

Jubilee Prayer for the 50th Anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

God, Creator of heaven and earth, in your infinite mercy, you gave us Jesus, your Son, born of woman, to be our Savior and friend, our brother and redeemer. You have filled us with your life-giving Spirit and call us your beloved children.

We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry and those who will carry its mission forward into the future.

We praise you, God of all that is good, forever!

We thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this Jubilee Year; make it a time of favor for us, the year of a great return to the your house, where, full of love, you await your straying children to embrace them in your forgiveness and welcome them to your table, in their festive garments.

We praise you, God of grace, forever!

God of justice, during this holy year may our love for you and for our neighbor grow ever stronger; may we, as Christ's disciples promote justice and peace; may we proclaim the Good News to the poor; and direct our love especially to the little ones and the neglected.

We praise you, God of justice and peace, forever!

God of all mercy, may this Jubilee be the fitting time for all to rediscover the joy of living by your word and obeying your will; may we know the goodness of fraternal communion, as we break bread together and praise you in hymns and inspired songs.

We praise you, God of mercy, forever!

Amen!

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A YEAR OF JUBILEE