HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

November 22, 2026- 9:30 am

26th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Lets Go Together"*

Greeting

Song *"Behold the Lamb of God"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"I'll Be There for You"* Chancel/MS HS Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24... Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring
them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all
the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture
on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured,
and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20]
Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your
horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged,
and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David,
and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God,
and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a...O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! [2]
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! [3]
For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. [4] In his hand are the depths of the earth; the
heights of the mountains are his also. [5] The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands
have formed. [6] O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! [7] For he
is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
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Matthew 25:31-46... Jesus said to the disciples: [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him,

and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *"Great is the Lord"*

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 *"Build My Life"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* ELW 855

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

⇒ **Roses** are in celebration of Phyllis Choat's 80th Birthday.

⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Alexis Kennedy in celebration of Sophia's 11th birthday.

⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, November 19th from 5 to 7pm. CLICK HERE to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be cereal and canned fruit.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **Owl Luncheon Featuring Neal Brenner** Calling all Older Wiser Lutherans! Join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun on Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30am. Neal Brenner will be here to give a presentation on his work refurbishing antique clocks. Sign upin the main entrance area today!

⇒ **Hanging of the Greens** Join us Sunday, November 29 at 9:30 am for our Hanging of the Greens worship service where we decorate and prepare our worship space for the Advent Season.

⇒ **Celebration to Honor Indigenous People** Join us at **6:30pm on Wednesday, November 25th** for a special service designed to honor indigenous people. It is an opportunity to give thanks and praise together, to celebrate and honor our indigenous siblings, and of course there will be time afterwards for fellowship and pie! Bring a pie, bring a friend...and together we can continue to learn and grow into the people God has called us to be.

⇒ **Advent Celebration** Join us as we prepare for the coming King! On Sunday, November 29th, everyone is invited to join in the fellowship hall following worship for our Advent Celebration! There will be fun Advent activities for all ages, family sizes and abilities!

⇒ **Christmas Poinsettias** are available to order. Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with a $10 donation towards a Christmas Poinsettia. Click here to purchase online or use a poinsettia envelope located on the usher stand Sunday.

⇒ **Christmas Caroling** Join your Holy Cross Family on December 13 at 1:45 p.m. (event: 2-4:00 p.m.) as we go Christmas Caroling to some of our members who are not out-and-about. Meet at the church at 1:45 p.m. to form groups of carolers. Music is provided, and all ages welcomed!

⇒ **Cookie Walk & Hot Cocoa Bar!** Save the Date—Sunday, December 20th following worship you are invited to a winter wonderland in the Fellowship Hall. The High School Youth Group will have homemade holiday cookies ready to go home with you. For a suggested donation of $10, you can fill a to-go box to the brim! There will also be a free hot cocoa bar and a raffle. We hope you can join us and support the Youth Fund!

⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 22
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, November 23
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
9:00 pm CMA Meeting
Tuesday, November 24
11:30 am Owl Luncheon
7:30 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday, November 25
Newsletter Article Due
6:30 pm Indigenous People Celebration Service
Thursday, November 26
Office Closed
Friday, November 27
Office Closed
7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction
Saturday, November 28
1:30 pm Piano Recital Donna Lett
Sunday, November 29
9:30 am Hanging of the Greens Service
10:40 am Advent Celebration
10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

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

Friends and Relatives: Edward Leza; 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; **Scott Matheson**, brother in law of Julie Noteman; **Joshua Perilo**, son of Sharon Perilo; **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; **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.