

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Know Christ and Share God's Love*

WEEKLY VOICE

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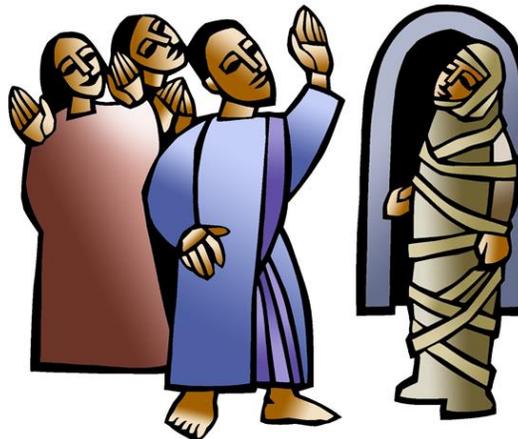
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## About Us



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY CROSS!

## The Hope of New Life

Hope overcomes despair for God's people: this is the message of the readings for today. The hope of new life is evident in the story of "dry bones" from Ezekiel. The children of Israel declare their hope is lost. The prophet's experience in the valley of dry bones inspires him to preach renewed hope to the people. Psalm 130 sings of hope in God and God's word. The work of God's Spirit gives hope of new life in Paul's letter to the church at Rome. The Gospel of John tells the hope-filled story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The gospel gives us encouraging words to sustain us through the approaching despair of Christ's passion and brings us to the fulfillment of hope on Easter. Martha's wistful words to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here. . . . But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him" (John 11:21-22), reflect the hope of God's people in the face of despair, even in the face of death.

Each text encourages hearers to hope in God and God's word. How do Christians experience unfulfilled hope? This is the challenge for those who interpret today's texts for hearers. Israel's woes are not at an end; other psalms tell of struggle and pain; the Christ-believers at Rome are persecuted; Jesus who raises Lazarus from the dead soon dies. And yet hope is fulfilled as Paul proclaims "all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26). Psalm 46 sings of God's presence in time of trouble. A preview of the hope of the resurrection will sustain believers in these final days of Lent (John 20:17). The Christian's confidence in the resurrection of the dead epitomizes their hope in Christ.

## **TUESDAY'S**

Zoom Tuesday's at Two  
Community Care 2:00 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY'S**

Zoom Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.  
Zoom COVID Response Team  
4:00 p.m.

## **THURSDAY'S**

Zoom Sunday School Gathering  
3:00 p.m.

## **FRIDAY'S**

Zoom Youth Group Check-In  
4:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY'S**

Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom Coffee Hour  
(Following Worship)



Don't forget to follow us on  
Facebook for more news,  
information and videos!

A reminder that if you have any  
pastoral care needs or just want  
to talk you may call:

- Pastor Ron (303)955-5037  
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- Aly Kohlmeyer (720)862-7644
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*Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR**

Just a quick note that there is a new link to the Sunday Morning Worship and Coffee Hour on Zoom!

Click the following link or type in the meeting ID:

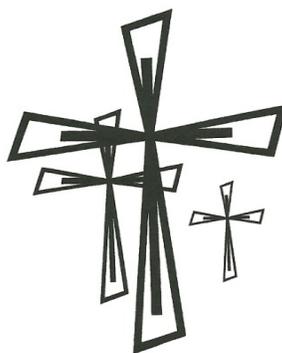
Join Zoom Meeting  
[www.zoom.us/j/671347885](https://www.zoom.us/j/671347885)

Meeting ID: 671 347 885



Make sure to update your devices; we can't wait for you to join us on Sunday Morning!

## **HOLY CROSS COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM**



There is an old saying, or curse, or blessing, of uncertain provenance, which says, "May you live in interesting times." That is certainly true today! Over the last several weeks, the coronavirus (COVID-19) has turned the world upside down. The stock market approaches Great Depression levels of descent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has now labeled this outbreak a "pandemic." Grocery stores

have looked like a World Wrestling Federation event. Every day ushers in new warnings about the potential severity of the coronavirus and with these warnings comes mixed messages. What are we to believe?

Regardless of your point of view, there is clearly a national and global emergency at hand. We, the leadership of Holy Cross, have taken the path of extreme caution for the sake of our congregation. We believe the impacts of the coronavirus (Covid-19) warrant serious and deliberate action on our part. Thus, we have created the Covid Response Team (CRT) as the voice of Holy Cross during this pandemic.

The Covid-19 Response Team will provide weekly updates in a variety of formats intended to reach all Holy Cross members. The overriding mission of CRT is to be a source of information and inspiration as we accompany each other traveling this uncharted path. To do so we are instituting a weekly every household contact so that in this time of separation we can remain connected to one another. We will also be a resource for those of our congregation

that may be in need as this pandemic goes on.

How long will the CRT be active? The short answer is, as long as necessary and then some. You also may wonder when we will be able to return to worship at Holy Cross. Initially, we hoped that worship would be suspended only through the end of March. Regrettably, the speed and the spread of the virus have made predicting the date for the return of services impossible. The return of services at Holy Cross will be based on the best guidance from our national, state, and local elected officials, health professionals, and our synod and church wide leaders.

What can you do during this time of uncertainty? Pray! Act! Believe! Prayer is the most powerful tool we have. Pray for your loved ones, pray for Holy Cross, pray for all those in need during this time of trial. Act out of kindness and unselfishness towards our sisters and brothers, whoever and wherever they may be. Act through continued financial support for Holy Cross and those charities that serve those less fortunate than us. Believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and the good works that can flow from a strong and abiding faith. While the path ahead may be uncharted, we live by faith and together by the grace of God, we will endure.

As a part of Holy Cross, you are never apart from Holy Cross!

Yours in Christ,  
Holy Cross Covid Response Team

## TUESDAYS AT TWO

Join us on Zoom on **Tuesdays at 2pm** for a time of community and care. We will gather to check in and pray together. Please use the following link to join us on Zoom



<https://zoom.us/j/812501376>

Meeting ID: 812 501 376

If you have any questions, please contact our Intern Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer at [alyk@holycrosswheatridge.org](mailto:alyk@holycrosswheatridge.org). We hope you can join us!

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
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## TITHES AND GIVING

If you would like to contribute an offering to Holy Cross, please choose from one of the following options:

1. You may mail offerings in to:  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
**4500 Wadsworth Blvd**  
**Wheat Ridge, CO 80033**

2. Click on this link to give online  
<https://onrealm.org/holycrosswheatridge/-/give/now>

3. Log into your Realm account and give through your online giving at [www.onrealm.org](http://www.onrealm.org).

For assistance with using your Realm account, email Scott Moore at [scottm@holycrosswheatridge.org](mailto:scottm@holycrosswheatridge.org)

## YOUTH NEWS

### Youth Group on Zoom

Join us on Mondays and Fridays at 4 p.m. for Youth Group on Zoom! We will be checking in with one another, playing a game and staying connected with each other.

The zoom link will be sent out before each meeting. If you need help getting on or figuring out how to use zoom please reach out so everyone can participate. I hope to see you all there!



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Youth and Families,

As we gather in our homes and begin this journey of "social distancing", I hope that we can still make the effort to interact with one another. We are all called to rely on God's peace and to be not afraid. I even find this strange time as a way to stop, breathe and let go. Give your worries to God and He will take care of them through it all. My faith verse is Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God," I would encourage you all to take this verse to heart with your time spent at home, even as frustrating as it might be, just be still at some point in your day. This will look different for everyone. For some, it is literally sitting on the floor and doing breathing exercises. For others, it is listening to music or reading a book or bible verse. Whatever it might be, take time to pray and ask God to calm your heart and mind. Rainbow Trail has this song, which I am sure some of you know and I want to end this letter with the song.

Be still and know I am God

Be still and know I am

Be still and know

Be still

Just Be

In God's Peace,

Allison

## LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

Last week the "pick me up" topic was to share the creative ways you and your loved ones are keeping busy!



(Tasman Davidson's "New School" - Great Job Tasman!)



(A new take on wine tours from the Helm/Fike's - Where do we sign up?)

Thank you for participating!

The next "Pick Me Up" topic is to share a recipe you have discovered or rediscovered!

Whatever you would like to share, please submit it by Wednesday, April 1st to be included into 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](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



