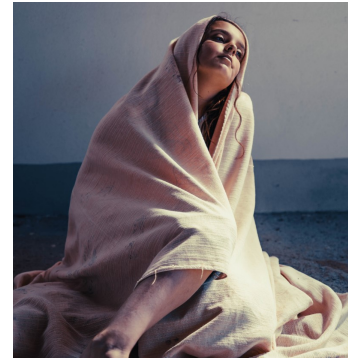


**25th Sunday after Pentecost**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Jesus Shall Reign"* Uke Choir & Cong ELW 434

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise *"Now the Feast and Celebration"* ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Groove No. 2 in C Minor"* MS/HS Bells

**WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching**

**Children's message**

**1 Kings 17:8-16...** The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**Psalms 146...** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Mark 12:38-44...** As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!<sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.<sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.<sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.<sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

**Message** Pastor Heather Grell

**Hymn of the Day**

*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

ELW 679

**Prayers**

**Sharing God’s Peace**

**MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus**

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**

*“As the Grains of Wheat”*

ELW 465

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Songs**

*“Lamb of God”  
“Giving it All to You”*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

ELW 439

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Kevin and Julie Leahy in honor of the glory of our Savior Jesus.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, November 21st from 5 to 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.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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](mailto: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 the room is available for families to use as needed if littles need to get some wiggles out!
- ⇒ **Fall Craft Fair** Start your holiday shopping at HC! On Saturday, November 16th, over 30 local handmade vendors will be selling their goods to kick off the holiday season! Admission is FREE, please share with your friends!
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie** Join us on Thanksgiving Eve for an evening of gratitude and giving, plus PIE! We will begin at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary with a brief prayer service followed by a service project and pie in the Fellowship Hall.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, November 10**

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

### **Monday, November 11**

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

### **Tuesday, November 12**

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 13**

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

### **Thursday, November 14**

3:15 pm Finance Committee  
6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, November 15**

1:00 pm Knitting  
5:00 pm Craft Fair Set Up

### **Saturday, November 16**

9:00 am Craft Fair 9 to 3

### **Sunday, November 17**

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:** Charlie Ferris; Kelley Kennedy; Ruth Martin; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Jan Swanson; Connie Mertz, Mia Szymczak.

**On-Going Member Concerns:** Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

**Friends and Relatives:** Larry Labens, friend of Jerry & Kelli Joseph; **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:

**Peg Schneider and her family** as they mourn the death of Peg's father Bill.

**Cynthia Schwieger and her family** as they mourn the death of Cynthia's mother Virginia.