



14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Ashley Roberts

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Cry of My Heart"

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"My Jesus"

Piper Fitzpatrick

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Psalm 26:1-8... Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind. ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD, ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds. ⁸ O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 12:9-21... Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:21-28... From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of

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

Hymn of the Day

ELW 710

Sharing God's Peace

Offering

Offertory

ELW 465

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

"Sing Praise and Bless the Lord"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"God's Work Our Hands"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, September 5th from 8 to 10 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be ramen noodles, mac & cheese, pasta, and canned beans.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Bingo Prize Box** We are getting closer to our annual Neighborhood Block Party! And bingo is always a big deal! Please drop bingo prize donations off in the box in the Narthex
- ⇒ **Block Party** Our annual block party will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Join us on the front lawn for a bounce house, blow up obstacle course, the Sweet-Shop Shuffle, Bingo, DJ Moon, pony rides, face painting, and FREE FOOD! This event is free to the public and all are invited. Watch for more details on ways to volunteer in the coming weeks.
- ⇒ **Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange** - Saturday, September 12th from 12:00pm-2:00pm we will be hosting a puzzle exchange in the fellowship hall. Bring puzzles you have completed to share with others and take home new puzzles - bring one, take one! Invite your puzzle friends! Contact Kelli Joseph at ksjose123@cox.net with questions.
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** Our September Lunch Bunch will be held on September 17th at The Olive Garden located at 7505 Dodge St. at 11:30 AM. All are welcome! Please call Linda Kohrs 402-690-3342 for a reservation.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Worship

Monday, August 31

6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 2

12:30 am Tai Chi Balance Class

Thursday, September 3

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir

7:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir

Friday, September 4

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex

6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep

7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Worship

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

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

Friends and Relatives: Connie James, friend of Wendy Brenner; Josh & Nicole Irvin, family of Joel Irvin; Janet Callahan & Family, friends of Heather Abbott; Emalyn, granddaughter of Pat Butterfield; Kimberly Sobota, mother of Joel Irvin; 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; Kim Jones, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; 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.