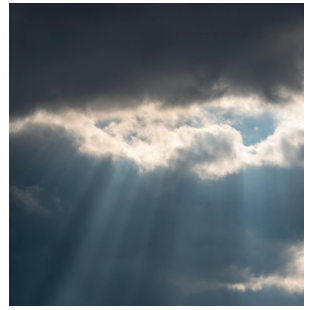


**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *“Heaven and Earth”*

Greeting

Song *“Loving Spirit”* ELW 397

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *“Lean on Me”* Chancel Choir/MS-HS Ensemble

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

**Children’s Message/Sunday School Teacher Appreciation**

**Psalm 66:8-20...** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; <sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. <sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. <sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. <sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

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

**Acts 17:22-31...** Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Kevin & Julie Leahy.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, May 21st from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be soup and crackers.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Gas to Go** 12 Junior High youth and 2 adults are headed to the Twin Cities in June for our annual Jr High Summer Road Trip! Help us get there by donating your spare change, dollars, or checks to our gas can in the Narthex! Thanks in advance for your generosity!
- ⇒ **Save the Date** Saturday, July 18th, join your Holy Cross family as we march in the annual Pride Parade! More details to follow.
- ⇒ **Save the Date** Sunday, September 20th is our annual Neighborhood Block Party. Many hands make easy work, watch for more details on how to help coming soon!
- ⇒ **May's Lunch Bunch** will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 11:30 am at Sickies Garage and Diner located at 701 N 102nd Street. All are welcome! Please notify Linda Kohrs if you would like to join us!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, May 10**

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

### **Monday, May 11**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 12**

Poling Place—Election  
7:00 pm Rachel Circle  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 13**

12:30 pm Tai Chi Class

### **Thursday, May 14**

6:00 pm Finance Committee  
7:00 pm Carolon Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, May 15**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

### **Sunday, May 16**

9:30 am Senior Recognition Sunday Worship  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Madelyn Abbott, daughter of Heather Abbott; Meg Trowbridge, friend of Nicole Szymczak; Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; ; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; 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; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; 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; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

**Grieving:** Neal & Wendy Brenner and their family as they mourn the death of Neal's brother.  
The family and friends of Anna Mae Carlson.