



August 7, 2022 - 9:30 am

9th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me"

Emma Roberts

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Backpack Blessing Kelsey Ellis

Genesis 15:1-6...After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16...Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they

had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.
¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32-40...Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”* ELW 764

Baptism Quincy Jacob Grinvalds

Song *“Borning Cry”* ELW 732

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory *“We Are an Offering”*

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs *“Lamb of God”*
“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”* ELW 771

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Tyler and Alicia Glesne in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month food pantry is August 18. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned veggies, canned fruit, soup, pasta sauce, peanut butter, crackers, cereal, toilet paper and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **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 in the Narthex** Join us on Friday's from 1 to 2:30 pm to work on prayer shawls here at Holy Cross!
- ⇒ **Summer Choir: It's not too Late!** Don't be shy. You have two more opportunities to sing with the Summer Choir: August 14 & 28. Come at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse special music to sing at the 9:30 a.m. service. See YOU at choir!
- ⇒ **Direct Your Dollars** Want an easy way to help support the Holy Cross Food Pantry that doesn't cost you a dime? Bring in your grocery receipts from Family Fare and drop them in the envelope in the Narthex! For every \$150k received in receipts, the Holy Cross Food Pantry will earn \$1k! Its just that simple! So start saving those receipts from Family Fare today and drop them in the envelope in the Narthex. We thank you in advance!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, August 18th at 11:30 am. All are welcome. Contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040 for location information or any other questions.
- ⇒ **Backpack Blessing** will be held today during worship! All students, teachers, paras, and school admins are invited to bring their backpacks to worship for a blessing as we begin a new school year!
- ⇒ **It's a Celebration!** Join us for a potluck after the 9:30 am service on Sunday, August 14 to welcome Vicar Misty, her wife Jackie, and daughter Jordan. Bring your favorite brunch dish plus a little extra to share. HCLC does not disappoint when it comes to food!
- ⇒ **The Neighborhood Block Party** is Sunday, September 11, 2022, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a FREE BBQ lunch, the Sweet Shop Shuffle (win a cake!), a bounce house, pony rides, Bingo, and of course, DJ Moon. Let's get out and meet our neighbors! Watch for volunteer options soon.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, August 7

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
9:30 am Backpack Blessing

Monday, August 8

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 pm Property Committee
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 13

3:00 pm Communion & Liberation Mtg

Sunday, August 14

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Vicar Misty Welcome Potluck
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

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

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Matthew Greer; **Walt Weaver & Carson Rich**, family of Carol Rich; **Julie Pendegraft**, friend of Trisha Ryan; **Angela Gehring**, friend of Brad Yearwood; **Dennis Parks**, cousin of Wes Grunke; **Carol Roberts**, aunt of Matthew Greer; **Ronda Bayer**, friend of Debbie Risinger; **Debbie Haacke**, coworker of Debbie Risinger; **Logan Black**, son of Joey Black; **George Adamson**, friend of Sue Spengler; **Tatyana Povazhnaya**, friend of Sue Spengler; **Billy & 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; **Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley**, Julie Noteman's brother and sister; **Josh Prochotsky**, Paula McDonald's nephews son; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson.