



8th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

Greeting

Song *"Sing Praise and Bless the Lord"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Lovely Needy People"*

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23... Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with.¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor,¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Psalms 49:1-12... Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,² both low and high, rich and poor together.³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.⁸ For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

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Luke 12:13-21... Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man

produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Son of God Eternal Savior"

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Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"On Bended Knee"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"We Shall Break Bread"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Everlasting God"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, August 21st from 5 to 6:30 pm. [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!
- ⇒ **Bingo Prize Box** We are getting closer to our annual Neighborhood Block Party! And bingo is always a big deal! Please drop bingo prize donations off in the box in the Narthex
- ⇒ **Camping Save the Date!** September 19-21 at Carol Joy Holling. Join your church family for a fun weekend of camping, fellowship and a campground worship service. Cost is \$39 per night for RV/\$28 per night for tent. Watch the Narthex for sign up information later this month. Questions, contact Kelley!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Worship

Monday, August 4

1:00 pm Centering Prayer

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 5

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 6

12:30pm Tai Chi Class

6:00 pm Garden & Gab

Friday, August 8

1:00 pm Knitting

Saturday, August 9

9:30 am Sarah Circle at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 10

9:00 am Summer Choir

9:30 am Backpack Blessing/Worship

10:45 am Sunday School Teacher Meeting

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

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.

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