



September 7, 2025 - 9:30 am

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**



## GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Valerie Birch

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"O God Beyond All Praising"*

ELW 880

Greeting

Song

*"Nothing Can Trouble "*

ACS 1033

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"Let There Be Praise"*

Chancel Choir

## WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

### Children's Message

**Psalms 1...** Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,<sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

**Philemon 1-21...** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon,<sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers,<sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ.<sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing,<sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.<sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.<sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.<sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel,<sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.<sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both

in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 14:25-33...** Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

**Message** Pastor Heather Grell

**Hymn of the Day**

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

ELW 768

**Prayers**

**Presentation of Confirmation Bibles**

**Sharing God's Peace**

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

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**

*"We Are An Offering"*

**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**

*"Come With Me (Hamba Nathi)"*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, September 18th from 5 to 6:30 pm. [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](#).
- ⇒ **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, 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

#### **Monday, September 8**

1:00 pm Centering Prayer  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
7:00 pm Rachel Circle  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

#### **Tuesday, September 9**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, September 10**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class  
6:00 pm Garden & Gab  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Worship  
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

#### **Thursday, September 11**

6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg  
6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, September 12**

1:00 pm Knitting

#### **Saturday, September 13**

9:30 am Sarah Circle at Holy Cross

#### **Sunday, September 14**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School  
12:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party

### 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.