



September 25, 2022 - 9:30 am

16th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn

"Canticle of the Turning"

ELW 723

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Kumbaya"

Sunday School Kids

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 146...Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 6:6-19...Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at

the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 16:19-31...Jesus said: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW 719

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

“On Bended Knee”

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Deb Manning & Bill Sukstorf in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Adult Forum 9/25:** Come ask questions today and hear an update on where Holy Cross is in the pastoral call process.
- ⇒ **Panera Night** Give while you eat! On Sunday September 25, when you eat at Panera Bread on 149th & Maple between 4 and 8 pm, a portion of the proceeds will be given back to the Youth Fund. Just show the flyer (found in the Narthex) when you order!
- ⇒ **Free Produce Stand** For the next several Sundays following worship, there will be a FREE Produce Stand set up by the parking lot entrance. If your garden at home is producing extra, feel free to bring extra produce to church to add to the stand.
- ⇒ **Pet Blessing** is Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 pm on the front lawn. Bring your cat, dog, reptile, and/or amphibian for a blessing. This is a rain or shine event. Watch Facebook for updates!
- ⇒ **Blood Drive** is Sunday, October 2nd from 9: 30 am to 3:30 pm. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HolyCrossLutheran to schedule an appointment.
- ⇒ **Knitting in the Narthex** Join us on Friday's from 1 to 2:30 pm to work on prayer shawls here at Holy Cross!
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our First Saturday of the month food pantry is October 1st. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned fruit, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, cereal, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, October 20th at 11:30 am. All are welcome. Contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040 for location or with any other questions.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 25

Cross Currents Due
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am High School/Middle School Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Meeting

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

6:00 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Ukulele Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers
7:00 pm Youth Group

Thursday, September 29

6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 30

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, October 1

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, October 2

9:30 am Blood Drive
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am High School/Middle School Bells
2:00 pm Pet Blessing

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: Pam and Nick Moran, friends of Troy Schnack; 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; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky, Paula McDonald's nephews son; Aaron McDonald, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving

Julie Noteman and family as they mourn the death of her sister.

Pastor Diana Kuhl and family as they mourn the death of her husband.