



HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

May 8, 2022 - 9:30 am

Paul and Silas



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Love the Lord"

Greeting

Song

"The Peace of the Earth"

Prayer

Special Music

"A Mother's Prayer"

Jen Fitzpatrick

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Acts 16:16-34...One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Let Streams of Living Justice "

ELW 710

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

"Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2"

Peter Sukstorf

Johannes Brahms

Offertory

"Give Thanks"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Communion

Communion Song

"Build My Life"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW 774

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Robert & Debra Krueger in celebration of the Risen Christ.
- ⇒ **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, 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** will be held Sunday May 15th. Join us as we celebrate Allie Schnack, Peter Sukstorf, and Madison Wajda as they graduate high school.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Rachel Circle
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

Poling Place
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 12

6:00 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

Friday, May 13

5:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony

Saturday, May 14

9:30 am Sarah Circle
1:00 pm River City Mixed Rehearsal
3:00 pm Communion and Liberation Meeting

Sunday, May 15

9:30 am Senior Recognition Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
10:45 am Sunday School

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; Dan & Ellen Gitt, Eric Gitt's father and 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.