



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

July 27, 2025 - 9:30 am



7th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"To Know You More"

Greeting

Song

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

ELW 180

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Psalms 138... I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Colossians 2:6-15... As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Luke 11:1-13... He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day *"God of the Poor"*

Song *"Child of the Water"*

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Special Music

Offertory *“Give Thanks”*

Words of Institution *"Remember Me"*

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs *"Come as You Are"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song “Oh I Woke Up This Morning”

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Baptized Today** Evelyn, Charlotte, and Benjamin Anderson, children of Ryan & Johanna Anderson. Their sponsors are Wendy, Andrew & John DeBoer.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, August 2nd from 8 to 9:30 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We welcome friends to join us to fill grocery bags on the final Wednesday during the summer – August 20 - as well! Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are soup, pasta sauce, cereal and plastic grocery bags. Drop donations in the blue bin in the coat closet hallway. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Prayer Shawls** If you have someone in your life who could use some extra comfort and prayers, please feel free to take a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square from the display in the Narthex at any time.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets at Paula McDonald's house on Monday's at 1:00 pm. Wednesday prayer will resume in the fall.
- ⇒ **Block Party** Our annual block party will take place on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Join us on the front lawn for a bounce house, blow up obstacle course, the Sweet-Shop Shuffle, Bingo, DJ Moon, pony rides, face painting, and FREE FOOD! This event is free to the public and all are invited. Watch for more details on ways to volunteer in the coming weeks.
- ⇒ **Garden and Gab** Wednesday evenings at 6pm. A chance to come together and clean up the church garden areas. We will work together in a different section every week. Bring your lawn chair and favorite beverage and enjoy conversation and fellowship after the garden is complete. *Garden gloves and small clippers are recommended.*
- ⇒ **Bowling with Holy Cross** Join your Holy Cross family at Maplewood Lanes on Sunday, August 17th at 2:00 pm for an afternoon of bowling fun. The cost is \$9 which includes 1 hour of bowling and shoes (paid at Maplewood Lanes that day). Sign up in the Narthex to RSVP or contact Kelley at office@hclchurch.com.
- ⇒ **Backpack Blessing** Our annual Backpack Blessing will be held on Sunday, August 10th during the service. Bring your backpack or work bag and receive a special blessing as we enter into another school year!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am Summer Choir
9:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 30

Sr High Trip Ends
6:00 pm Garden & Gab

Friday, August 1

1:00 pm Knitting
6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, August 2

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Worship

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Jen Valandra; Chris Roberts; Gordon Schnack; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

On-Going Member Concerns: Jan Swanson hospice care at home; Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving The family and friends of Mary Chipman as they mourn her death.

Jerry Joseph and his family as they mourn the death of his mother.