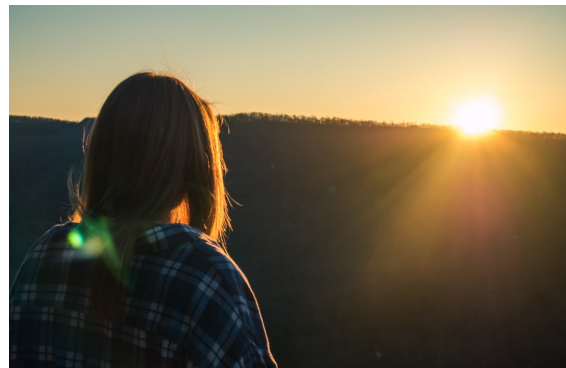




September 4, 2022 - 9:30 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"O God Beyond All Praising"

ELW 880

Greeting

Song

"Sanctuary"

Prayer of the Day

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Deuteronomy 30:15-20...See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Philemon 1:1-21...Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps

this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:25-33...Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day	<i>“Will you Come and Follow Me”</i>	ELW 798
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Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory	<i>“Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy”</i>	ELW 762
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Words of Institution	<i>“Remember Me”</i>
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Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Song	<i>“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”</i>	ELW 814
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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song	<i>“Come With Me (Hamba Nathi)”</i>
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Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Duane and Sandra Doering in honor of family and friends.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our Third Thursday of the month food pantry is September 15. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned fruit, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, cereal, bar soap, 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!
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, September 15th at 11:30 am at Jim and Jennies Greek Village. All are welcome. Contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040 with any other questions.
- ⇒ **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! Sign up today to help.
- ⇒ **Free Produce Stand** Our Community Garden is producing! For the next couple months, on Sundays following worship, there will be a FREE Produce Stand set up by the parking lot entrance. All are welcome to come get some produce. If your garden at home is producing extra, feel free to bring extra produce to church to add to the stand
- ⇒ **Sunday School Kick Off** will be Sunday September 11th! Join us after worship to meet your Sunday School teachers and have some fun as we kick off another great year together!
- ⇒ **Wednesday Night Programming** will begin on Wednesday September 14th! Join us for K-5 Children's Music, Confirmation, Youth Group and Worship!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Worship

Monday, September 5

Office Closed/Labor Day

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, September 6

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, September 8

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 9

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, September 10

9:30 am Sarah Circle

3:00 pm Communion & Liberation Group

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School Kick Off

12:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party

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: Marilyn Schneider, mother of Jim Schneider; Cliff & Carol Speck, friends of Loreen & Harvey Gifford; 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; 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; 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.