



**HOLY CROSS**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA  
A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

November 17, 2024 - 9:30 am

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"We Praise You O God"*

ELW 870

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

*"Now the Feast and Celebration"*

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"He's Everything to Me"*

Radical Ringers

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

Children's message

**Psalm 16...** Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you." <sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup>Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. <sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. <sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. <sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

**Hebrews 10:11-25...** Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup> he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider

how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,<sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Mark 13:1-8...** As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"<sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,<sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.<sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

**Message** Pastor Heather Grell

**Hymn of the Day**

*"God of the Poor"*

**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"*  
*"Shelter"*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Hanging of the Greens** Our journey of the Advent season begins December 1. During worship, we transform the Sanctuary from the Pentecost season to the Advent season. Come and participate in preparing your worship space for the Christmas season.
- ⇒ **Advent Celebration** On **Sunday December 1st**, 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 through Friday, November 29th. 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.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **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

### **Monday, November 18**

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

### **Tuesday, November 19**

6:30 pm Council Meeting  
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 20**

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 21**

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

### **Friday, November 22**

1:00 pm Knitting

### **Saturday, November 23**

2:00 pm RCMC Sectional Rehearsal

### **Sunday, November 24**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Endowment Meeting  
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:** 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; **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.