HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

November 8, 2026- 9:30 am

24th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Come With Me (Hamba Nathi)"*

Greeting

Song *"There is a Longing in Our Hearts"* ACS 1078

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* Wonder Together Kids

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 70... Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me! [2] Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. [3] Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame. [4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" [5] But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18... We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.
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Matthew 25:1-13..."Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other

young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *"Build a Longer Table"* ACS 1062

Welcoming New Members

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music *"A Time to Dance"* MS/HS Bell Choir

Offertory *"Give Thanks"*

Words of Institution *"Remember Me"*

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song *"I Need You to Survive"*

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *"Where Justice Rolls Down"*

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

⇒ **New Members** We are excited to welcome the following new members during today's service Heather, Ethan, & Madelyn Abbott, Melody & John Albertson, Pat Butterfield, Christine Merricke , and Mary & Pastor Ron Youngerman. Please reach out and welcome them to the Holy Cross family!

⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, November 19th from 5 to 7pm. CLICK HERE to help. Every item donated is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be ramen noodles, cereal and plastic bags.

⇒ **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 main entrance area shows the work that has been done! Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with the Knitting Group.

⇒ **Fall Craft Fair** Mark your calendars for our annual Fall Craft Fair at Holy Cross Lutheran Church! We'll welcome over 30 local makers on Saturday November 14th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for a day of shopping fun! Admission is FREE!

⇒ **Lunch Bunch** is Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30 am at Le Peep—2012 N 117 Ave. Please RSVP to Linda at 402-690 -3342 to reserve a seat. Everyone is welcome to join!

⇒ **Owl Luncheon Featuring Neal Brenner** Calling all Older Wiser Lutherans! Join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun on Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30am. Neal Brenner will be here to give a presentation on his work refurbishing antique clocks. Sign up in the main entrance area today!

⇒ **Hanging of the Greens** Join us Sunday, November 29 at 9:30 am for our Hanging of the Greens worship service where we decorate and prepare our worship space for the Advent Season.

⇒ **Celebration to Honor Indigenous People** Join us at **6:30pm on Wednesday, November 25th** for a special service designed to honor indigenous people. It is an opportunity to give thanks and praise together, to celebrate and honor our indigenous siblings, and of course there will be time afterwards for fellowship and pie! Bring a pie, bring a friend...and together we can continue to learn and grow into the people God has called us to be.

⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 8
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

Monday, November 9
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 pm Rachel Circle
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 11
12:30 pm Tai Chi
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Youth Group/Radical Ringers.

Thursday, November 12
6:00 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 13
Craft Fair Set Up
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
7:15pm AA—Good Orderly Direction

Saturday, November 14
9:00 am Craft Fair

Sunday, November 15
Daylight Savings Time Ends
9:30 am All Saints Worship
10:40 am Adult Forum/Wonder Together
10:30 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bells
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: 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; **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.