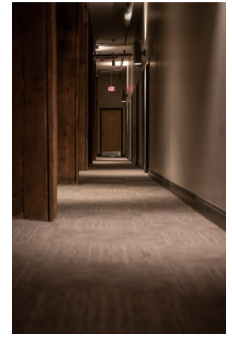




12th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"In Christ There is No East or West"* ELW 650

Greeting

Kyrie

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

Prayer of the Day

Special Music Jerry Joseph

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Backpack Blessing

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8... Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalms 67... May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 15:21-28... ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus

answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW 612

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"
"One Bread One Body"

ELW 496

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"We Will Make No Peace With Oppression"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Dick Klabunde in loving memory of Gloria Klabunde.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, 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!
- ⇒ **Backpack Blessing** Our annual Backpack Blessing is today, 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.
- ⇒ **Backyard Vibes** Last chance to catch music in Jim and Peg Schneider's backyard: Local singer-songwriter **Sarah Benck Tardy** will play **Sunday evening August 23rd @ 6:30pm** and everybody's invited. The Schneiders live at 9840 Louis Drive. Hope to see you all there!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am Worship & Backpack Blessing

Monday, August 17

6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

6:30pm Council Meeting

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class

6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep

Thursday, August 20

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

5:00 pm Food Pantry

Friday, August 21

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex

7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, August 22

9:00 am Nuke Con Gaming Convention

Sunday, August 23

9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am Worship

2:00 pm Bowling at Maplewood Lanes

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Mike McDonald; 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.