

Worship Assistant Description: Crucifer

Thank you so much for volunteering to be an Crucifer at Messiah Lutheran Church! What follow is a brief description about the duties of an crucifer:

Before Worship

- Be sure to check calendar at the back of the church to see what days you have been scheduled for. **If you cannot make those days, please let the Parish Administrator know as soon as possible so she can alter the schedule.** If you know you cannot be available on specific a day before a new calendar is released, please let the Parish Administrator know. **Please only contact the pastor in case of a Sunday morning emergency via text.**
- Pay attention to the weekly worship update emailed out by the Parish Administrator.
- Please **arrive by 9:45am** and check with the pastor about what needs to be worn, what candles need to be lit and if there are any special things to be aware of in the service.

During Worship

- Once the Parish Musician/ Cantor begins to play **at 10:00am during our meditation time, please quietly help the Acolyte light candles if needed.** Tapers can be found by the ushers desk.
- Remember to keep the wick end of taper pointing up when you're walking.
- Upon approaching the altar, bow slightly and pause long enough to offer a brief prayer such as, "Jesus is the light of the world. Amen."
- Carry the cross in the procession during the second verse of the opening hymn: proceed to top step; turn to face congregation; after pastor and the Assisting Minister reverence cross and proceed to their places, take the cross to its stand.
- Return to your seat in the pews.
- Follow along with the worship service.
- Come up to communion during the Lamb of God and assist with communion by holding the intinction chalice next to the Assisting Minister.
- Carry the cross to lead procession out during the second verse of the Closing Hymn: go retrieve cross; take it to center of top step; face congregation, pause; proceed down steps and through the aisle. Replace cross in its brace.

After Worship

- **If the taper wick is too short for another day's use, please let the Altar Guild know.**