



**GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

*"Sunshine in My Soul Today"*

Ukes & Congregation

Greeting

Song

*"The Peace of the Earth"*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

*"This is My Father's World"*

Carolyn Bells

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

**Children's Message**

**Isaiah 5:1-7...** I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

**Psalms 80:7-15...** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. <sup>8</sup> You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; <sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. <sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? <sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. <sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, <sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted.

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**Matthew 21:33-46...** Jesus said: <sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw

him out of the vineyard, and killed him.<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"<sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits."<sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.<sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The Gospel of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

*"Thine the Amen"*

ELW 826

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

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

Offering

Stewardship

Offertory

*"Give Thanks"*

Words of Institution

*"Remember Me"*

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

*"Pour Me Out"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Blessing

Sending Song

*"Praise Praise Praise the Lord"*

ELW 875

Dismissal

Postlude

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Yellow Roses** are in celebration of John DeBoer's 80th birthday!
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, October 15th from 5 to 7pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be canned vegetables.
- ⇒ **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 today, this Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 pm on the front lawn. Bring your animal for a blessing!
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Pantry** - The Thanksgiving Pantry will take place on Thursday, November 19. This is our largest pantry and we are expecting over 200 families to come through. Each family will receive a turkey, potatoes, boxed stuffing, green beans, cake mix & frosting along with their usual pantry bags. If you would like to donate towards the turkeys, please see the table in the narthex. Each week a different item will be highlighted for collection. Next week we will focus on collecting **green beans**. These can be placed in the blue bin beneath the pantry bulletin board. Thank you!
- ⇒ **Panera Night!** Support the youth fund by eating dinner at Panera Bread on 149th and Maple October 25th anytime between 4:00 and 8:00 pm. You can order online using the code FUND4U or show the flyer at check out. Flyer can be [located here](#). Thank you for supporting our High School youth as they raise funds for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis!
- ⇒ **Jr High + Senior High Pumpkin Party** Holy Cross Jr and Sr High students are invited to a Pumpkin Party Sunday October 25th from 6 to 8pm. We will carve or paint pumpkins, have a Halloween movie on the big screen, enjoy snacks and a fun time together! Bring your own pumpkin—snacks and FUN provided!
- ⇒ **Young Adult Care Packages** Again this year, we will be assembling care packages for our Young Adult members of HC. From now until October 25th, you are invited to donate items for those packages! The high school youth will assemble them during youth group. Ideas for items to donate—snacks, hot cocoa, drink mix packets, laundry detergent (pods or sheets!), hand sanitizer, chapstick, deck of cards, Clorox or wet wipes. You can place donations at the display in the Narthex!
- ⇒ **Adult Forum Today!** Join us at today's adult forum for a letter writing event. We will be writing election integrity letters to our state and local representatives. We will have pre-written letters for you to sign or you can compose your own. Come together to live out your faith through civic engagement.
- ⇒ **Canned Vegetables Sale Alert!** Help us fill the shelves! This week only, Family Fare has canned vegetables on sale for \$0.50 each! What a great opportunity to stock up our pantry shelves in time for the holiday rush!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **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

### **Monday, October 5**

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

### **Tuesday, October 6**

7:30 pm     AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 7**

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 8**

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

### **Friday, October 9**

1:00 pm     Knitting in the Narthex  
 5:30 pm     McAndrew/Kennedy Rehearsal Dinner  
 7:15pm      AA—Good Orderly Direction

### **Saturday, October 10**

9:30 am     Sarah Circle  
 4:30 m      McAndrew/Kennedy Wedding Ceremony

### **Sunday, October 11**

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

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

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

**Friends and Relatives:** Dane Cole, brother of Walter Roberts; Kyle Piepmeier, friend of Alicia Glesne; **Connie James**, friend of Wendy Brenner; **Josh & Nicole Irvin**, family of Joel Irvin; **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; **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.