

“Holy Cross Sunday”

[1 Corinthians 1:18-24](#)

[John 3:13-17](#)

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I have brought a collection of crosses for you to see today. That is because today is named ‘Holy Cross Day’. Today’s lessons and music talk about the cross.

The first cross I have to show you is this old one from my Grandmother Crowe. I think that this cross may be about 70 years old! It is called a Crucifix because it shows Jesus crucified.



This big stone cross was a thank you gift from a young woman named Ali Miller that I mentored in Confirmation class some years ago. It is made of concrete and has the Lord's Prayer on it, see?

This cross was from a camp counselor at Camp Nawakwa. Her name was Katerina and she was from Slovakia. This design is very typical of her country.

This little wooden cross was carved by a counselor at Camp Kirchenwald. His name was Martin Mwakagi. See how he carved out a little cross in the middle?

This wooden cross is one that you might see some of our members wearing. Look around on Sunday mornings and you are bound to see at least one man or woman wearing a cross just like this. They wear a cross to show that they believe that Jesus died that we might have eternal life.

This cross is made from gum balls that fall from a gum tree. Pastor Butts made these and gave them to the people who worked in the church office about 10 years ago.

This cross is braided from a palm branch. I'm not sure who made it, but I know they used a palm branch from our worship service here on Palm Sunday.

And this one is made of teeny, tiny pieces of paper that are round up and glued together. It is called quilling and Dot Farrand made this about 40 or 50 years ago! It is very fragile.

This neat cross on a wooden board was carved by Walter Pond. He used to come to our house for dinner sometimes and once he brought this along as a thank you gift!

This last cross is one that I made at TGIF about 25 years ago. Can you see what it is made from? Burned matches all laid out in a pattern!

Here is Barabas. His shirt does not have a cross on it, but it has 'John 3:16, The Gospel In A Nutshell'. Uncle Floyd bought it for him at the Thrift Store.

John 3:16 says; FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY NOT PERISH BUT MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

The activity sheet this week has a drawing of a cross from here at Trinity. Do you recognize it? It is called a Christus Rex, which means 'Christ the King'. It is the one in the Nave!

Oh, and there is one more cross I want to tell you about. It is the cross that Pastor Easton marked on the forehead of Brian Eric when he was baptized this morning! All of *these* crosses may get old and broken and discarded, but the cross on Brian's forehead will remain there for all of his life. *You* were marked with the cross too, when you were baptized! I can't see it and neither can you, but God sees it every day!

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