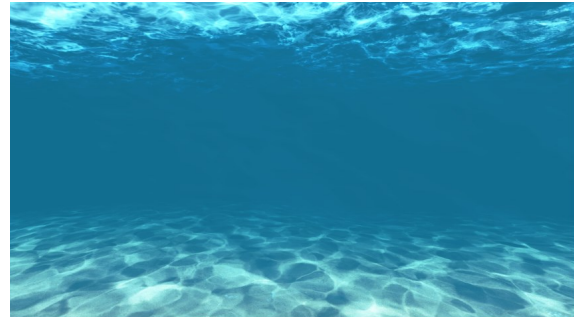


**14th Sunday after Pentecost**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

ELW 789

Greeting

Song

*"Nothing Can Trouble"*

ACS 1033

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"Lord I Need You"*

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

**Children's Message**

**Exodus 32:7-14...** The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17...** I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 15:1-10...** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with

them.”<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:<sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.<sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?<sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’<sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

**Message** Pastor Heather Grell

**Hymn of the Day**                      *“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”*

**Prayers**

**Sharing God’s Peace**

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

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**                                      *“Give Thanks”*

**Words of Institution**                      *“Remember Me”*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Songs**                      *“Lovely Needy People”*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**                      *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

ELW 807

**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 is today 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. Still want to help, volunteers are welcome! See Jo Anderson, Kate Ferris, Jen Valandra, or a member of the staff to direct you where to help!
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Fall Clean Up** Join us September 27th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm as we clean up the church and church grounds. We will be using this time to remove all the tree debris remaining in the parking area and using this time to remove unwanted or damaged items from the church. Dumpsters to be provided, just bring gloves.
- ⇒ **Free Outdoor Concert** Join us on the lawn for a fun evening of music and fellowship Sunday, October 5th at 4:00pm. Featuring Josh Hoyer, a singer/songwriter from Lincoln as seen on NBC's "The Voice", with musical style blends of soul, rock, and a dash of blues. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks and drinks.
- ⇒ **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 14**

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

#### **Monday, September 15**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

6:00 pm Council Meeting  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

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

#### **Thursday, September 18**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
5:00 pm Food Pantry  
6:30pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, September 19**

1:00 pm Knitting

#### **Saturday, September 20**

4:00 pm CMA Recovery Event

#### **Sunday, September 21**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
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; 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.