

10th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* ELW 843

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise *"Now the Feast and Celebration"* ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Give Me Jesus"* Jerry Joseph

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Isaiah 55:1-5... Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 ... The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. ¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. ¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. ²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 14:13-21... Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, August 20 from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be ramen noodles, mac & cheese, pasta, and canned beans.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Church Camp Out** August 7 to 9 will be our annual church camping trip at Carol Joy Holling. Sign up in the Narthex. . Questions? See Kelley Kennedy.
- ⇒ **Backpack Blessing** Our annual Backpack Blessing will be held on Sunday, August 16th during the service. Bring your backpack or work bag and receive a special blessing as we enter into another school year!
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **Block Party** Our annual block party will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2026 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. Watch for more details on ways to volunteer in the coming weeks.
- ⇒ **Bowling at Maplewood Lanes!** Join your church family for an afternoon of bowling fun! Sunday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm—\$10 per person including shoes! Sign up today in the Narthex or see Kelley with questions!
- ⇒ **Owl Event** Calling all "Older Wiser Lutherans"! Join us for lunch and fellowship Tuesday, August 25th at 11:00 am. The event will feature our very own Kevin Leahy and his watercolor paintings. Kevin will share some of his paintings, discuss his art, and tell stories from his creative journey. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the office!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, August 20th at Shirley's Diner—13838 R Plaza Millard—at 11:30 am. All are welcome. Please call Linda Kohrs at 402-690-3342 to make a reservation.
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration Sunday Save the Date!** Sunday, April 11th, 2027! More details to follow.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Worship

Monday, August 3

6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class

Friday, August 7

Camp Out at CJH

10:00am Sources of Humanity Cooking Class

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex

6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, August 8

Camp out at CJH

9:30 am Sarah Circle at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 9

Camp out at CJH

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: Josh & Nicole Irvin, family of Joel Irvin; 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.