



21st Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"God Will Take Care of You"

Radical Ringers

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's message

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 ⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins —you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 4:12-16... ¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an

account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:17-31... ¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Message Deacon Timothy Siburg

Hymn of the Day

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Stewardship Story

Offertory

"As the Grains of Wheat"

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Great Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
Communion
Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"
"Only by Grace"

Communion Blessing
Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing
Sending Song
Dismissal
Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, October 17, 5-6:30 pm. [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!
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Food Pantry** is Thursday, Nov. 21. We are raising funds to cover turkey costs as well as conducting a canned vegetable food drive. How can you help? Visit the "Turkey" in the Narthex for details and/or help build our tower of canned vegetables. Thank you!
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Quilting at HC** Calling all quilters! 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.
- ⇒ **Nursery** Our nursery in the Sunday School hallway is 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!
- ⇒ **Red Cross Blood Drive** Sunday, October 20 from 9-2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Click to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=holycrosslutheran>
- ⇒ **Scholarships Available** The Holy Cross Endowment Board invites student members to apply for a \$500 scholarship for the spring semester. Please complete the application available by request from Office@hclchurch.com and return it to the church office by Oct. 23.
- ⇒ **Trunk N Treat** is October 31 and held in the parking lot from 6-8:00 pm. **Volunteer:** See the sign-up sheet online or in the Narthex to volunteer your decorated car trunk to hand out candy! **Candy Donations:** Place your donations in the Narthex. We run out every year!
- ⇒ **Young Adult Care Packages** will be assembled on Sunday, October 27 during the Ed hour. See the display in the Narthex for needed items and to drop off your donations.
- ⇒ **Pumpkin Carving Party for ALL ages!** Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 27, 6-8 pm for pumpkin carving. Carving supplies will be provided. Photo opps will be available, and "Hocus Pocus" will be on the big screen! Bring your own pumpkin and a snack to share.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, October 13

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

Monday, October 14

1:00 pm Centering Prayer
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Rachael Circle
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:05 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

1:00 pm Knitting
7:00 pm Belles n Beaus

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am Blood Drive
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 Meeting

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.