

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Know Christ and Share God's Love*

WEEKLY VOICE

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## Becoming Who We Were Intended To Be

In this Christmas season we celebrate that Jesus has come among us to free us from our enslavement to sin and to restore the dignity of our human nature. With Christ dwelling richly within us, we are empowered to answer our divine callings.

In the gospel Jesus models this by spending time in his "Father's house," listening carefully and learning from the teachers. Because of this faithfulness, he increased in wisdom and "in divine and human favor." Likewise, Samuel learned from the scriptures. This helped him to grow both in stature and "in favor with the Lord and with the people."

Both Jesus and Samuel are young boys in today's texts, yet they're already in the temple answering their unique calls. This illuminates that as God's children, with the Spirit at work within us, it is never too soon to begin the work of ministry.

The Colossians text instructs us, as God's chosen ones, to clothe ourselves with love. Humility and the attributes of a servant will enable us to forgive one another and live in peace. In addition, a heart of gratitude is important.

Together, these scriptures help us recognize that each one of us is called through our baptism. God seals us with the Holy Spirit and sets about to transform us through that call. As we answer it, we become who God intends us to be.

*Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## About Us



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Monday through Friday

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

**This Week at  
Holy Cross  
Dec. 30th - Jan. 5th**



**Assisting Minister:**  
Bob Hinshaw

**Sound:**  
Gordy Ellingson

**Nursery:**  
Sophia Hassman & Sammi Meza

**Communion Stewards:**  
Darlene Besser, Josh Woolley &  
Daniel Schaeffer

**Acolyte:**  
Kendra Grves

**Usher Captains:**  
Rex Thomsen & Gary Crocker

**Tellers:**  
Ed Fogle & Mike Davidson

**Bus Driver:**  
Matt McGregor

**Greeters:**  
Tracy & Craig Lund

**Flower Delivery:**  
Lois and Vic Hoops

**Hospitality Table:**  
Betty Morgan

## 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

*January 19th-21st*

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

## 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!



## Recycle Your Styrofoam

Please bring that White Christmas styrofoam to church on Sunday, Dec. 30th and/or 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!

## Rainbow Trail News

### Registration is Open

Looking for a perfect gift? Give the gift of camp! Who wouldn't enjoy such a gift and relive all the memories made during their time at camp for years to come.

Each year Rainbow Trail opens registration in November, with first priority going to congregations from within the Rocky Mountain Synod. Then the first of January, the registration is opened to ALL interested parties and spots will fill up quickly. Please schedule your registrations in advance to avoid any potential disappointments.

Did you know Rainbow Trail has year round opportunities? Looking for a place to retreat, have a reunion or just refresh? Check out the additional opportunities that exist, visit the bulletin board located in the southwest hallway for more information or [CLICK HERE](#).



**Rainbow Trail Thanks You!**

What an amazing Colorado Gives Day. Thanks in part to your participation in Colorado Gives, RTLC raised just over \$88,000. We are truly humbled by the generosity of people towards RTLC. Thank you for your continuing support in many ways to the outdoor ministry at Rainbow Trail.



## 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. 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

