

21st Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"You Servants of God"

ELW 825

Greeting

Song

"Create in Me"

ELW 187

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Open My Heart"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalms 96:1-13... O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. ⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; ¹² let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10... Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 22:15-22...The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *"Abba I Belong to You"*

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory *"We Are An Offering"*

Words of Institution *"Remember Me"*

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song *"I Need You to Survive"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

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Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Robert & Debra Krueger in celebration of Ed & Alisa's 20th wedding anniversary!
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, November 7th from 8 to 10 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated.
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **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. Any donations 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 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

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

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 22

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 23

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
 7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Sunday, October 25

Newsletter Articles Due
 9:30 am Reformation Sunday Worship
 10:40 am Adult Forum
 10:40 am Wonder Together
 10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
 11:00 am MS/HS Bells

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.