



February 1, 2026 - 9:30 am

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

ELW 522

Greeting

Song

*"Nothing Can Trouble"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"Blessed are They"*

Chancel Choir

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

Children's Message

**Micah 6:1-8...** Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Psalm 15...** O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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**Matthew 5:1-12...** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.<sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called

children of God.<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

**Message Pastor Heather Grell**

**Hymn of the Day**

*“When the Poor Ones”*

ELW 725

**Prayers**

**Sharing God’s Peace**

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

**Offering**

**Special Music**

**Offertory**

*“We are an Offering”*

**Words of Institution**

*“Remember Me”*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Communion**

**Communion Song**

*“Come as You Are”*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*“In This New Moment”*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is our Saturday, February 7th from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are canned fruit, tuna, pasta/potato, saltines and toilet paper. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are now available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **17th Annual Chili Cook Off + Chili Feed** is TODAY, February 1st at 11:30. Sign up in the Narthex to make chili, or just come to eat! All proceeds from chili voting will go to the Youth Ministry Fund here at Holy Cross.
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration** Come and celebrate our 8th year as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation! On February 8th Holy Cross will have our annual RIC celebration worship with special music provided by the River City Mixed Chorus. Following worship the celebration continues with a pot-luck brunch - everyone is welcome! Please bring food to share with friends, family, and guests. To make this event a success, [click here](#) to volunteer.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets every Sunday from 8:45am to 9:15am in the Community Room in the Education hallway. For questions, call Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

**Sunday, February 1**  
9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum  
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir  
11:30am Chili Cook-Off

**Monday, February 2**  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

**Tuesday, February 3**  
7:30 pm AA Meeting

**Wednesday, February 4**  
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, February 5**  
6:30pm Carolon Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, February 6**  
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
5:30 pm Food Pantry Prep  
7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

**Saturday, February 7**  
8:00 am Food Pantry

**Sunday, February 8**  
9:30 am RIC Celebration Worship  
10:40 am RIC Celebration Potluck  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jane Marsh, aunt of Jen Gitt; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Pat & Barry Butterfield, mother and father of Amy Odson; Deniel Algarin, nephew of Alicia Glesne; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Crosby Vargas, friend of Julie Noteman; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.