



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

November 27, 2022 - 9:30 am



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Hark the Glad Sound"

ELW 239

Prayer of the Day

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 3:1-6...In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Introduction to Advent: Pastor Heather Grell

PARAMENTS AND BANNERS

"EMMANUEL"

ADVENT WREATH

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

SANCTUARY GREENS

"THE HOLLY AND THE IVY"

CHRISTMAS TREE

"O CHRISTMAS TREE"

NATIVITY

"AWAY IN A MANGER"

POINSETTIAS

"LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

ELW 247

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Hymn's

"Lamb of God"
"Fling Wide the Door"

ELW 259

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Christ Be Our Light"

ELW 715

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. Due to the starting of a new Bishop in our synod and the transition to a new synodical staff, our Assistant to the Bishop will change starting in January. Pastor Juliet Focken will help facilitate this transition and beginning in January we will be working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday, December 3rd. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Recycle your Christmas Lights!** Joe Evans is taking old strings of lights to Scrap Central which provides recycling at no cost. There will be a bin in the Narthex marked Christmas Lights Only.
- ⇒ **Advent Celebration** All ages are invited to our Advent Celebration on December 4th following worship as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! We'll have crafts, snacks, fellowship, devotions and fun!
- ⇒ **The River City Mixed Chorus**, Omaha's only LGBTQ+ community choir, is presenting Wrapped in Rainbow on Saturday, December 10th at the Holland Performing Arts Center at 7:05pm. Tickets are available at the door or in advance, with prices starting at \$20. Go to www.rcmc.org/concerts for more information!
- ⇒ **Christmas Pantry** For the December 15th Food Pantry, we will be providing cookies and hot cocoa to each family and we need your help! Use the link below to sign up for either a dozen cookies or a box of hot cocoa. Please have to the church no later than Wednesday, December 14th. Thanks! [Click Here to Sign Up](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 27

9:30 am Hanging of the Greens Worship

Monday, November 28

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 pm River City Mixed Rehearsal

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir

6:30 pm Youth Worship

7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, December 1

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir

7:00 pm River City Mixed Rehearsal

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, December 2

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, December 4

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Advent Celebration

10:50 am Youth Ensemble

11:00 am High School/Middle School Bells

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. **Connie Mertz** as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Todd & Kristie Erickson, brother & sister in law of Wendy Erickson; Marilyn Schneider, mother of Jim Schneider; Cliff & Carol Speck, friends of Loreen & Harvey Gifford; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Angela Gehring, friend of Brad Yearwood; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Logan Black, son of Joey Black; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Billy & Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother's; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.



Christmas Poinsettias 2022



Phyllis Beam,

In memory of loved ones.

Norm & Phyllis Choat,

In memory of our parents and grandparents.

Chris & Kelsey Ellis,

In memory of Gary Grubaugh & Gerald Joseph.

Patti & Joe Evans,

In memory of Vaughn Evans & David Evans.

Marisa, Alan, Tyler & Sienna Gift,

In memory of Jesse Johnston.

Barb Kay,

In honor of the birth of our savior.

Barb Kay,

In memory of parents Harry & Elsie Kay.

Alexis & Sophia Kennedy,

In memory of Carl Norgard.

Linda Kohrs,

In memory of Dave Kohrs and Larry Rolles.

Ed & Alisa Krueger,

In honor of Addi, Ella and Lydia.

Robert & Debra Krueger,

In honor of our children and grandchildren.

Kevin & Julie Leahy,

In honor of the Birth of Jesus.

David Magnuson & Rohn Collins,

In memory of our Parents.

Deb Manning & Bill Sukstorf,

In honor of our sons, Henry and Peter.

Carol Rich,

In memory of Betty Peterson.

Jim & Peg Schneider,

In memory of James Schneider, Sr.

Brian & Lea Thilliander,

In honor of Loved Ones.

Norm & Phyllis Choat,

In honor of our children & grandchildren.

The Duke Family,

In memory of Gene "Pa" Glesne.

Chris & Kelsey Ellis,

In memory of Aunt Andrea Ellis.

Patti & Joe Evans,

In memory of Douglas Mankman.

Weston & Terri Grunke,

In honor of family & friends.

Barb Kay,

In honor of my Holy Cross Family.

Barb Kay,

In memory of sister Sandra Clarkson.

Alexis & Sophia Kennedy,

In memory of Carl Norgard.

Linda Kohrs,

In memory of Ralph, Dorothy and Jim Wemmer.

Ed & Alisa Krueger,

In memory of Grandma, Grandpa, Andy and Mike.

Robert & Debra Krueger,

In memory of Andrew Krueger

David Magnuson & Rohn Collins,

In memory of our Grandparents.

Deb Manning & Bill Sukstorf,

In memory of Andy Sukstorf.

Mike & Paula McDonald,

In memory of our parents.

Jim & Peg Schneider,

In memory of Gene and Dorothy Jarka.

Jim & Peg Schneider,

In honor of our living parents, Bill & Molly Bartel & Marilyn Schneider.