



Pentecost Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Progressive in Approach: Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: May 31, 2020

“I Can’t Breathe!”

Pastor Dawn Hutchings,
Musician: Marney Curran
Lector: Pat Lovell

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Welcome: **God who IS LOVE is with you all!**
God is with you indeed!

PRELUDE: ***Bitter Was the Night***
Music & Text: Sydney Carter

Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow forever.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Saw you passing by, told them all I didn’t know you.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Told them all a lie, and I told it three times over.
Bitter was the night before the break of day.

Call to Worship: **Come great Spirit**
produced by The Work of the People

Invocation: The grace of Christ,
who rises in every act of loving-kindness,
the LOVE who IS who IS the Source of All Being
and the power of the SPIRIT is with you all.

Prayer of the Day:

Wind of the Spirit, come. Sweep through your Church. Disturb, dare and demand of us. Blow away the cobwebs of mediocrity and cynicism. Howl through our midst and call us away from our dependence upon the status quo. Inspire us to audacious acts of faith so that we can dream dreams and see visions of your reign of justice and peace. Make of us a Pentecost people enflamed with a desire to make all things new. This we pray in the name of Jesus our Christ who lives and breathes in, with, through, and beyond us, now and forever. Amen.

Contemporary Reading: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss II's
"The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery"

"Here the cry of the Psalmist: "How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?....
and again...

My God, my God, why have you forsaken? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Five-thousand steps. Two-point-two miles.

A man just shy of his 26th birthday stepped out into the sun and ran for the final time upon this earth.

Five-thousand steps. Two-point-two miles.

He encountered two men who tested positive for Confederate-Covid-1619.

The disease is often asymptomatic. It spreads through human contact, rhetoric, ignorance, and family relationship.
Ahmaud Arbery, a man of potential was attacked and killed by men infected by America's most common and potent viral agent.

This virus alters the eyesight of the attacker, weaponizing the body giving the illusion of blackness as a threat, making melanin appear as a weapon, and any movement as potential danger.

It took ten weeks for an arrest to be made due to the potency of this viral agent.

It was necessary for a video tape to be released and pressure from prophetic voices to force the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to relieve the local Brunswick Georgia Police of their duty in this matter.

Another life taken. Another public lynching. Another news story. Another act of recorded black death.

It is disturbing that our nation has become comfortable with weekly broadcasts of black bodies falling to the ground. It has become an unsolicited prime-time series that we all hope and pray will be cancelled from the collective consciousness of America's civic memory.

Five-thousand steps. Two-point-two miles. The death of Ahmaud Arbery is not an anomaly."

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George Floyd

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Song of Praise: **Send Down the Fire**
Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Refrain

Send down the fire of your justice, send down the rains of your LOVE;
come send down the SPIRIT, breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.

Call us to be your compassion,
teach us the song of your LOVE;
give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,
make us ring with the song of your LOVE. **Refrain**

Call us to learn of your mercy,
teach us the way of your peace;
give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,
make us walk in the way of your peace. **Refrain**

Call us to answer oppression,
teach us the fire of your truth;
give righteous souls, till your justice rolls,
make us burn with the fire of your truth. **Refrain**

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are ONE in Christ Jesus.

Acclamation: **CHRIST Be With Me**
produced by The Work of the People

Gospel: Acts 2:1-21

The apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a mere Sabbath's walk away. Entering the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying—Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew; James ben-Alpheaus; Simon, a member of the Zealot sect; and Judah ben-Jacob. Also in their company were some of the women who followed Jesus, his mother Mary, and some of Jesus' sisters and brothers. With one mind they devoted themselves to constant prayer.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken.

They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, even in our own language, about the marvels of God."

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd:

"Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem!

Listen to what I have to say!

These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning!

No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

'In the days to come—

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

Your daughters and sons will prophesy,

your young people will see visions,

and your elders will dream dreams.

Even on the most insignificant of my people,

both women and men,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

And I will display wonders

in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below:

blood, fire and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness

and the moon will become blood

before the coming of the

great and sublime day of our God.

And all who call upon the name

of our God will be saved.'

Reflection: **"I Can't Breathe!"**

Music: **We Shall Overcome!**

Prayers of the Body

Lord's Prayer: Video produced by the ELCIC and our Full Communion Partners the Anglican Church of Canada

you are invited to pray the Lord's prayer using an interpretation or translation of your choice:
here are samples of various modern interpretations.

**LOVER of us all, MOST HOLY ONE
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil,
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.
All praise and honour is yours forever. Amen.**

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (A Paraphrase)

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come.
We pray that your good will be done.
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need.
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us
From each one to each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days:
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power
And the mercy, and the glory.
Forever your name is all one. Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

Interpretation based on the Syriac Aramaic

O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!
Soften the ground of our being and carve us a space with
us where Your Presence can abide.
Fill us with Your creativity so that we may be empowered
bear the fruit of Your mission.
Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our
desire. Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share
what each being needs to grow and flourish.
Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us, As we
release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us
from our true Purpose,
But illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.
For You are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth-
power and fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole
once again.
Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

New Zealand Prayer Book

L: Our creator God, Ancient of Days, Holy Mother of all worlds and living souls: Your arms, that once flung galaxies of stars like grains of sand, are open wide, and close enough to carry each of us like a father cradles his child next to his heart. May your sacred name be praised! May your realm extend, a commonwealth of mercy, peace and justice. Your love knits all created nature into one whole. Your will for us always is love; and so we pray:

All: may your love be done on earth, in time, as it is in eternity. Give all of us each day the bread we need, and hope to all who hunger for your life. And as we share our bread along the way, pardon us the times we've broken faith. Forgive our lack of loyalty and love; and move us quickly to forgiveness when wrongs are done to us. Do not abandon us in the time of hard testing. Save us from evil's every incarnation, from the powers that possess our spirits and our structures. Forever bind us to your liberating joy! For you alone are God of grace and glory, and Rock of our Redemption. Let it be so, God, let it be so. Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

Alternative Service Book, 1980

Abba, our God, whom the heavens disclose,
may your name be held holy,
your authority come.
May your longing be fulfilled as in heaven,
so on earth
Give us today the bread of tomorrow,
and cancel our debts
as we have already forgiven our debtors.
Do not draw us in to sinful enticement,
but set us free from the grip of evil;
for authority and power and glory
are yours alone, for ever.
Amen.

The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

Interpreted by the Maoris of New Zealand

Eternal Spirit Earth-maker,
Pain-Bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is
love, now and for ever.
Amen.



Blessing
Sending Song

Spirit of All Freedom

Words by William Wallace

SPIRIT of all freedom, MYST'RY unconfined,
Breaking Bondage, freeing mind,
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.

SPIRIT of all breathing, Air which we exchange,
Bringing vigor, firing change,
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.

SPIRIT of all caring, Healing wounds and tears,
Nursing bodies, soothing tears.
LIFE-FORCE we embrace.
Tide of ev'ry heartbeat, Pulse of time and space,
You are God, the gifting ONE, Source of ev'ry grace.

Dismissal: God in peace. Be LOVE in the World.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for ZOOM Coffee Time after the service: 11:45am to 12:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting by following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88661988774?pwd=bkwxLzNTd0xKcm1DcExWdFNReXQxdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 6198 8774

Password: 343830

Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

Attention Gardeners! Volunteers Needed!!!



As you can see Creation is in bloom at the church. In our absence: the tulips, daffodils, grass, and weeds, are flourishing.

Our little garden could use a little tending.

If you are able to lend a hand, please send Wayne Dawe an email wayne@wdawe.com and he will insure that physical distancing prevails. Happy Gardening!

Holy Cross Finances as of April 30, 2020

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! Thanks to all the generous, Members and Friends of Holy Cross who have graciously stepped up to ensure that our financial house is in order during these unprecedented times! Your ongoing donations are especially appreciated as we all struggle to come to terms with the current realities of financial insecurity. Below you will see a summary of our Income and Expenses.

Financial Report - General Fund Jan-April 30, 2020

INCOME	Jan-April BUDGET	Jan-April ACTUAL	Variance
Regular Sunday Offerings	\$43,278.37	\$40,026.91	
BLOG Participants		\$2,000	
Total OFFERINGS	\$43,278.37	\$42,026.91	-\$1,251.46
Solar Panel Income	\$3,000.00	\$510.87	-\$2,489.13
Fundraising	\$666.64	\$0.00	-\$666.64
Gifts	\$166.64	\$0.00	-\$166.64
Interest	\$0.00	\$16.88	\$16.88
Non-Budgeted Expenses	\$333.36	\$0.00	-\$333.36
Budgeted Expense	\$333.36	\$2,307.40	\$1,974.04
Rentals: Church Facility	\$500.00	\$540.00	\$40.00
Rental: Armitage Daycare	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$0.00
Movie Nights/Matinees	\$1,000.00	\$608.81	-\$391.19
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total General Fund	\$53,578.37	\$50,310.87	-\$3,267.50
2019 Surpluss Carried forward	\$330.85	\$330.85	
TOTAL INCOME	\$53,909.22	\$50,641.72	-\$3,267.50
TOTAL EXPENSES to April 30 2020	\$53,909.06	\$49,868.90	-\$4,040.16
NET INCOME as of April 30 2020		\$772.66	

EXPENSES:

- Typically, our expenses run above budget during the first quarter due to annual expenses which cannot be carried over 12 months eg Insurance \$3,558.60 and Snowplowing \$1,247.28. However, as a result of physical distancing our expenses are actually \$4,040.16 less that budgeted.
- Expenses are expected to remain below budget for the foreseeable future.

INCOME:

- Federal Government Payroll Subsidy: Holy Cross will receive 10% of monthly salary (including housing allowance) for 3 months (March 18 to June 19) to a maximum for \$ 1350 total per employee. In our case this means \$ 450 a month for 3 months which is given as a reduction in payroll tax due for those months.
- Pastor Dawn's speaking engagements have been cancelled and all fees have been waived.

BRIDGE LOAN:

- The \$20,000 Bridge Loan remains intact. It continues to secure our cash flow.
- The first payment of \$5,000 plus interest is due in June and will be drawn from the loan itself.

ACCESSIBILITY FUND:

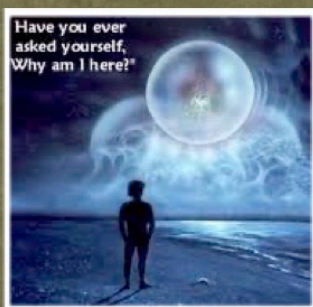
Loan Payment Dec. 31:	\$12,500.00
Carry over from 2019:	2,180.34
Received in 2020:	2,279.73
Accessibility Fund total:	\$ 4,460.07
Balance needed by Dec.31:	\$ 8,039.93



**Bring along your favourite
Morning Brew
and join the conversation.**



**ZOOM Sessions begin:
Thursday May 14th
at 10:00am**



Matthew Fox



Joan Chittister



Richard Rohr

SPIRITUALITY IN CHAOTIC TIMES

Nurturing our Spirits

Each week you will receive a short essay on the subject of spirituality written by a contemporary author. We will use the essays to inspire conversations exploring various spiritual practices which can nourish, ground, and sustain us, during these chaotic times.

Essays, along with a Zoom link will be published on our website on the Monday preceding our session. You are welcome to invite a friend. A sample of the type of essay we will be exploring is attached. Our first essay will be posted on Monday May 11.

Sessions: Thursdays **May 14, 28, June 4, 11, & 25** at 10:00am

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Street Outreach Van



A big THANK-YOU from the volunteers at the Outreach Van!

"Global Justice Team and Holy Cross Lutheran Church

On behalf of the street outreach staff team and clients I would like to thank you so very much for your donation of food during this pandemic. As you know we rely heavy on donations from the community to do the work that we do. This month we have been incredibly busy and saw an increase of 125 new clients who have never accessed the services of the van. I am extremely grateful for all the help we receive from the volunteers over the years. I often tell Sharon and the other ladies this. They make our job that much easier.

Mary Ann"

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Baked Beans

Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)

Canned Soup



To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email

holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com

