

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Know Christ and Share God's Love*

WEEKLY VOICE

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## This Little Light Of Mine

Today is Epiphany. Today and in the Sundays following we celebrate the in-breaking of God's light. The readings help us understand that the manifestation of God is for all people everywhere. This is a message of radical inclusivity. The magi are drawn from the east to come to pay homage to the Christ child. They who were once far off are now embraced by the one true God, who has sent a Savior into the world. Likewise, Paul reports in Ephesians that he has been given grace to "bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ" (Eph. 3:8). Just as Isaiah had foretold, nations shall come to God's light (Isa. 60:3).

In this inclusive reality, everyone is welcome, and so are their gifts. Just as the magi showed their respect for Christ with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we can offer our gifts and talents to further the brightness of God's dawn. Whatever we bring-no matter how simple-is accepted and used for a mighty purpose.

There is also a sense of joy at this Epiphany. When the magi saw that the star they were following had stopped over the place where the Christ child lay, they were overwhelmed with joy (Matt. 2:10). The angel had declared to the shepherds that the newborn child would bring good news of great joy for all the people (Luke 2:10). Now again, Christ brings joy to all. Christianity is a truly joyful religion.

Through word and sacrament we too are invited to rise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. Fed and nourished in worship, we are sent forth to bear witness, to let our little lights shine.

## 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  
Jan. 6th - Jan. 12th**

**Sunday, January 6**

Worship and Communion 9:30 am

Hospitality Team Meeting

12:00 pm

Women's Health and Wellness  
12:00 pm

## Monday, January 7

Sewing Group 9:30 am  
Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm\*

## Tuesday, January 8

Forever Young Outing 11:00 am  
Alanon 11:00 am  
Text Study 12:00 pm  
Bible R&C 2:00 pm  
High Country Chorus 6:00 pm  
Alanon 7:00 pm  
EST Meeting 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, January

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Staff Meeting 1:00 pm  
SonRise Singers 6:00 pm  
Alanon 7:30 pm\*

## Thursday, January 10

*Wheat Ridge Police Department  
Conferences*

Amicitia Circle 10:00 am  
Alanon 6:00 pm  
Worship Team Meeting 5:30 pm  
Mission Team Meeting 6:30 pm

## Friday, January 11

*Wheat Ridge Police Department  
Conferences*

Troubadours 9:30 am  
Alanon 10:30 pm  
Alanon 12:00 pm

## Saturday, January 12

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

\*Denotes Community Group

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



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

## Those Who Serve Sunday, January 6th 9:30 am

Pastor: Ron Bock

*O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.*



## Single Worship Service Reminder

We are having worship service at 9:30 am on Sundays; remember to mark your calendars! Two services will resume **Sunday, January 13th!**

*a new*  
**Pray-Ground**  
*is coming to worship!*  
**January 13, 2019**



Get ready...



## Adult Education

**January 6**

No adult education or  
Sunday school. One 9:30 service.

**January 13**

**Living the Questions:  
The Prophetic Jesus**

## Youth News

**High School Bible  
Study and Sunday  
School**

Please enjoy this holiday season; we will see you back on January 13th for Sunday School and January 16th for Bible Study. Merry Christmas!



**RMS Youth Gathering**

**Assisting Minister:**  
Bev Fernald

**Reader:**  
Anne Pipho

**Sound Tech:**  
Martin Pipho

**Nursery:**  
Kelly Blood & Noel Wilson

**Communion Stewards:**  
Marth Lydick, Ed Woolley &  
Lacey Armenta

**Acolyte:**  
Scott Figurski

**Tellers:**  
Paula and Ralph Bunge

**Communion Clean Up:**  
Barb Dierdorff & Martha Lydick

**Bus Driver:**  
Jim Ritter

**Greeters:**  
Carol Kaiser

**Bread Baker:**  
Martha Lydick

**Hospitality Table:**  
Betty Morgan

**Welcome Pads:**  
Voanne Bertelsen

January 19th-21st

Those of you who are attending the gathering in January, be on the lookout for weekend information!



## Recycle Your Styrofoam

Please bring that White Christmas styrofoam to church on Sunday, Jan. 6. Sue Von Roedern's truck will be parked out front. Load the styrofoam into the back of her truck before or after the 9:30 am service on one of those two days. Give our planet a gift this year and keep

it out of the landfill!

## Environmental Stewardship Team

Every day is Earth Day! Make your New Year's resolution an environmental one. The Environmental Stewardship Team invites you to make a refrigerator magnet reminder on Sunday, January 20th in the Narthex!



## Tellers Needed

Tellers wanted that are 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!

## Volunteer Opportunities in the Nursery

Calling Nursery Volunteers!!

We have many youth

members who have signed

up to volunteer in the

nursery, but we are needing

adult volunteers as well. We have only *TWO* adults who are

currently volunteering in the nursery for the 10:45 service.



There are many people who graciously gave of their time for years and have decided to give in other ways. Please consider giving your time for our youngest members and visitors. This is an easy way to give to the congregation-- You can hear the service in the nursery. Most parents pick their children up before communion so you can often join worship for communion. Spending time with some adorable babies and toddlers is fun and rewarding. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

## Photography Class Meeting



Don't forget that there is a Photography Class Meeting **Saturday, January 5th at 9:00 am**. Come and meet the group. This month the class will be an introduction to the class and a feel for where the group would like to go. All are invited, all are

welcome.

Feel free to contact Kamila with any requests to add your announcements to the Weekly Voice at 303-423-5654 or [office@holycrosswheatridge.org](mailto: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



