



February 19, 2023 - 9:30 am

**Reconciling In Christ
Celebration Sunday**



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"A Dazzling Bouquet"

Greeting

Song

"The Peace of the Earth"

Prayer of the Day

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Exodus 2:1-10...Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:4-11...Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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John 14:23-29...Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father

will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Bishop Scott Johnson

Special Music

River City Mixed Chorus

"Unruly Heart"

"Bridge Over Troubled Water"

"Standing for Our Lives"

(Congregation joins on the Last verse)

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

"Jesus Loves Me"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by David Magnuson and Rohn Collins in celebration of Reconciling in Christ Sunday!
- ⇒ **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. We are 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, March 4th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of cereal, ramen, cookies, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** A beginning Tai Chi Class is offered weekly on Wednesday's from 12:30–1:30 pm in the HCLC Narthex. A free-will donation will be accepted for our instructor, Cynthia Simon. Bring a friend and discover that you really do have balance!
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration** We are celebrating 5 years of being a Reconciling in Christ Congregation today! Special music in worship provided by RCMC, and Bishop Scott Johnson will be our guest preacher. There also is a celebration pot-luck meal immediately following worship!
- ⇒ **River City Mixed Chorus** Today, the River City Mixed Chorus will be performing at Holy Cross as part of an annual Reconciling in Christ Celebration service. **About the River City Mixed Chorus.** For nearly 40 years, the River City Mixed Chorus, Omaha's only LGBTQ+ community choir, has been giving voice to the hopes of many that yearn for a more fully inclusive and diverse society. Over those many years, Omaha has changed and RCMC has changed with it – growing from a group of 10 friends singing at The Max to more than 130 singers who perform at Omaha's most prestigious arts venues, including the Orpheum Theater and Holland Performing Arts Center. RCMC's mission of *creating exceptional musical experiences to support diversity, inspire change, and empower communities* offers singers and audience members alike safe spaces to celebrate all that makes us unique, diverse, and joyful. For more information about the Chorus and upcoming performances, visit rcmc.org.
- ⇒ **Offering Today** Please note that our offering today will go to ReconcilingWorks—an organization that advocates for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, February 19

9:30 am RIC Celebration Sunday Worship
10:45 am RIC Celebration Potluck

Monday, February 20

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 23

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 24

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, February 25

Cross Currents Due
12:00 pm Blue and Gold Pack 558

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Barb Hannon as she deals with medical 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: Tom Victor, father of Jen Gitt; Larry Rauch, stepfather of Wendy Erickson; LaDonna Downing, mother of Rinda Howard; Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Roger Kay, brother of Barb Kay; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; 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.