

From your Interim Coordinator – June 21, 2022

I hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day weekend and Juneteenth holiday. The forecast says we should dry out a bit and get warmer so maybe summer weather is finally here as we pass the summer solstice, and the daylight begins to get shorter each day. Hopefully, we will not see any heat wave like last year.

Last Sunday we celebrated Father's Day with a short Service of the Word. We spoke the liturgy and readings and after a brief history of what Juneteenth commemorates, the message reflected on each of the lessons and how they apply to Holy Cross and its members today. 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>

This coming **Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, we will hold Service of the Word and Sacrament led by our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske. In addition to singing the Liturgy of Setting Eight, we will have readings of the lessons and gospel and a sermon. This will be followed by Holy Communion using the individual serving cups. All are welcome, please join with us for worship if you are able, Sunday at 10 AM.

This week is filled with in person meetings of the various groups at church.

First, we are having our monthly Property Committee meeting on Tuesday morning, June 21 at 10:00 AM. Then we will hold the June Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 PM.

We will again be gathering for Bible Study on Thursday, June 23 at noon in the Holy Cross library. Contact Carolyn Ford or the church office for more information.

Finally, the Transition Team will hold their weekly meeting Thursday evening, June 23 at 6:30 PM. They are finalizing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to be shared with the congregation in July.

Salem Leadership Foundation's annual celebration and fundraiser, *FANCY FRIDAY*, will be held this Friday, June 24th at Noon. We have fourteen members attending from Holy Cross.

Finally, please "Save the Date" of **July 10, 2022**, 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 26, 2022 – Third 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of 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

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us
with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving
behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing

Psalm 16

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth’s ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. 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.

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

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.