



January 1, 2023 - 9:30 am

1st Sunday of Christmas



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

ELW 290

Greeting

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

Prayer

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Isaiah 63:7-9...I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 2:10-18...It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them siblings, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my siblings, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his siblings in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:13-23...Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

Prayers

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Once in Royal David's City"

(vs 1, 2) ELW 269

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

“Lamb of God”

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ELW 272

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”

ELW 297

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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. **Centering Prayer is on a Holiday Break and will resume January 9th.**
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday, January 7th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Omaha Lutheran Campus MinisTREE** Have you noticed the Omaha Campus MinisTREE in the Narthex? On it, you will find various ways to support Omaha's Lutheran Campus Ministries. Please take a look and give as you are able! Contact Kelsey with questions.
- ⇒ **Christmas Décor Clean Up** Many hands make easy work! That's why we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to assist in taking down some of the Christmas decorations directly following worship on Sunday, January 1st. If you are able to assist in this way, [sign up here](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 1
9:30 am Worship

Monday, January 2
Office Closed—New Years
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, January 3
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Friday, January 6
6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, January 7
8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, January 8
9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum

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: Roger Kay, brother of Barb Kay; Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; Jessica Sampson, Matthew Wrenn & Family, friends of Melissa Regan; 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; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; 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.

Grieving

Jim Schneider and family as they mourn the loss of Jim's mother.

Wendy Erickson and family as they mourn the loss of Wendy's sister-in-law.

Chad Duke and family as they mourn the loss of Chad's grandmother.