



August 24, 2025 - 9:30 am

11th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Block Party

Jo Anderson

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Greeting

Song

"Sing Praise and Bless the Lord"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Alleluia (Greenbelt 10)"

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Isaiah 58:9b-14... If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalms 103:1-8... Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13:10-17... Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day."¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You

hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"More Precious than Silver"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Let the Words of My Mouth"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW 556

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 Narthex. Thankyou 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. To donate financially, click the Block Party drop down on Tithely, use Venmo and list Block Party, or drop a check clearly marked in the offering plate Sundays. To volunteer, see the sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **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.*
- ⇒ **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 at Carol Joy** 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. See the sign up in the Narthex or contact Kelley with questions.
- ⇒ **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 24

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

Monday, August 25

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

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 27

12:30pm Tai Chi Class
6:00 pm Garden & Gab

Friday, August 29

1:00 pm Knitting

Sunday, August 31

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: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Sunrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; 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 Jan Swanson.