



May 31, 2026 - 9:30 am

Synod Assembly



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *"Oh, Sing to God Above"* ELW 555

Greeting

Kyrie ELW Pg 184

Hymn of Praise ELW Pg 187

Prayer of the Day

Special Music Jack Fitzgerald

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Genesis 1:1-2:4a...When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild

animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

2 Corinthians 13:11-13...Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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Gospel Acclamation

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Matthew 28:16-20...Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Message Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

Hymn of the Day

"Go to the World!"

ACS 991

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

ELW 413

Thanksgiving for the Word

Lord's Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Dare to Live the Dream God Gives You"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, June 6th from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be soup and crackers.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Gas to Go** 12 Junior High youth and 2 adults are headed to the Twin Cities in June for our annual Jr High Summer Road Trip! Help us get there by donating your spare change, dollars, or checks to our gas can in the Narthex! Thanks in advance for your generosity!
- ⇒ **Save the Date** Sunday, September 20th is our annual Neighborhood Block Party. Many hands make easy work, watch for more details on how to help coming soon!
- ⇒ **Summer Choir** June through August come sing the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month. Come at 9:00 am and sing the same day at the Sunday service!
- ⇒ **SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible School will be Monday June 29 - Thursday July 2 from 6:00-7:45 PM each evening. The theme is God's Good Creation - we'll spend time hearing stories and participating in activities that remind us how ALL of God's Creation is GOOD. New this year, we will be inviting children from the other RIC congregations in Omaha! I hope your children can join us for a fun week together! [Registration is live!](#)
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, June 18th at the Chop Stick House located at 5582 N 103 Street at 11:30am. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Linda Kohrs (402-690-3342) for a reservation.
- ⇒ **Backyard Vibes** Jim and Peg Schneider are hosting music in their backyard again this summer and everybody at Holy Cross is invited! Local singer-songwriter **Kris Lager performs Sunday evening June 7 @ 6:30pm**. Kris has twice been nominated by Omaha Entertainment and Arts as one of their artists of the year, and once as blues artists of the year, and he puts on a terrific show! Jim and Peg will have other artists perform over the summer, including **Hector Anchondo July 19th** and **Sarah Benck Tardy August 23rd**.
- ⇒ **Heartland Pride!** Pride allows our community a chance to stand in solidarity with our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Stop by our booth at Youth pride on July 17, 2026, and/or show up to proclaim a message of LOVE with our faith community in the Heartland Pride Parade on July 18, 2026. If you are in need of a t-shirt, orders are due by July 4th. Look out for more details! [Click here](#) to register to march at the Heartland Pride Parade!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 31

9:30 am Worship
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Monday, June 1

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 3

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class

Friday, June 5

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, June 6

8:00 am Food Pantry
1:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am RIC Team Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

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

Friends and Relatives: Ethen & Gunner Fellers, friends of Emma & Geno Roberts; Madelyn Abbott, daughter of Heather Abbott; Meg Trowbridge, friend of Nicole Szymczak; Bobbi Valandra, sister of Jason Valandra; Arthur Oberwetter, father of Julie Leahy; Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; Gordon Blake, father of Alisa Krueger; Paisley & Porter Rodriguez, friends of Eric Gitt; ; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; 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; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; 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; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.