HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

May 15, 2022 - 9:30 am

Paul's Sermon at Athens



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Heaven and Earth"*

Greeting

Song *"Build My Life"*

Prayer

Special Music *"Pomp and Circumstance"* Carolon Bell Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Acts 17:16-31... While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. [17]So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. [18]Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) [19]So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? [20]It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." [21]Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. [22]Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. [23]For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. [24]The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, [25]nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. [26]From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, [27]so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. [28]For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' [29]Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. [30]While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31]because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day	*"Blessed Assurance "*	ELW 638
Prayers		
Lord's Prayer		
Graduation Senior's Recognition		
Sharing God's Peace		

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering		
Offertory	*"More Precious Than Silver"*	
Words of Institution	*"Remember Me"*	
Communion		
Communion Song	*"Take My Life, That I May Be"*	*ELW 583*
Communion Blessing		
Post-Communion Prayer		

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing		
Sending Song	*"Where Justice Rolls Down"*	
Dismissal		
Postlude		

Announcements

⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Kevin and Julie Leahy.

⇒ **Roses** the bouquet of red roses is in celebration of Thomas & Debbie Risinger's 50th wedding anniversary.

⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month pantry is May 19th. CLICK HERE to help. We are in need of pasta sauce, canned fruit, ramen, and bar soap.

⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see Call Process posters. We are currently in step one of the Preparation Phase: "Transition Begins." The Assistant to the Bishop working with us is Pastor Juliet Focken. Pastor Heather is serving as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.

⇒ **Knitting and Crocheting Prayer Shawls** Can you knit or crochet? Paula McDonald is looking for a group of individuals willing to make prayer shawls that she can distribute to members and friends during prayer. Reach out to Paula for more information at 402-210.6040.

⇒ **Thank You** to Great Harvest Bread-Rockbrook Village for kindly donating the bread for communion. Let's show them our support!

⇒ **From Deb Manning & Bill Sukstorf:** They say it takes a village to raise a child. Holy Cross has certainly been that for us! Our son, Peter Sukstorf, is graduating from high school this month and soon heading off to college. There are so many people here who have loved and supported Peter on his journey, and we are so grateful for this family of faith! If you are interested, please accept our invitation to Peter's Senior Piano Recital on May 22 at 2:00 pm at the Omaha Conservatory of Music at 72nd and Cass Streets. All are welcome!

⇒ **Midweek Coffee Break** for high school students will start Wednesday May 18th. Through the summer, high school students are welcome to join Kelsey & David at Scooter's Coffee on 156th & Maple for a cup of coffee (or smoothie) and conversation! Come any time from 2-4 pm each Wednesday!

⇒ **Confirmation Sunday** will be held Sunday May 22nd. Join us as we celebrate Annabelle Kreber and Addison Krueger saying yes to their baptismal promises.

⇒ **Senior Recognition** is today! Join us as we celebrate Allie Schnack, Peter Sukstorf, and Madison Wajda as they graduate high school.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 15
9:30 am Senior Recognition Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Sunday School /Adult Forum

Monday, May 16
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, May 17
6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, May 18
2:00 pm Youth Mid Week Coffee Break
6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Thursday, May 19
1:00 pm Lunch Bunch
5:00 pm Drive-Thru Food Pantry

Friday, May 20
Cross Currents Due

Saturday, May 21
1:00 pm Fritz/Wewel Graduation

Sunday, May 22
9:30 am Confirmation Sunday Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: **Jan Swanson** as she recovers from a fall. **Patti Evans** as she recovers from a stroke. **Connie Mertz** as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: **Edie Nabity** at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: **Tatyana Povazhnaya**, friend of Sue Spengler; **Meredith Gardner**, Wes & Terri Grunke's daughter; **Gaylen Grunke**, Wes Grunke's Brother's; **Jason West,** Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; **Pat Roberts,** Walter Robert's sister; **Andie Hunter**, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; **Ellen Gitt,** Eric Gitt's mother; **Jimmy Moran,** 10-year-old son of a friend of Troy Schnack; **Linda Anderson**, Barb Kay's sister; **Amy Churchill,** friend of Barb Kay; **Samantha Freehling**, Julie Noteman's great niece; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother and sister; **Josh Prochotsky,** Paula McDonald's nephews son; **Aaron McDonald,** McDonald's grandson.

Grieving
Eric Gitt and his family as they mourn the death of his father.