

CRUCIFER GUIDELINES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

September 2022

Schedule:

Scheduling is done by a computer program administered in the church office. The schedule for the month is posted online at <http://gslutheran.org> .

- Check the schedule to see when you are assigned to serve.
- If you know a month in advance that you are unable to serve for a specific date or dates, please do contact the church Office Coordinator, you will not be scheduled.
- If you cannot serve your assigned time, please first try to switch with another crucifer, either scheduled that month or any other crucifer. Call the church Office Coordinator with your replacement so that the verger can be informed.
- The church office can help if you can't find a replacement. However, keep in mind that there are approximately 30 Sunday servants each Sunday. Please make every effort to find your own replacement.
- You will receive an email reminder.

Before the service:

1. Check in with the Verger and let them know that you are here.
2. Choose your robe, rope belt (**optional**) and cross from the sacristy closet.
3. **10 minutes prior to service, you will join the other servers and the Pastor to pray before worship in the room next to the sanctuary.**
4. Remove the cross from the holder. Carry the cross to the entryway.
5. Stand near the ushers, ready to lead the procession into the sanctuary.

As the service begins:

1. **During the prelude, you will lead the procession into the sanctuary. This means you go in before the pastor. The pastor will tell you exactly when to start.**
2. Hold the cross with one hand at your waist and the other hand at chest height. Keep the cross vertically straight.
3. Do not walk too fast during the procession and the recession!
4. Walk the cross to the holder and carefully put it into the holder, making sure it is facing the right way.
5. Walk around the altar to your place in the sanctuary for the service.

Communion:

1. After we say the Lord's Prayer, there is the Invitation to Communion and we sing the "Lamb of God". As that song begins, the crucifer and acolyte will go behind the altar to receive communion. One of you will serve as empty cup holder.
2. Once you have received communion, you can return to your seat, unless the pastor asks you to help in some way.

At the end of the service:

1. During the second verse of the Closing Hymn, retrieve the cross from the stand and with the cross facing the congregation. You will wait for acolyte to extinguish the candles then you, the acolyte, assisting minister and Pastor will recess together.

After the service:

1. Return the cross to its holder by in the narthex
2. Return to the sacristy and hang up the robe, rope belt and cross to the sacristy closet.