



September 27, 2026- 9:30 am

18th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

ELW 531

Greeting

Song

"Jesus Your Name"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Walk Along Beside Me. O Lord"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalms 25:1-9... To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 2:1-13... If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 21:23-32... When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you

this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"God is Here"

ELW 526

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Stewardship

Offertory

"On Bended Knee"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

"There is a Longing in Our Hearts"

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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Lord, Reign in Me"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Fall Picnic & Bonfire Save the Date** Sunday, 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 will be provided. Sign Up today in the Narthex!
- ⇒ **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>
- ⇒ Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, October 15th at 11:30 am at Longhorn Restaurant at 7425 Dodge St. at 11:30 AM. All are welcome to join us. Please call Linda Kohrs at 402-690-3342 for a reservation.
- ⇒ **Knitting Group** - the Knitting Group has been busy knitting and crocheting soap sacks for the upcoming Thanksgiving pantry. Please help us fill these soap sacks with donations of bar soap. The display in the narthex shows the work that has been done! Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with the Knitting Group.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

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

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

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, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
 5:30 pm Pantry Prep
 7:00 pm Belles N Beaus
 7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Worship
 10:40 am Adult Forum/Wonder Together
 10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
 11:00 am MS/HS Bells
 2:00 pm Pet Blessing
 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Mary Youngerman, Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Kyle Piepmeier, friend of Alicia Glesne; 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.