

Consecration Sunday



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Radical Ringers

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

ELW 694

Greeting

Song

"We Will Take What You Offer"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Let's Go Together"

Wonder Together Singers

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Isaiah 25:1-9...O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Psalms 23...The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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Matthew 22:1-14... Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who

had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

ELW 873

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Stewardship

Offertory

"More Precious Than Silver"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"We Fall Down"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Estimate of Giving Cards

Blessing

Presenting Our Gifts as an Act of Worship

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, October 15th 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.
- ⇒ **Fall Picnic & Bonfire Save the Date** Sunday, October 18th from 4 to 8pm at Carol Joy Holling Camp—Monke Lodge. There will be indoor and outdoor games, a bonfire and lots of FUN! This will be a potluck picnic, so bring your favorite picnic item to share! Smores supplies for the bonfire will be provided. Sign Up today in the Main Entrance Area!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, October 15th at 11:30 am at Longhorn Restaurant at 7425 Dodge St. at 11:30 AM. All are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs at 402-690-3342 for a reservation.
- ⇒ **Knitting Group** - the Knitting Group has been busy knitting and crocheting soap sacks for the upcoming Thanksgiving pantry. Please help us fill these soap sacks with donations of bar soap. The display in the main entrance area shows the work that has been done! Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with the Knitting Group.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Pantry** - The Thanksgiving Pantry will take place on Thursday, November 19. This is our largest pantry and we are expecting over 200 families to come through. Each family will receive a turkey, potatoes, boxed stuffing, green beans, cake mix & frosting. If you would like to donate towards the turkeys, please see the table in the main entrance area. Next week we will focus on collecting **canned fruit**, These can be placed in the blue bin beneath the pantry bulletin board. Thank you!
- ⇒ **Panera Night!** Support the youth fund by eating dinner at Panera Bread on 149th and Maple October 25th anytime between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. You can order online using the code FUND4U or show the flyer at check out. Flyer can be [located here](#). Thank you for supporting our High School youth as they raise funds for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis!
- ⇒ **Jr High + Senior High Pumpkin Party** Holy Cross Jr and Sr High students are invited to a Pumpkin Party Sunday October 25th from 6 to 8pm. We will carve or paint pumpkins, have a Halloween movie on the big screen, enjoy snacks and a fun time together! Bring your own pumpkin—snacks and FUN provided!
- ⇒ **Young Adult Care Packages** Again this year, we will be assembling care packages for our Young Adult members of HC. From now until October 25th, you are invited to donate items for those packages! The high school youth will assemble them during youth group. Ideas for items to donate—snacks, hot cocoa, drink mix packets, laundry detergent (pods or sheets!), hand sanitizer, chapstick, deck of cards, Clorox or wet wipes. You can place donations at the display in the Main Entrance Area!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Worship
 10:40 am Adult Forum
 10:40 am Wonder Together
 10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
 11:00 am MS/HS Bells

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

12:30 pm Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
 6:30 pm Youth Worship
 7:00 pm Youth Group/Radical Ringers

Thursday, October 15

11:30 am Lunch Bunch
 5:00 pm Food Pantry
 6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 16

1:00 pm Knitting in the Main Entrance Area
 7:00 pm Belles N Beaus
 7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Worship
 10:40 am Congregational Meeting/Wonder Together
 10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
 11:00 am MS/HS Bells
 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg
 4:00 pm Fall Picnic & Bonfire

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Mary Youngerman, Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Dane Cole, brother of Walter Roberts; Kyle Piepmeier, friend of Alicia Glesne; **Connie James**, friend of Wendy Brenner; **Josh & Nicole Irvin**, family of Joel Irvin; **Emalyn**, granddaughter of Pat Butterfield; **Kimberly Sobota**, mother of Joel Irvin; **Madelyn Abbott**, daughter of Heather Abbott; **Meg Trowbridge**, friend of Nicole Szymczak; **Bobbi Valandra**, sister of Jason Valandra; **Arthur Oberwetter**, father of Julie Leahy; **Gordon Blake**, father of Alisa Krueger; **Kim Jones**, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; **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.