

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
The Sundays after Pentecost
June 22,29 and July 6—27, 2025



Welcome to Holy Cross Lutheran Church!

We welcome all who worship here today, especially those who have joined us as guests. We invite you to discover God's presence with us through this ancient rhythm of worship as we gather together, hearing the word, sharing the feast and then are sent in blessing.



Holy Cross is ROOTED...

We have been rooted in this place since our beginning, on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 1963. Our roots are deep in this south Austin community, having a long history of advocacy and aid for people experiencing hunger and homelessness. This is the first distribution site for Meals on Wheels in Austin. We are rooted, too, in the rich liturgical traditions of the church catholic expressed through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Holy Cross is RECONCILING...

We, the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, as a community affirm that "...through faith in Christ Jesus...there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). As a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, we embrace and welcome all, as we celebrate differences in gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, marital status, political leaning, religious background, and ability, including those who are differently abled.



We wish to make known our caring and concern for all people, as we joyfully follow God's call to love one another. In faithfulness to the Gospel, we openly invite all people to experience the word of God without fear of judgment or discrimination. At Holy Cross Lutheran Church we seek to unite through Christ in faith, love, and spiritual growth.



Holy Cross is RENEWING...

Throughout our history, this congregation has trusted in God's promises to make all things new...our own lives, the world around us, and our community together. If you are interested in joining the Holy Cross community as a member, visit with a Council member. We'd love to work side-by-side with you, as God is building a more vibrant community here in south Austin.



Children in worship

Children experience God's presence through worship too, so of course, they join the community in our "liturgy"—the "work of the people." If needed, however, there is a nursery available for children 5 and under; ask an usher for directions. There are also "busy bags" (please return after worship) in the narthex for anyone who would like to work with their hands during worship.

**Amplified
hearing devices
are available
from an usher.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SUNDAYS after PENTECOST

The Sundays following Epiphany are full of imagery of light, life and calling. The season begins with Baptism of our Lord and culminates with the Transfiguration of our Lord...two celebratory feasts in the sea of green. This is a season of discipleship and growth as we bridge the season Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter seasons.

June 22nd, 2025: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."



June 29th, 2025: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.



July 6th, 2025: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.



July 13th, 2025: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor.

That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.



July 20th, 2025: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So, it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So, it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.



July 27th, 2025: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."



GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025 ELW 523: *Let us go now to the banquet*

3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025 ELW 328: *Restore in us, O God*

4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025 ELW 803: *When I survey the wondrous cross*

7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025 ELW 526: *God is here!*

8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025 ELW 407: *O living breath of God*

9th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025 ELW 528: *Come and fill our hearts*

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain (Assembly):



Stanzas (Cantor):

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

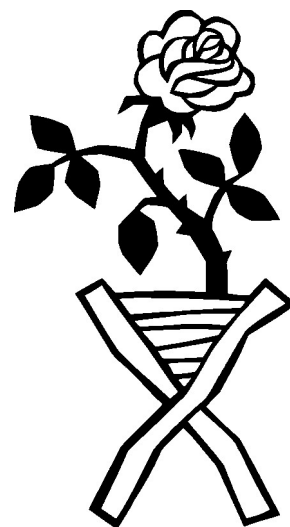
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds:

Amen.



***The assembly is
seated.***

WORD



*Sing responsively;
Cantor sings odd verses
People sing even verses*

*The psalms begin the
songs and hymns in the
red Worship book num-
bering 1-150.*

***The assembly stands to
receive the Word of
God.***

FIRST READING

<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025</i>	Isaiah 65: 1-9
<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025</i>	1King 19:15-16,19-21
<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025</i>	Isaiah 66:10-14
<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025</i>	Deuteronomy 30:9-14
<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025</i>	Genesis 18:1-10
<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025</i>	Genesis 18:20-32

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

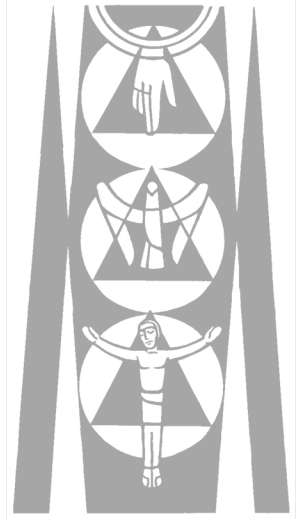
<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025</i>	Psalms 22
<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025</i>	Psalms 16
<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025</i>	Psalms 66
<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025</i>	Psalms 25
<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025</i>	Psalms 15
<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025</i>	Psalms 138

SECOND READING

<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025</i>	Galatians 3:23-29
<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025</i>	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025</i>	Galatians 6:1-16
<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025</i>	Colossians 1:1-14
<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025</i>	Colossians 1:15-28
<i>9th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025</i>	Colossians 2:6-19

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025 Luke 8:26-39

3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025 Luke 9:51-62

4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025 Luke 10:25-37

8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025 Luke 10:38-42

9th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025 Luke 11:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025 ELW 611: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025 ELW 793: *Be thou my vision*

4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025 ELW 576: *We all are one in mission*

7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025 ELW 708: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025 ELW 770: *Give Me Jesus*

9th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025 ELW 742: *What a friend we have in Jesus*

The assembly is seated.

***The assembly stands
to proclaim the Word
of God in song.***



CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

**...Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.

**By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and
thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

*The people may greet one
another with a sign of
Christ's peace, and may
say "Peace be with you"
or similar words.*

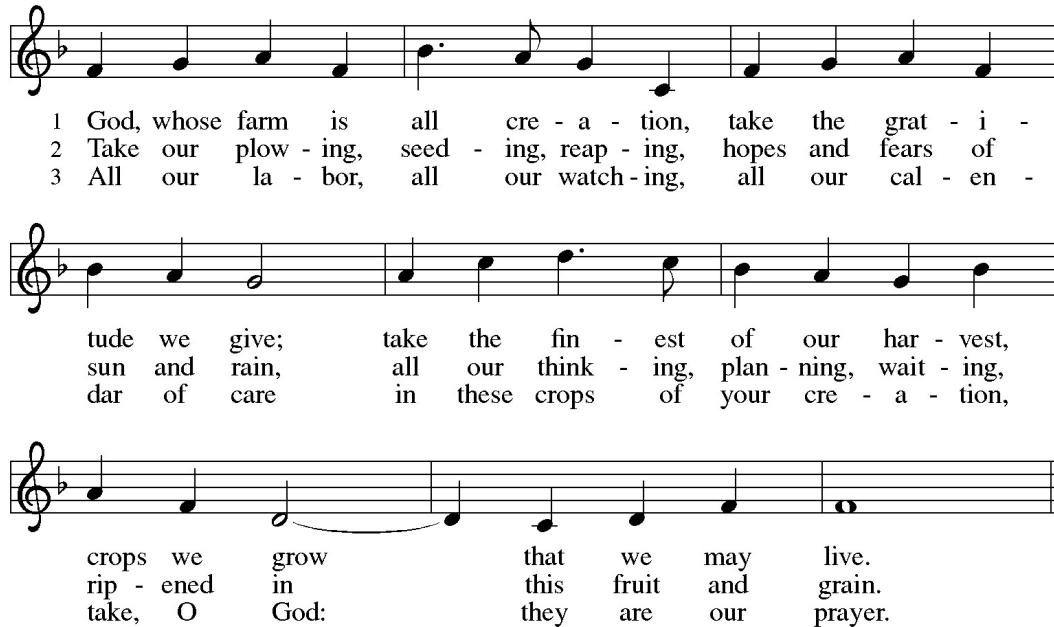
The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward, while the assembly sings:

OFFERTORY God, Whose Farm Is All Creation (ELW 734)



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -
2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of
3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -

tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,
sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,
dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,

crops we grow that we may live.
rip - ened in this fruit and grain.
take, O God: they are our prayer.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*An offering is gathered
for the mission of the
church, including the
care of those in need.
During this time, the
table is set and the
pianist or choir may offer
a song.*

*After the offering is gath-
ered, the assembly
stands.*



*After the table is set, the
assisting minister leads
prayer after the offering.*

*The presiding minister
greet the assembly and
invites all present to give
thanks.*

Our church believes that when we celebrate communion, we gather around God's table. At this table we share the true body and true blood of Christ, in, with, and through the bread and wine. We are fed and nurtured around this table with the whole church of every age. All are welcome.

The assembly may be seated, while awaiting the ushers invitation to come gather around the table. The bread may be broken for the communion.

As you approach the altar, take a small cup, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups at the center of the trays. Simply reach out your hand and the bread will be given to you; hold out your cup the wine will be poured for you. Those gathered around the table will pause for a corporate blessing before returning to their seats.



The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .
Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:
. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

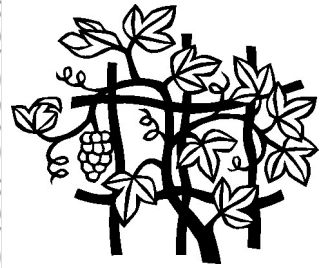
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.



Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We stand together. Let us pray

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

*After all have returned to
their places, **the assem-
bly stands.***

*The assisting minister
leads the prayer after
communion.*

SENDING

SPECIAL BLESSINGS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost: June 22, 2025</i>	ELW 798: <i>Will you come and follow me</i>
<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost: June 29, 2025</i>	ELW 645: <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>
<i>4th Sunday after Pentecost: July 6, 2025</i>	ELW 396: <i>Spirit of Gentleness</i>
<i>7th Sunday after Pentecost: July 13, 2025</i>	ELW 696: <i>Jesus call us; o'er the tumult</i>
<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost: July 20, 2025</i>	ELW 638: <i>Blessed Assurance</i>
<i>9th Sunday after Pentecost: July 27, 2025</i>	ELW 543: <i>Go, my children, with my blessing</i>

*The assisting minister sends
the assembly into mission.*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

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Preaching & Presiding	Rev. Travis Fitzgold		Rev. Eric Ackerman	Rev. Dorothy Gremillion	Rev. Dorothy Gremillion	Rev. Travis Fitzgold
Assisting Ministers	Bill Elzey	Chris Fuqua	Gary Tracy	Sue Munns	Marsha Karrass	Chris Fuqua
Lector	Bob Kallstrom	Mike Kallstrom	Don Day	Amanda Fuqua	Chris Fuqua	Nancy Jewell
Pianist	Pierson Keating					
Cantor/Choir	Ursula Richards/Michael Qualben					
Ushers	Lew Thompson					
Altar Guild	Barbara Elzey	Debbie Garcia	Janice Day	Sue Munns	Ursula Richards	Debbie Garcia

Holy Cross 2025 Church Council

Bill Elzey

Debbie Garcia - Secretary

Christina Landeros

Gary Tracy

Chris Fuqua - Vice President

Bob Kallstrom

Sue Munns - President

If you have any questions, input or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us
at 2025council@holycrossatx.org

Our monthly council meeting is the second Wednesday of each month

June Birthdays

- 1 Lew Thompson
- 3 Marilyn Ahrens
- 20 Mary Macaulay
- 22 Amanda Ray
- 23 Ryan Wykrent
- 28 Erin Johnson



*Please let the office know about
when your birthday is!*

July Birthdays

- 9 Jeff Farris
- 9 Austin Munns
- 11 Don Day
- 20 Christina Landeros
- 20 Gary Tracy
- 20 Emma Wykrent
- 27 Patrick Macaulay
- 30 Louisa Wykrent

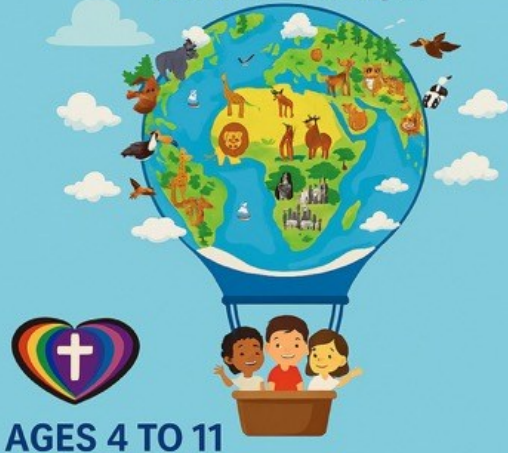
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ALL ARE WELCOME

**AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**4622 South Lamar Blvd
Austin, TX. 78745**

**Tuesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 24,
9:00am – 12:00pm**

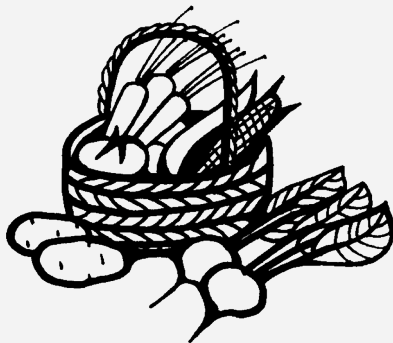


VBS This Summer

We are hatching VBS plans and would love for you to be involved!

Would love every Holy Cross member and friend to consider being involved – either during the week actively with the children for bible stories, music, crafts and playtime, or during the week creating snacks or supporting with supplies or financial help.

Please reply to any council member with your thoughts and your options for availability. And most importantly, are there young ones in your life who would enjoy the fun, friendship, and spiritual growth of a Holy Cross Vacation Bible School experience?



Bread for All Food Pantry

happens every Monday
at Faith Presbyterian Church
through

Austin City Lutherans
Help serve from 5:00 to 6:30pm
Holy Cross nights:
Second Mondays
Dinner afterwards

Come “pack & tack” for Lutheran World Relief

Folks from Holy Cross
(with neighbors) tie quilts to be
sent around the world on
Wednesdays from 11am to 3pm
And they pack sewing,
school, layette,
and personal care kits, too!

Eat lunch together
(and frequently a sweet treat!)
Can you help pack & tack?





A Message from Amanda Fuqua,
Team Lead, Rebirth Redevelopment Ministry Team (RRMT)

Updates through 5/28/25:

Pennrose came to an agreement with the owner of a neighboring property a couple of weeks ago that will allow us to move forward with deeper exploration of increasing the viability of our supportive housing project by incorporating that property.

- A joint meeting with RRMT, Pennrose, and our City Council Member is scheduled for the end of next week to explore together the update mentioned above.
- It was announced at Synod Assembly and confirmed in conversation with Brother Chris Markert, Director of Evangelical Mission, that a grant of \$12,500 from the SWT Synod Mission Endowment Fund has been pre-designated and is being held for Holy Cross for upcoming Rebirth/Redevelopment work! The Holy Experiments Team decided on the allocation of these funds based on Brother Chris' recommendation. Thank you Brother Chris for your work on our behalf and for SEEing us!

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please reach out to RRMT via e-mail at Redevelopment@holycrossatx.org or contact Amanda at (979) 204-6599.

Moving Forward Toward the Light of Christ!

Amanda

Thank you, Pastor Dorothy!

It's a heartwarming memory to look back and note that Pastor Dorothy arrived here at Holy Cross on the breath of the Holy Spirit on a Sunday in March 2022. She was exactly who we needed and arrived at what had to be God's appointed time. Over these 3 years, she has supported us, guided us—particularly openly, and with wisdom and grace guided so many church council conversations and decisions, with her depth of understanding God's plans for Holy Cross always at the forefront.



Pastor Dorothy has powerfully loved us as a collective congregation and has strengthened and steadied us as individuals. She has shared Word and Sacrament with us, enlightened, uplifted, and challenged us with her homilies—those sermon's stories reflecting experiences stretching across our state, across our nation and around the world, while teaching messages from the chapters and verses that we all believe.

When they were here with us in number, do you remember that Pastor Dorothy would prepare a children's sermon for our kids every Sunday that she was with us? I think they particularly loved her style and the good humor with which she always presented to them!

We give thanks to the Lord for her faith-filled ministry with us over these years. She has truly strengthened us and kept us at the ready—looking forward—for what the Holy Spirit has planned for our future. She has moved us into our next chapter, as a church where all are Seen, Known and Loved, and we are stronger and in greater accord because of her.

Pastor will be with us in covenant this Sunday, June 15 and July 13. Her last planned service will be on July 20th, and we will plan a joy-filled appreciation day for sure!

Holy Cross Weekly Schedule:

Sundays: 10am Worship
11am Coffee & Conversation in Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays: 11am-3pm LWR pack & tack

Upcoming Events in June:

- June 28-29: Austin Amateur Radio Club Field Day

Upcoming Events in July

- July 13: Bread for All
- July 20—Appreciation Reception for Pastor Dorothy
- July 22-24 Vacation Bible School
- July 27—Disaster Bucket Building Event after services

Upcoming Events in August

- August 10th: Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 10th: Bread for All



June 28-29: Austin Amateur Radio Club Field Day

Since 1933, ARRL Field Day has become the most popular ham radio on-air activity. More than 30,000 are reported as active participants each year. Field Day developed over the years from a “practice” to prepare to provide emergency communications, to a “showcase” of Amateur Radio in general. The [Field Day rules](#) provide for activities that demonstrate many aspects of ham radio.

Austin ARC will typically setup several operating positions for different modes and frequency bands. There will be a Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) station for new comers, those hams who’ve recently been inactive, even the unlicensed, to make contacts on the air with the help of an experienced ham as control operator.

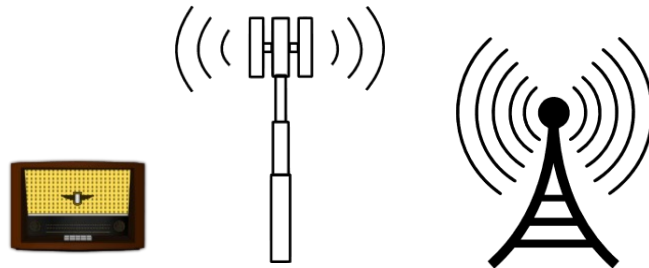
For Field Day, we setup all the radios, antennas and related equipment to operate “in the field”, i.e. not using permanently installed station facilities, for a full 24 hours. We qualify as a Class A entry: stations in the field making contacts using power from other than commercial mains.

We’ll be there from about 9 a.m. Saturday, June 28th, through mid-afternoon Sunday June 29th. The first few hours on Saturday are for setup of antennas, radios and equipment, and the final few hours on Sunday are for equipment tear down and cleanup.

Actual on-the-air radio operating time will begin Saturday, June 28, 1800 UTC (1 p.m. Central Daylight Time), and end Sunday June 29, 1800 UTC — a full 24 hours!

Almost as important as Field Day itself is the food! Be sure to be there at meal times and don’t miss out! There’s usually FREE FOOD! And drinks and snacks around the clock.

- Saturday Lunch: Pizza
- Saturday Dinner: BBQ
- Sunday Breakfast: Tacos



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