



January 22, 2023 - 9:30 am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"I Will Follow"

Greeting

Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW 671

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Freely Given"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Isaiah 9:1-4...There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18...Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:12-23...Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has

dawned.”¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

“On Bended Knee”

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

“Pour Me Out”

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“We Are Marching in the Light ”

ELW 866

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.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday February 4th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of cereal, pasta, ramen, Mac & Cheese, 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.
- ⇒ **Jumping for Jesus** All 4th & 5th graders are invited to a night out at Altitude Trampoline Park as we join area churches to Jump for Jesus on Friday January 27th! Cost is \$20 per child, talk to Kelsey to register!
- ⇒ **Adult Forum** Join us following worship today for our Adult Forum Animate Bible: Testaments—One Story, Two Parts.
- ⇒ **Congregation Annual Meeting** is Sunday, January 29th at 10:45 am, in-person only. Annual Meeting Reports have been emailed out. There are a few copies available in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** A beginning Tai Chi Class starts February 1, 12:30—1:30 pm in the HCLC Narthex. A free-will donation will be accepted for our instructor, Cynthia Simon. Bring a friend and discover that you really do have balance!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

Cross Currents Due
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Sunday, January 29

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Annual Meeting
10:45 am Sunday School
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Barb Hannon as she deals with medical 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: LaDonna Downing, mother of Rinda Howard; Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Todd Erickson, brother of Wendy Erickson; 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; 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

Brett Jendro, Josi Lawton and family as they mourn the death of Brett's son Ethan.