



September 20, 2026- 9:30 am

## 17th Sunday after Pentecost



### GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"Love the Lord"*

Greeting

Song

*"Blessing, Honor, Glory"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"No Place to Lay My Head"*

Jen Fitzpatrick

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

#### Children's Message

**Jonah 3:10-4:11**...When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. <sup>1</sup> But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. <sup>3</sup> And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup> And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup> The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

**Psalms 145:1-8**...I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup> One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. <sup>5</sup> They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. <sup>6</sup> They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

<sup>7</sup> They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Matthew 20:1-16...** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

*“There is a Longing in Our Hearts”*

ACS 1078

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

*“Lovely Needy People”*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Song

*“Take My Life that I May Be”*

ELW 583

Dismissal

Postlude

## **Announcements**

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Deb Manning & Bill Sukstorf in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Saturday, October 3rd from 8 to 10am. [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.
- ⇒ **Block Party** Our annual block party will take place today! 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. Want to help and haven't yet signed up? See a staff member, Jo Anderson, Jen Valandra, or Kate Ferris.
- ⇒ **Fall Picnic & Bonfire Save the Date** Saturday, October 18th from 4 to 8pm at Carol Joy Holling Camp—Monke Lodge. There will be indoor and outdoor games, a bonfire and lots of FUN! This will be a potluck picnic, so bring your favorite picnic item to share! Smores supplies for the bonfire and a few drink options will be provided. Watch the Narthex for more details!
- ⇒ **Pet Blessing** is Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 pm on the front lawn. Bring your cat, dog, reptile, and/or amphibian for a blessing. This is a rain or shine event. Watch Facebook for updates!
- ⇒ **Lasagna Love** Join Peg Schneider on October 4th immediately following the adult forum to prepare and bake 10 lasagnas with an option to deliver to help feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities! Since this is an inaugural event, we will be working out the kinks with the intention of hosting more events in the future. If you are interested in helping, please click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ADAB2AA13-65962191-lasagna>
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## **Calendar for Upcoming Week**

### **Sunday, September 20**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Adult Forum/Wonder Together  
12:00 pm Block Party  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

### **Monday, September 21**

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

### **Tuesday, September 22**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 23**

11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
12:30 pm Tai Chi  
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir  
6:30 pm Youth Worship  
7:00 pm Youth Group/Radical Ringers

### **Thursday, September 24**

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, September 25**

Newsletter Articles Due  
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex  
7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

### **Saturday, September 26**

2:00 pm Community Bday Party

### **Sunday, September 27**

9:30 am Worship  
10:40 am Adult Forum  
10:40 am Wonder Together  
10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble  
11:00 am MS/HS Bells  
1:00 pm NE Chin Baptist Church Ordination

## **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.