

2nd Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

Greeting

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Anna Grell

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Hosea 5:15-6:6... I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalms 50:7-15... "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰ For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹² "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. ¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

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Gospel Acclamation

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Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26... As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a

Announcements

- ⇒ **Baptized Today** Mara Ruth Malone daughter of Kyle Malone & Alexis Ernsberger-Malone. Her sponsors are Nick & Moriah Lorenzen.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, June 18th from 5 to 6:30pm. [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** Sunday, September 20th is our annual Neighborhood Block Party. Many hands make easy work, watch for more details on how to help coming soon!
- ⇒ **Summer Choir** June through August come sing the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month. Come at 9:00 am and sing the same day at the Sunday service!
- ⇒ **SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible School will be Monday June 29 - Thursday July 2 from 6:00-7:45 PM each evening. The theme is God's Good Creation - we'll spend time hearing stories and participating in activities that remind us how ALL of God's Creation is GOOD. New this year, we will be inviting children from the other RIC congregations in Omaha! I hope your children can join us for a fun week together! [Registration is live!](#)
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, June 18th at the Chop Stick House located at 5582 N 103 Street at 11:30am. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Linda Kohrs (402-690-3342) for a reservation.
- ⇒ **Backyard Vibes** Jim and Peg Schneider are hosting music in their backyard again this summer and everybody at Holy Cross is invited, including **Hector Anchondo July 19th** and **Sarah Benck Tardy August 23rd**.
- ⇒ **Heartland Pride!** Pride allows our community a chance to stand in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Stop by our booth at Youth pride on July 17, 2026, and/or show up to proclaim a message of LOVE with our faith community in the Heartland Pride Parade on July 18, 2026. If you are in need of a t-shirt, orders are due by July 4th. Look out for more details! [Click here](#) to register to march at the Heartland Pride Parade!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am RIC Team Meeting

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 pm Rachel Circle
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Property Committee Mtg

Thursday, June 11

6:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg

Friday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 13

9:30 am Sarah Circle at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 14

JR High Trip Begins
9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am 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: Ethen & Gunner Fellers, friends of Emma & Geno Roberts; 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.