



# HOLY CROSS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

August 31, 2025 - 9:30 am

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost



#### GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"Gather Us In"*

ELW 532

Greeting

Song

*"Sing Praise and Bless the Lord"*

Prayer of the Day

#### WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

**Proverbs 25:6-7a...** Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16...** Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 14:1, 7-14...** On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

<sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Message** Rev. Martin Russell

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Build a Longer Table”*

**Prayers**

**Sharing God’s Peace**

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**

*“On Bended Knee”*

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Song**

*“All Belong Here”*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*“You Are Holy”*

ELW 525

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, September 6th from 8 to 9:30am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are cereal, soup, bar soap and toilet paper. The blue bin has been moved from the hallway to in front of the Food Pantry bulletin board in the narthex, for better visibility. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. 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. 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 or [click here](#). Want to provide sweets? [Click Here](#) to sign up.
- ⇒ **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 31**

9:30 am Worship

#### **Monday, September 1**

Office Closed—Labor Day

1:00 pm Centering Prayer

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

#### **Tuesday, September 2**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, September 3**

12:30pm Tai Chi Class

6:00 pm Garden & Gab

#### **Thursday, September 4**

6:30pm Carolon Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, September 5**

1:00 pm Knitting

5:00 pm Pantry Prep

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

#### **Saturday, September 6**

8:00 am Food Pantry

#### **Sunday, September 7**

9:30 am Worship

10:40 am Sunday School Kick-Off

10:40 am Confirmation Parent Meeting

10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble

11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

### Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Bev Williams; 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:** Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; 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** Jill Poole and her family as they mourn the death of her brother.