

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Know Christ and Share God's Love

WEEKLY VOICE

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Don't Wait For The Kingdom - See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

About Us



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Church office is open
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday through Friday

A congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

This Week at
Holy Cross
Dec. 2nd - Dec. 8th

Have You Filled Out Your Pledge Card Yet?

Sunday, December 2

Worship and Communion 8:15 am
Sunday School & Coffee Hour 9:30 am

Parents Forum 9:45 am
Worship and Communion 10:45 am

Hospitality Team Meeting 12:00 pm

Women's Health and Wellness 12:00 pm

Monday, December 3

Boy Scouts 7:00 pm*

Tuesday, December 4

Alanon 11:00 am
Text Study 12:00 pm
Bible R&C 2:00 pm
Executive Team Meeting 5:15 pm
High Country Chorus 6:00 pm
Alanon 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 5

Staff Meeting 1:00 pm
Why Not Wednesday (Please See Announcement for Schedule) 5:15 pm
Alanon 7:30 pm*

Thursday, December 6

Alanon 6:00 pm
Doll Ministry 7:00 pm

Friday, December 7

Troubadours 9:30 am
Alanon Step Study 10:30 am*
Alanon 12:00 pm

Saturday, December 8

NarAnon 8:00 am
Worship Band Rehearsal 9:00 am
Alanon 10:00 am

*Denotes Community Group

Click [here](#) for a Full Holy Cross Calendar



Join our Mailing List



Did you know Holy Cross has a facebook page? Like us to keep updated on what's happening.

	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	E-Mail: _____
	Phone: _____
	As part of my/our commitment to ministry at Holy Cross, and in thanks to God, live plan to give to God's work through Holy Cross in 2019 (please fill out one): \$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks \$ _____ monthly for 12 months \$ _____ annually

Just a friendly reminder to turn your pledge cards in as soon as possible. A basket will be available during worship to place your cards into (or feel free to mail them) as we seek to *Live Courageously & Generously* into the mission God has called us to here at Holy Cross.

Your Pledge Matters
Thank You For Your Giving

WHY NOT wednesdays?

*resumes November 28
for three weeks*

5:15-6:00 p.m.—Orff Instrument Ensemble for Kids
6:00-6:30 p.m.—Dinner for Everyone!
6:30-7:30 p.m.—SonRise Singers Choir, Confirmation,
Senior High School Bible Study, Adult Education Class
7:30-7:55 p.m.—Compline (Worship for Everyone)

Come join us!

November 28, December 5, December 12

**Those Who Serve
Sunday,
December 2nd
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Pastor: Ron Bock

Assisting Minister:
Earline Bohling

Readers:
Becky Soderfelt/Steve Iona

Sound:
Martin Piphon

Nursery:
Kelly Blood & Charlie Rex/
Katrina and Daniel Schaeffer

Communion Stewards:
Cheryl Almquist, Diane Brunson
& Jack Knight/
Anne Marie Kaspersen,
Alyssa Kaspersen &
Michael Massa

Acolytes:
Scott Figurski/Kennan Narracci

Usher Captains:
Rex Thomsen/Gary Crocker

Tellers:
John Beverly & Merle Lydick/
Ed Fogle & Mike Davidson

Communion Clean Up:
Barb Dierdorf &
Mary Kvamme/
Janet and Steve Iona

Bus Driver:
Jim Ritter

Greeters:
Dale Holden &
Angie and Gene Youngmann/
Ashley Harris & Norma Pickett

Bread Baker:
Dan Letendre

Flower Delivery:
Karen DeJean

Hospitality Table:
Voanne Bertelsen/Sarah Hughes

Welcome Pads:
Voanne Bertelsen



**Donate To Holy Cross Ministry Partners
On Colorado Gives Day**

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Family Promise of Greater Denver, Inc.

Wheat Ridge Community Foundation (Feed The Future)

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

The Action Center

Family Tree, LLC

Urban Servant Corps

Project Angel Heart

Go to coloradogives.org and type in the name of the organization you want to give to under "Find A Nonprofit"

By giving on Colorado Gives Day - a portion of your donation will be matched.



Adult Education

December 2

- Living the Questions: Out Into The World. Facilitated by Ellen and Steve Robinson
- Parent Forum (Please see "Youth News" for further information).

December 9

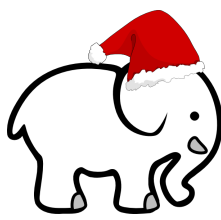
- Living the Questions: Restoring Relations, facilitator Kari Kloos
- EST DVD presentation "Happening, A Clean Energy Revolution" will be shown for adult education at 9:30 in Asel Hall. The movie is a positive search for clean energy around the US and is hosted by James Redford (son of Robert).

Youth News

Parent Forum

We will be talking about Mental Health Awareness during the Sunday School hour on **December 2nd**. There will be a guest speaker that will help us understand what our students are going through! Come join the conversation



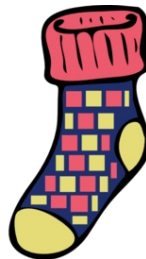


White Elephant Gift Party

Make sure to mark your calendars for a White Elephant Gift Exchange on **Sunday, December 9th at 9:30 am**. There will be holiday music, games and fun! Both parents and students are invited; make sure to keep an eye out for more information!

Jeffco Action Center and Holiday Gift Shop

A grateful abundance of thanks to all of those who participated in the Gifts of Hope Fair and donated to the Jeffco Action Center and Holiday Gift Shop (formerly known as Santa Shop). A box will be in the Narthex to those who missed the chance to give or would like to continue to do so, until **Saturday, December 8th**. Thank you once again and Happy Holidays!



Sock It To Em' Sock Collection

A big **"THANK YOU"** to all those who brought socks to the Gifts of Hope Festival. With everyone's help, we far exceeded our goal of 100 pairs; with 243 pairs of socks donated, including: 94 Pairs of Men's, 43 Pairs of Women's and 106 Pairs of Youth and Kid's. Socks are the number one need of the homeless. Thanks for all the generosity! We will continue to collect socks all year with a box in the Narthex.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant "Once Upon A Night"

If you are in preschool through middle school and would like to be a part of this, please join us for practices during Sunday School time:

Dec. 2nd

Dec. 9th

from 9:30 -10:30 am. There will also be a one hour dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 1:00 pm. Please know that you are welcome, even if you can't make it to all of the practices! If you have a friend or neighbor or grandchild who would like to be a part of this, please invite them to come too! The Christmas pageant will be on

Sunday, December 16th at 9:30 am

during the worship service. If you have any questions please contact

Kim Guinn or Mary Haeger!



Teller Needed

Teller wanted who is available to serve at the early service. Being a teller requires only a short time investment and is done after the offering collection during the service. You will work with a partner and be trained on the duties. Contact the church Office or Gary Crocker for more information.



Thank You!

Annual Reports Due

Can you believe we are coming to the end of yet another beautiful year? With that being said, this is just a friendly reminder that Annual Reports are due to Kamila in the office by

Wednesday, January 2nd. There is so much to take care of this holiday season, but make sure you mark the deadline down on your calendar!



Coffee Hour Help Needed

To all Coffee Hour Lovers:

WE NEED YOU!!! Please consider helping out with clean-up on Potluck Sundays. Treats are provided thanks to our *AWESOME* Congregation, and very little cleanup is needed since dishes brought are disposable, recycled or go home, and mugs can be put in the dishwasher by the user. So clean up is really putting items back into the cabinets, cleaning out the coffee pots, and starting the dishwasher.

If you are willing to donate 15 minutes of your time after Coffee Hour or before 2nd service (just once or twice a year!), please join me on Sunday 11/18 for an informal clean up training (around 10:30). It doesn't take much time but this is something *YOU CAN DO* to keep Coffee Hour going strong. Coffee Hour is an incredible opportunity for fellowship and sharing. Let's keep it vibrant by working together as a Holy Cross Community!

Peace to you all!

Dale Holden
303-349-8602

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

Attention "Scrapbookers"

Did you miss the first scrap booking get together? No worries, come join in on the fun at the next "crop". You can catch up on your photo albums, learn new techniques and make new friends! All are welcome to attend these FREE events.



Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (open crop-come and go as your schedule permits)

Dates:

Saturday, December 22nd

Saturday, January 26th

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church (enter through the main entrance on the East side of the church)

Includes:

- 8 feet of table space per person
- Access to punches, border makers and plenty of ideas
- Well lit classroom with both natural and fluorescent light
- Free, convenient parking located on the East side of the church

Tea and water will be provided- please bring your own snacks and lunch.

Please R.S.V.P. Call Darlene Besser at (303)902-4669 or Sheri Zamora at (303)946-3810 to reserve your table space or for more information.

Feel free to contact Kamila with any requests to add your announcements to the Weekly Voice at 303-423-5654 or office@holycrosswheatridge.org. Announcements are required to be emailed or dropped off at the church office by Wednesday afternoon. The Voice is emailed on Thursday afternoons.

Ministry Partners



