

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Know Christ and Share God's Love

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Gods Eyes Are Not Our Eyes

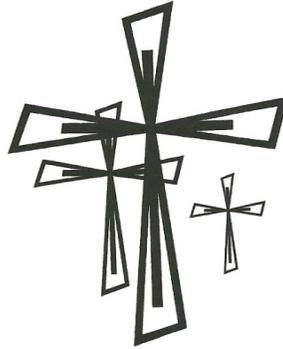
One heresy in the early church was called Donatism. The Donatists held that the sacraments were only efficacious if presided over by priests who were sinless. It didn't take the church long to realize that if it held to this policy there would be no sacraments for anyone. So if the gospel can be proclaimed through the preaching of a sinner, then we must allow for the possibility that God's healing may be accomplished through extraordinary means. God chooses a boy too young to be taken seriously to anoint as one chosen to lead Israel. When the prophet Samuel is sent by God to find the new king who will replace Saul, Samuel goes through a long line of all Jesse's tall, strapping, competent-looking sons of appropriate age. When none of them are chosen, finally Jesse sends for young David. All of the obvious-to-us choices were declined in favor of a boy. What we may see as authoritative, respectable, and trustworthy may not always align with God. Today's first reading reminds us that "the Lord does not see as mortals see" (1 Sam. 16:7).

This theme of sight runs throughout today's texts, both in terms of how God does not see as we see and also in Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus chooses to heal a blind man on the sabbath with dirt and saliva, much to the dismay of the good religious people who were certain they knew better than to display such questionable judgment and behavior. Lent is a time to reevaluate. Let it also be a time to examine the ways in which we do not see what

God is doing around us because we too think we know better. Bottom line: God often uses the unexpected to accomplish redemption.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



TO OUR HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Boy oh boy, do we miss you! Gathering in person during our Wednesday night Lenten series, our Sunday Worship, Coffee Hour and Sunday School and just having you stop by the office to say hello! However, we are making do with what we have as we continue to create ways for us to gather

together, in some way! That is why we are reaching out to you to remind you to contact the office (Office@holycrosswheatridge.org) if you need to update your Constant Contact or Realm information and also, make sure to check us out on Facebook for some live video feeds and some exciting things ahead! As the popular saying goes "This too shall pass" and we will once again be able to gather with one another, side by side; in the mean time please take advantage of gathering with us in the best way possible at this time and know that you always have your Holy Cross family supporting you.

With Love and Prayers,
Your Holy Cross Staff

THURSDAY GREETINGS

This week, as I attended a Luther Seminary Chapel Services online, a song was shared and I believe it's words may be of comfort to some of you today:

*Don't be afraid
My love is stronger
My love is stronger than your fear*

*Don't be afraid
My love is stronger
And I will promise
Promise to be always near*

Good news! Even if you do not have Facebook, you can watch our videos that we are doing via Zoom and Facebook live. On Wednesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 10am, use this link to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolyCrossWheatRidge/videos/>

If you were unable to watch our Lenten practice video last night, you can watch the video we have attached to this message. As we are all learning how this works, please note in this video, Zoom started recording before we were live on Facebook so the actual content starts at 2:10. We hope to make our videos available through email and Realm for all to access.

Please know our prayers are with you daily.
God's Peace,
Intern Pastor, Aly



Lectio Divina



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP

In June, 8 of our youth will be spending a week in Appalachia - living out their faith, growing in their understanding of God's love, and helping others - and they need your help. We may not all be able to go with them physically but they need us all to support them so that they can get there and do God's work; Holy Cross's work, with their hands.

Do you shop at King Soopers? Do you use a King Soopers card to get discounts on your groceries? If so, your regular shopping trip can turn into a financial donation for this trip. All it takes is five minutes of your time, on your computer or ours to make a difference.

If you supported the youth in the past with a King Soopers gift card, the program has changed and is now a little easier for you. You no longer have to refill a gift card, you just have to connect your King Soopers number to our Holy Cross community rewards account. Then, when you swipe your card or enter your Alternate ID, King Soopers will donate to the Holy Cross Youth group at no cost to you.

All you have to do is stop by our youth table during coffee hour or after church and we can help you connect your card to Holy Cross. Or you can take this sheet home with you and follow the instructions below. Thank you so much for your support.

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



Although we are experiencing a very serious and ever changing time, it is so important to take care of ourselves; including our mental health. Each week we will have a "pick me up" and if you'd like, please feel free to participate! Now, time for the first round - for the

upcoming week, send a picture(s) or video clips to office@holycrosswheatridge.org, of the very creative ways you and your loved ones are keeping themselves busy! Perhaps you're playing board games, trying a new recipe, drawing on the walls with marker...well lets hope not and if that's the case, they better be washable! Whatever you would like to share, please submit it by Wednesday, March 25th to be included into a video for the upcoming Weekly Voice!

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.

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