

From your Interim Coordinator – June 28, 2022

Summer has arrived and brought the hot weather with it. I hope you all managed to stay cool during our mini heat wave. The forecast looks to have milder temperatures for the holiday weekend, so we might get a nice 4th of July BBQ and fireworks show IF the rain stays away.

Last Sunday we held a Service of the Word and Sacrament led by our Interim, Pastor Curtis Zieske. In addition to the liturgy and readings we heard a sermon from Pastor Curtis and sang “The Summons,” also known as “Will You Come and Follow Me.” The Tweets provided refreshments afterwards. 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, July 3, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, we welcome Vicar Sena Norton to Holy Cross. She will preside over a Service of the Word and Sacrament using ELW Setting Eight. Vicar Norton recently graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and is currently completing her internship at Christ the Good Shepherd while awaiting her first call. All are welcome, please join with us for worship if you are able, Sunday at 10 AM.

This week is much less hectic for meetings at church, the one that is scheduled is our regular group verse by verse Bible Study on Thursday. We will mark the last day of June when we gather at noon in the Holy Cross library to read and discuss Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. Contact Carolyn Ford or the church office for more information.

After the holiday weekend we get busy again with a new month filled with meetings as we continue our transition journey. First up is on July 5, 2022. Loran and I along with other members of your Council/Transition Team are meeting with Synod leadership at Christ the Good Shepherd to start the exploration of a possible partnership in a multi-point parish approach to pastoral care. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either Loran or me prior to Tuesday, July 5th.

And again, I ask you to please “Save the Date” of **July 10, 2022**, and plan to attend 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.

With all these things, your opinions and feedback are important. We are trying different ideas at worship along with some new technology. Let us know how we are doing and what you would like to see happen. Thanks for your input.

Always your servant in Christ, Bryan Struve, Interim Coordinator

**Worship at Home - Holy Cross Lutheran Church
July 3, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Pentecost**

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

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the
mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's
journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem, a nursing mother giving life to her children

Psalms 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16

Do what is right now and reap at the harvest time

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Jesus sends out seventy disciples into the harvest

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.

Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ’s new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth’s natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you (*especially Thomas the Apostle, whom we remember today*). Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. 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

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.**

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.