



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

March 16, 2025 - 9:30 am

Leader Bulletin

2nd Sunday in Lent



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"The God of Abraham Praise"

ELW 831

Greeting

Kyrie

ELW pg 147

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Plink, Plank, Plunk"

MS/HS Bells

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 27...The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. ¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

Philippians 3:17-4:1... Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my

joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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Luke 13:31-35...At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* ELW 768

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* ELW 334
Vs 1 and Lent 2

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg 152

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs *"Lamb of God"* ELW pg 154
"Build My Life"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *"We Are Called"* ELW 720

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, March 20th from 5 to 6:30pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! We are in need of canned soup, bar soap, toilet paper and canned goods in general (fruit, veggies, tuna/chicken, pasta sauce, beans). 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 Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **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 little ones need to get some wiggles out!
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Scholarships Available** The Holy Cross Endowment Board invites student members to apply for a \$500 scholarship for the fall semester. Please complete the application, available by request from endowment.board@hclchurch.com or the church office, and return it by April 3rd.
- ⇒ **Youth Emergency Services Drive**—Throughout the season of Lent we will be collecting various items for Youth Emergency Services. We are collecting the following new items: Bras (not sports bras), Underwear—all sizes men and women, full size deodorant, full size body wash, chapstick, towels. See the Narthex for more details.
- ⇒ **Board Game Day** Join us for a day of board game fun! Bring your favorite board games and snacks/drinks to share for a fun afternoon. Saturday, April 5th at 1:00 pm. See you there!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 19

12:30 pm Tai Chi Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

Council Retreat

Sunday, March 23

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

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Sarah Sjolie; Kelley Kennedy; Norm Firkins; Phyllis Beam; Donna McCoy; Jan Swanson; Connie Mertz.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dana Zoll, friend of Amy Odson; Linda Spencer; Jimmy McCarthy, brother of Jen Gitt; Jeanne Kowalski, sister of Peg Schneider; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Larry Labens, friend of Jerry & Kelli Joseph; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & 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; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.