



18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

Greeting

Song

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Your Love Compels Me"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Jeremiah 11:18-20... It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a... Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because

you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a} Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9:30-37...Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Wendy DeBoer

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Stewardship Story

Offertory

"More Precious than Silver"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

"Goodness of God"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Soul on Fire"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is October 5, 8-9:30 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! We are in need of paper and plastic bags, bar soap, canned meat, cereal and soup. Drop donations in the blue bin in the coat closet hallway. Thanks!
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** A beginning Tai Chi Class is offered weekly on Wednesday's from 12:30–1:30 pm in the HCLC Narthex. A free-will donation will be accepted for our instructor, Cynthia Simon. Bring a friend and discover that you really do have balance!
- ⇒ **Prayer Shawls** If you have someone in your life who could use some extra comfort and prayers, please feel free to take a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square from the display in the Narthex at any time.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Garden and Gab** Wednesday evenings at 6pm. A chance to come together and clean up the church garden areas. We will work together in a different section every week.
- ⇒ **Quilting at HC** Calling all quilters! I would like to get a quilt group here at Holy Cross back together. If you are interested in joining this group or would like to come and learn to spark a new interest, all are welcome! You can reach out to Andrew Janzen before or after church, or you can email at hclcquilters@yahoo.com.
- ⇒ **Camping is Back!** Join your church family for a fun weekend of camping, fellowship and a campground worship service at Carol Joy Holling September 27–29. Cost is \$25 for tent per night and \$35 for RV per night. RSVP by Sunday, September 22nd. Sign up in the Narthex then watch your email for more information.
- ⇒ **Sharing Produce** This year we will be sharing the produce from our church garden two ways! Veggies will be shared twice a month through our food pantry and on alternate weeks through a free produce stand. If you have veggies to share from your home garden, please bring it to church and add to our harvest!
- ⇒ **Nursery** Our nursery in the Sunday School hallway will be unlocked every Sunday morning during worship and our education hour. There is no nursery attendant, but that room is available for families to use as needed if littles need to get some wiggles out!
- ⇒ **Pet Blessing:** October 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 22

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012

Monday, September 23

1:00 pm Centering Prayer
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, September 24

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 25

12:30 pm Tai Chi
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:05 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group
Cross Currents Due

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

1:00 pm Knitting

Sunday, September 29

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Kelley, Sophia, & Alexis Kennedy; Ruth Martin; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Jan Swanson; Connie Mertz, Mia Szymczak, Gordon Schnack.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mary Sundermeier, aunt of Kate Ferris; Bill Bartel, father of Peg Schneider; Megan Smith-Sallans, friend of Pastor Heather; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Kenneth Lathrop, father of Alisa Krueger; Jan Specks, sister of Carol Rich; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving

Kelley, Alexis, & Sophia Kennedy as they mourn the death of their mother and grandmother, Dottie Norgard