

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Praise And Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

Greeting

Song

"Nothing Can Trouble"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"All Good Gifts"

Marisa Gift

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Isaiah 44:6-8... Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalms 86:11-17... Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. ¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43... Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children

of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“Creating God Your Fingers Trace”

ELW 684

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

“On Bended Knee”

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“The Trees of the Field”

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, August 1 from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be mac & cheese and cereal.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet on Thursday, July 16th at 11:30 am at Charleston's at 7540 Dodge Street. All are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs at 402-690-3342 to make a reservation.
- ⇒ **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** August 7 to 9 will be our annual church camping trip at Carol Joy Holling. Watch the bulletin and Narthex for more information later in the summer. Questions now? See Kelley Kennedy.
- ⇒ **Backyard Vibes** Jim and Peg Schneider are hosting music in their backyard again this summer and everybody is invited! Local blues legend **Hector Anchondo** is playing TONIGHT—**Sunday evening July 19 @ 6:30pm**. Over the years Hector has won several Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards for Outstanding Blues, Artist of the Year, and Album of the Year, and in 2020 he won the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. The Schneiders live at 9840 Louis Drive- hope to see you there!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am Worship
Sr High Trip Ends

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class

Friday, July 24

10:00am Sources of Humanity Cooking Class
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, July 25

Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, July 26

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: Janet Callahan & Family, friends of Heather Abbott; Emalyn, granddaughter of Pat Butterfield; Kimberly Sobota, mother of Joel Irvin; 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.