



January 29, 2023 - 9:30 am

4th Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW 710

Greeting

Song

"Jesus the Very Thought of You"

ELW 754

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Blessed are They"

Chancel Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message/Arlo Blessing

Micah 6:1-8...Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-31...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. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that

no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:1-12...When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Vicar Misty Lampshire

Hymn of the Day

"When the Poor Ones"

ELW 725

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Give Thanks"

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

"Where Justice Rolls Down"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Bob & Debra Krueger in loving memory of their son, Andrew Krueger, whose birthday would have been today.
- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **Congregation Annual Meeting** is today, 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 this Wednesday, 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!
- ⇒ **Chili Cook Off** Our Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook Off is back on Sunday, February 12! After Sunday School (at 11:30) we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Chili Cook Off! Bring your change and dollar bills to vote for your favorite chili. All proceeds will go to the Youth Fund for the 2023 Jr High and High School trips. Enter your chili on the sign up sheet in the Narthex!
- ⇒ **Intern Engagement Survey** The Living Story survey for Vicar Misty's intern project is now available. Please [click here](#) to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important and much appreciated.
- ⇒ **Vicar Misty Sermon Feedback.** After today's service, please [click here](#) to complete Vicar Misty's Sermon Feedback Survey. Thank you in advance for your help!

Calendar for Upcoming Week

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

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

6:00 pm Pantry Prep

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am Food Pantry

Sunday, February 5

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells

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; Roger Kay, brother of Barb Kay; 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.