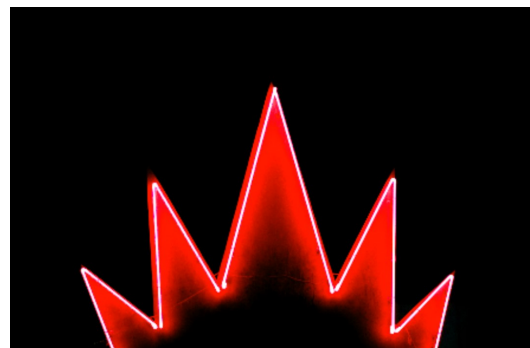




November 20, 2022 - 9:30 am

24th Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Special Music

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Deb Manning

K-2 Radical Ringers

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

ELW 855

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Sunday School Kids

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Communion Recognition/Children's Message

Jeremiah 23:1-6...Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Colossians 1:11-20...May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 23:33-43...When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." ³⁵And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁶And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁷The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁸and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁹There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ⁴⁰One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴¹But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴²And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴³Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴⁴He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day	<i>"Beautiful Savior"</i>	ELW 838
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Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music	<i>"He is Exalted"</i>	3rd-5th Radical Ringers
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Offertory	<i>"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"</i>	ELW 674
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Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs	<i>"Lamb of God"</i>	
	<i>"We Will Take What You Offer"</i>	

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song	<i>"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"</i>	ELW 875
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Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are in celebration of Sophia Kennedy's 7th Birthday.
- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. Due to the starting of a new Bishop in our synod and the transition to a new synodical staff, our Assistant to the Bishop will change starting in January. Pastor Juliet Focken will help facilitate this transition and beginning in January we will be working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Adult forum** today is called Cross: Where God Is.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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 Saturday, December 3rd. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Poinsettias** are available to order through today. Plants are \$8 each. Help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. [Click Here](#) to purchase online or use a poinsettia envelope located on the usher stand Sunday.
- ⇒ **Thanksgiving Eve Worship** will be held November 23rd at 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of giving as we put our gratitude into action! We'll be making meals for Youth Emergency Services and making Blessing Bags for homeless or near homeless folks in our area. If you'd like to donate items for the Blessing Bags, please see the display in the Narthex. There will also be an opportunity to help in the Sanctuary as we prepare for Hanging of the Greens.
- ⇒ **Hanging of the Green's Worship Service**—Sunday, November 27 at 9:30 a.m. is the first Sunday of Advent where you, the congregation, transform the worship space from Pentecost to Advent. You can participate by watching, singing, hanging an ornament, or all of the above. Join us as we begin our Advent journey.
- ⇒ **Recycle your Christmas Lights!** Joe Evans is taking old strings of lights to Scrap Central which provides recycling at no cost. There will be a bin in the Narthex marked Christmas Lights Only.
- ⇒ **Advent Celebration** All ages are invited to our Advent Celebration on December 4th following worship as we prepare for the birth of Jesus! We'll have crafts, snacks, fellowship, devotions and fun!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, November 20

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, November 21

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, November 23

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, November 24

Office Closed—Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

Office Closed—Thanksgiving

Newsletter Due

Saturday, November 26

1:00 pm River City Mixed Rehearsal

Sunday, November 27

9:30 am Hanging of the Greens Worship

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: Todd & Kristie Erickson, brother & sister in law of Wendy Erickson; Marilyn Schneider, mother of Jim Schneider; Cliff & Carol Speck, friends of Loreen & Harvey Gifford; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Angela Gehring, friend of Brad Yearwood; 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; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.