



September 5, 2021 - 9:30 am

Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God has called us together for worship.

Here we will experience the grace of God, the love of Jesus.

God sends us out into the world.

United by Christ, we reflect God's love through joyful service to all people.

Let us be renewed and nourished for our mission together.

Opening Hymn

"Great is the Lord"

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true by His mercy He proves He is love.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory. Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You Lord! Great are You, Lord!

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

"Get Together"

Carol Rich

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Mark 15:25-34...It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dialogue

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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

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

"In This New Moment "

In this new moment we can hear God calling;
in this new time, all shall walk together.
In this new moment we learn to change what is wrong,
though no one is able to do this alone.

(Chorus) We bid you, come! Enter the circle with all people, Come!

Your voice is very important.

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Your voice is very important. Come!

Do not assume that life is ever easy, for in this world there are deadly forces,
And in this life there is pain, destruction, and fear.
Let this be the moment to strengthen our ties. *(Chorus)*

There is a loving force that now emerges; a gift of grace binding us together;
For it is God who invites each one to the work,
to share what we have in the power of love. *(Chorus)*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live and share the story.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship Guidelines** Everyone is 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 Thursday of the month Pantry is September 16. To assist with the pantry, Thursday, September 16, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Holy Cross Cookbooks** are available on the bookshelf in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **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](#) 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
- ⇒ **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](#) 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.
- ⇒ **Sunday School Kick Off** is near! We are so excited to welcome back our PreK-5th grade students next Sunday September 12! We will meet at 10:45 am for some music & movement, a meet and greet with teachers, and a treat! Parents are welcome to attend. See you there!
- ⇒ **Panera Night Youth Fundraiser** is Sunday September 19th! Eat at Panera Bread on 149th & Maple from 4-8pm on September 19th and 20% of the proceeds will go back to our high school youth group! All you have to do is show them the flyer with our name on it. You pick up a flyer in the Narthex, or show them a photo on your phone. The digital flyer can be found on our Facebook page and on our website.
- ⇒ **Pastor Jim** will be on vacation September 10 - 20.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, September 6

Labor Day—Office Closed

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, September 7

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

6:00 pm Confirmation & Kings Kids Rhythm Choir

6:30 pm Worship

7:05 pm Radical Ringers, & Youth Group

Thursday, September 9

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir

7:00 pm Alanon

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 10

7:30 pm Belles N' Beaus

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

10:45 am Sunday School Kick-Off

11:00 am High School/Jr High Bell Choir

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns

Kelli Joseph as she recovers from COVID; **Connie Mertz** as she deals with medical concerns. **Kevin Leahy** as he begins cancer treatment. **Marie Pitner** as she recovers from broken wrists.

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 and sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.

Grieving:

Chris Hancock and his family as they mourn the death of Chris' stepfather.