Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Our Mission

We gather as an open community of Christians, responding to God’s call. We welcome all people as members of our extended family. We gather to support and nourish one another in the faith, equipping people to live the Gospel in the world. Our purpose is to encounter the Gospel in worship, play, study, music, work, prayer, and activism. We provide worship that is diverse, flexible, thought provoking and relevant to our challenging times. We are a voice for compassion and actively seek justice and peace in the world. We identify and serve our neighbors in need. We offer programs that encourage spiritual growth by teaching the Gospel in the Lutheran tradition. We provide opportunities to work, play, and pray together.

Everyone Is Welcome!

In response to the overwhelming love of God we stand in awe of the wideness of God’s mercy. In faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, mindful of our Lutheran emphasis on grace, and rejoicing in the celebration of our shared baptismal journey, we welcome as members of our extended family, all those who have ever felt excluded by the Church because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental challenges, financial resources, or family status.

As followers of Christ, all members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church are compelled by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is all too often an unloving place. Therefore, rejoicing in God’s abundant grace, we extend a special welcome to all. Whether you are gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender; whatever your country of origin or ancestry; whether you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker; in Christ’s love, we welcome you, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we can work together to usher in God’s Reign of justice, peace, and mercy.
We pray for those in special need of God’s care: John Bradford, Terry & Phyllis Hutchings, Daniel Smyth (Sharon’s son), David Applegate (Kate’s husband), Jackie Bois (Mike’s Mom), Nora & Dave Curran (Gary’s Parents), Fred Bell (Karen McIntyre’s father) June Phillips (Madeline Montpool’s extended family), Katherine Nesbitt (Jackie Nesbitt (Fleming)’s mother), Barb Green (friend of the congregation) Max Glass (friend of Jackie Nesbitt & Scott Fleming), Donna (Sharon Smyth’s extended family), Cheryl Mandel (friend of Janice Wiehe), Shellie Broddy (friend of Chris & Rick Payne), Mary Fleming (Bob Fleming’s sister-in-law) and Charity DiPaolo (Petra Vollmerhausen’s friend).

MINISTERS TODAY Next Sunday July 21st 2013

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2013 Jan.1 to May 31 Financials

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was Thank You, That would suffice! Meister Eckhart

Remember that when you are on vacation, the church is not. While you are on vacation, your bills will continue to arrive at your home. The same is true of your church home – our expenses continue. Before you go on vacation or when you return from vacation please take the time to prayerfully consider your church’s needs.
Super Awesome Amazing Race
aka Community Scavenger Hunt
Sat. Sept. 28th 9am to 11am
@ Newmarket Farmers’ Market
Proceeds to the Street Outreach Program and Holy Cross’ LOV Ministries which provides food vouchers to our neighbours in need.
Registration
Adults: $20.00
Children accompanied by an adult: Free
or pay what you can
Inquiries: contact@holycrosslutheran.ca

the inclusive bible:
The First Egalitarian Translation
Translations of the Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible are many and varied. During worship we will use:

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This translation is the work of the Priests for Equality Project of the Quixote Center Collective. Published by Rowman and Littlefield in 2007, this translation seeks to be faithful to the original languages while using non-sexist language to express the ancient writings.

Yes, we know it’s not always easy to sit still. So we’re asking parents to let their children wander over to the Worship Center to pick-up a little something to help them worship their way.

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Curios n’Tea
Steep yourself in Elegance
We’ve set the date for this year’s Curios n’Tea
Saturday October 19th
Mark your calendars!
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymns printed under LiscenSing #1975,
Liturgical Music by permission of the composer Kristopher E. Lindquist
at * Please Stand if you are able

**GATHERING**

* Prelude & Welcome

**Opening Hymn**

* Spirit Open My Heart

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God says, “Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do, your life will show my love for you.”

God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak to sing, to act for Christ in everything.”

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If God is the source of life,
I worship God by living.
If God is the source of love,
I worship God by loving.
If God is the ground of being,
I worship God by having the courage to be more fully human;
the embodiment of the Divine.

Words, Ruth Duck, 1994
Wild Mountain Thyme
WILD MOUNTAIN THYE
(adopted with permission DH) - Bishop John Shelby Spong
After Communion

Rise Up Rejoicing

**Refrain (twice each time)**

Rise up, re-joic-ing!
Rise up, re-joic-ing!

**Verse**

Rise up, re-joic-ing.
O peo-ple of God!

Spirit of the Liv-ing One,
Dance in us your dance to-day,

Sing in us your song of love,
Light in us com-passion's way.

God Says

**tune: O WALY WALY**

WORDS: Mary Bittner

God says, “Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you always where you go”

God says, “Look up and see the prize
I've placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth,
A cause for wonder and rebirth.”

Greeting

**P:** The peace of Christ, the love of God
and the power of the Holy Spirit is with you all!
**C:** And also with you.

Bidding

**O God We Call**

We Are In God

**Refrain**

We are in God, and God is in us.

**Verse**

Light in all peo-ple: Cre-a-tive En-er-gy.


Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song

God Says

Prayer of the Day

First Reading
Genesis 18:1-10a

Scripture Hymn
When We Seek Language
Words: Carl P. Daw

Be Still and Know that I AM GOD

God Within Our Deepest Thought

When we seek language to praise you, O God,
2. Sted-fast by loving, you gave us your Word,
3. To be our guardian, support, and guide,

All we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd. Tongue-tied and word-lost, we living among us on earth, seen and heard, teacher and healer whose you sent your Spirit to stay by our side, source of community,

struggle to find phrases that slight neither heart, soul, or mind;
promise came true, dying and rising to make all things new;
well-spring of prayer, power to strengthen, and courage to dare;

Infinite, intimate, unbound-ed friend, cosmic companion who loves without end,

near-er than heart-beat, more subtle than breath, keen-er than in-sight, and strong-er than death.

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Second Reading

Genesis 18:10a-15

* Acclamation
Source of Our Being

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, stand-in' in the need of prayer;

Verse

Source of our being, Goal of our longing, You the Way of living true.

Waken us from dreams of illusion, waken us from dreams unreal.


Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I AM the Dream

Printed on the next page

Expands God's Being

All beings are words of God, God's music, God's art.
Sacred books are, for the infinite camps in our souls.
Every act reveals God and expands God's Being.
I know that may be hard to comprehend.
All creatures are doing their best
to help God in God's birth of God's Self.
Enough talk for the night.
God is labouring in me;
I need to be silent for a while,
worlds are forming in my heart.

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)
At the breaking of the bread:

Distribution of the Bread and Wine is by continuous communion.
The ushers will guide you.
It is not our custom to practice intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
For those who are accustomed to intinction we suggest the individual glasses.
Communion is Christ’s offering and there are no barriers to inclusion!
EVERYONE is welcome to share in communion!

Communion Hymns

It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord  printed on the next page
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, "Drink this all of you. This cup is the new covenant poured out for you and for all people. Drink this in remembrance of me.

So here in this place, standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, we remember the mystery of Christ’s resurrection that enables us all to dance and sing in life eternal. And we await Christ coming again and again to bring peace and justice to all the earth and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again and again.

Spirit of God you are here, You have come to us again.
Let the bread that we eat bind us across the world with those who have nothing to eat.
Let the wine we drink fortify our resolve to share with those who thirst for justice.
Let the power of love move us to work with those who long for love.
Let the justice of Jesus become a reality that all people can taste, drink, savour and be sustained by.
Let the reality of justice and peace come, and may we be a part of its coming.

C: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O God of love, now and forever. Amen.

Abba Prayer - a translation from the Aramaic prayer that Jesus taught

Loving Presence, luminous in all creation, hallowed be your name. Thy Kin-dom come.
May we reflect on Earth the yielding perfection of the heavens. Help us to receive an illumined measure from the Earth this day. Forgive us when we trespass against others, human and other-than-human, as we forgive others who trespass against us. Keep us on the path of wisdom when we are tempted to take the selfish path. May it be your rule we follow, your power we exercise, and our radiance that allures. May this be the truth that guides our lives, the ground from which our future will grow until we meet again. Amen.

Prayers of the Body

You are invited to respond to each bid with silent prayer. Silences will be punctuated with spoken bids ending with the words:

"God who dwells in us"
to which you are invited to respond: "Let us be love in the world."

Peace

P: The peace of Christ, which surpasses all our understanding, is with you all.
C: And also with you

We greet each other with a sign of God’s peace. Early Christians used a kiss to symbolize the peace. Hugs and handshakes are also appropriate.

As we greet one another with a sign of the peace we say: "Peace be with you."

Offering

Offering From the Fruit

Refrain

From the Fruit of your Creation Bread and wine we bring to share,

Verse

From the bounty of the Planet That you give to human care.

Refrain

By your Spirit all is sacred So your Presence may appear,

In thanks giving celebration For your people gathered here.
Offertory Prayer

A: Standing in the midst of God, let us give thanks for we are richly blessed.

C: Limitless Source of Wonder, we are overwhelmed by your grace. Out of the bounty you have provided, we offer these tokens as both a sign of our gratitude and a symbol of our desire to be your body at work in the world. Help us to see beyond our self-involvement and enable us to extend compassion to all those we meet, so that together we may truly experience the heaven on earth that you continue to offer through the power of Christ with us. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

P: God is with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Open yourselves.
C: We open ourselves to God.

P: Let us give thanks to our God Most Holy.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God in whom all of creation thrives, we stand in awe of the whirling, expanding, living, dying, yearning, groaning, abundant majesty of the cosmos. We come to this table, awe-struck creatures, conscious that as we approach Christ's table to receive the gifts of the Earth, the whole cosmos—gathered up in us—journeys with us, and in us, into the sanctifying heart and mind of Christ. As we are recreated by the grace which comes to us in the receiving of Christ's life poured out for all, we rejoice in memory of Jesus who lived fully, completely and lovingly.

Together with all those who have gone before us, we bring to this table our kin: the bacteria and the lichen, the moss of the forest floors, the flora and fauna, the gilled ones of the sea, and the feathered ones of the air; we bring the crawling creatures and the furry mammals. On their behalf, imbedded by their natural wisdom, we come to the table of Christ, the one who was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be the Love that fills the cosmos and allures us into the dream of the future. And so with our sisters and brothers of every times and place, we join our voices to the canticle of the cosmos:

Refrain

By the sacrifice of a supernova Earth was planted with the seeds of her future; by the sacrifice of our sun, earth flowered forth. By the sacrifice of Jesus—star-child, Earth's progeny, child of Mary and Joseph—a new creation was born.

In Christ incarnate a second fireball flared forth, the radiant potential of love, forgiveness, and compassion. We are carried in the draft of this explosive event toward a future that needs us in order to emerge the Kin-dom of God.

Remembering the stories of our ancestors, we join with the confused, flawed and glorious disciples who ate with your child Jesus the Christ in that upper room, where on the night when Jesus was betrayed he had supper with his friends. At that supper Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying: “Take and eat this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”