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Bulletin



What about the Environment?

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

And God saw that it was good.

God created light and land and sea.

And God saw that it was good.

God created fish and birds and animals of every kind.

And God saw that it was good.

God created humankind.

And God saw that it was good.

God entrusted humankind with the care for all God's good creation.

Open our eyes to the goodness of God's creation.

Opening Hymn

"From the Rising of the Sun"

From the rising of the sun and until its setting.

Let the servants of the Lord praise his holy name.

(Sing 6x's)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

"Tell the Story"

(Sung to "Thine the Amen" ELW #826)

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard

Help them understand the way, God is working every day.

Help us share your great, great story so that all the world may see

by your love we're all set fr-ee, by your love we're set free.

Tell the story, share the word, let them know what you have heard

God is making all things new, God is calling me and you.

Let us tell God's great, great story, so that all the world will hear

God's not distant, God is with us, God is near, God is near

Prayer

Special Music

"The Truth That Sets Us Free"

Summer Choir & Worship Team

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Genesis 1:26-28...Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:26-30...Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dialogue

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"God of the Poor"

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suff'ring world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*(Chorus) God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray,
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.*

Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned, our future our dreams.

Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed.
Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until Your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of Your ways,
seek Your salvation and bring You their praise. *(Chorus)*

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us gracious God." Please respond: **We lift our prayers to you.**

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Feed Us Now

**Feed us now, Bread of life, in this holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray .**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where're we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near; In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You, on the Bread that is true.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen**

Communion

Communion Hymn

"We Shall Break Bread"

We shall break bread as Jesus did before us
In fields and banquets in an upstairs room.
His true companions meet around a table; we shall break bread.
We shall break bread because the world is hungry,
and Jesus showed us how to love and care.
All life is gift; each gift is meant for sharing: we shall break bread.
We shall break bread and thus we will remember
How he was broken that we might be whole.
His life laid down shall raise us up forever; we shall break bread.
We shall break bread and in this celebration
be one with friends who sit at heaven's great feast.
they see the host whose presence is among us; we shall break bread.
Here in the bread and wine which earth supplies us
refined by skill and will of human hands,
we taste the depth and richness of God's goodness; we shall break bread
Glory to God whose providence sustains us,
glory to Christ who calls us to his feast;
and to the Spirit, source of transformation; we shall break bread.
Let us break bread.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Lord, Reign in Me"

Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.

But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

(Refrain) Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.

You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;

'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing.

So won't You reign in me again. *(Refrain-2x's)*

Won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship Guidelines** due to the increase in COVID case numbers, all people, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, are required to wear masks. There is an option to commune in your seat instead of coming forward. As always, all of our Sunday worship services are being live streamed on Facebook.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third First Saturday of the month Pantry is September .4 To assist with pantry prep on Friday, September 3 or the day of the pantry, Saturday, September 4, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Church Clean-up** indoor and outdoors. Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Sunday, August 29, 10:45 am - 3:00 pm.
- ⇒ **Holy Cross Cookbooks** are available on the bookshelf in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **Pastor Jim** is on vacation through Wednesday, August 25.
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email the [Church Office](#).
- ⇒ **Care Ministry** After being put on hold due to Covid, we are preparing to re-start our care ministry team. Please contact Pastor Heather at heathergrell76@gmail.com if you are interested in participating by:
 - Visiting members at home or in care facilities
 - Providing rides to church or doctor's appointments
 - Bringing communion to individuals who are homebound
- ⇒ **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Parent Meeting** is August 29 following worship. We are already starting to plan our 2022 summer trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. Parents of current 8th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Jim & Kelsey for an information meeting August 29 in the Cross Center, directly following worship.
- ⇒ **Prayer Partners** It's that time of year again! We are looking for caring adults to connect with and pray for one of our children at Holy Cross during the school year. Please contact Kelsey at kelsey@hclchurch.com to be a part of this important ministry.
- ⇒ **Bingo Prizes for Block Party** Bring new or gently used items that may be used for Bingo Prizes at the upcoming Block Party, Sept 26th. Find a box in the Narthex to drop off your items.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 22

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, August 23

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 26

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm Alanon

Saturday, August 28

9:00 am Church Clean Up Day

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am Worship Outdoors & Facebook Live with Backpack Blessing

10:30 am Senior High Parent Meeting

10:45 am Church Clean Up Day

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Connie Mertz as she deals with Medical concerns. **David Perilo** as he recovers from COVID-19. **Kevin Leahy** as he begins cancer treatment. **Marie Pitner** as she recovers from broken wrists. **Irene Schnack** as she recovers from knee replacement.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Frank Perilo, Sharon Perilo's husband; **Sue Hill**, Pastor Jim's sister; **Amy Churchill**, friend of Barb Kay; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.

Grieving:

Joel Weible and his family as they mourn the death of Emily.