, closes this week. We still have some space at our second table for Friday, June 24th. Please contact Bryan or the church office for details if you would like to attend.

Finally, please "Save the Date" of July 10th as a Congregational Meeting after worship to review and approve our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document is one of the necessary steps in calling our next pastor.

Together with you in Christ, Bryan Struve, Interim Coordinator

Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church
June 19, 2022 – Second Sunday of Pentecost

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose steadfast love and mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet sent to a rebellious people

Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (*Ps. 22:22*)

Galatians 3:23-29

In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 843 “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness”

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them (*especially*). At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.