

HOW TO BE A CRUCIFER AT DIVINE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Crucifer is the person assigned to carry the cross in a processional into the Church.

Carry the cross so that it is above your head and in such a manner that your elbows are extended outward, not downward. (Fig. 1)
This should be done by gripping the staff with the palms of both hands facing ahead of you.

During the first hymn the Crucifer will lead the procession in front of the pastor and acolyte to the altar. **DO NOT BEGIN WALKING UNTIL THE CONGREGATION STARTS SINGING.** Walk at a slow pace with the cross held higher than your head. **Notice that it must be carried low enough to fit through the doorway and then can be raised.** →



(Fig. 1)



(Fig. 2)

◀ (Fig. 2) When you reach the front of the center of the chancel area, step up toward the altar. The cross does not genuflect (bow) to the altar. Then turn and face the congregation. Face the congregation until the song is done. Then post the cross. (Place it in its stand. (Fig. 3)) Then sit down with the acolytes.



(Fig. 3)

At the end of the service: As soon as the last song is being played, when the Acolytes begins to extinguish the candles, retrieve the cross from the stand and stand at the front and center of the chancel area facing the congregation. (Fig. 4)



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When the acolytes have finished extinguishing the candles, they will line up behind the crucifer.



(Fig. 5)

◀ (Fig. 5) You will lead the acolytes and Pastors down the aisle to the Narthex. Be sure to lower the cross when exiting the sanctuary so that it doesn't hit the lower ceiling above the door. →

Place the cross next to the Acolyte tapers (candlelighters). (Fig. 6)



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