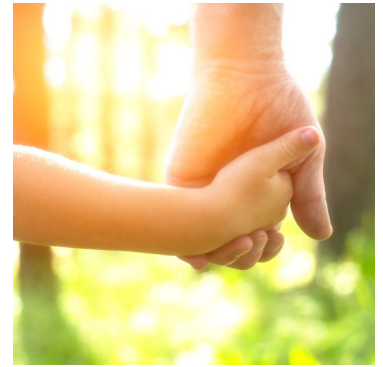




February 12, 2023 - 9:30 am

6th Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"Come, All You People"

ELW 819

Greeting

Song

"Kyrie Eleison"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Prayer"

Carolyn Bell Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Deuteronomy 30:15-20...Moses said to the people: ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9...Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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Matthew 5:21-37...Jesus said to the disciples: ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or

sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

ELW 772

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"We Are An Offering"

Words of Institution

"Remember Me"

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

"Giving it All to You"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Go Out With Joy"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** are given by Weston & Terri Grunke.
- ⇒ **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. We are 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 third Thursday of the month Food Pantry is Thursday, February 16th. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of cereal, ramen, cookies, juice, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** There is no class this week, February 15th. Class resumes Wednesday, February 22nd.
- ⇒ **Chili Cook Off** Our Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook Off is back TODAY, February 12! After Sunday School (at 11:30)! 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.
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration** Come help us celebrate 5 years of being a Reconciling in Christ Congregation next **Sunday, February 19th!** Special music in worship provided by RCMC and Bishop Scott Johnson will be our guest preacher. There will also be a celebration pot-luck meal immediately following worship - **please bring food to share** with friends, family, and guests! We need your help making this special celebration a success!! To **sign up to help with set up/clean up/decorating** please [click here](#).
- ⇒ **Adult Forum** today continues from the Animate Bible series—Genre—Rhythm of the Text. We will meet following worship in the Cross Center.
- ⇒ **River City Mixed Chorus** On Sunday, February 19, the River City Mixed Chorus will be performing at Holy Cross as part of an annual Reconciling in Christ Celebration service. **About the River City Mixed Chorus.** For nearly 40 years, the River City Mixed Chorus, Omaha's only LGBTQ+ community choir, has been giving voice to the hopes of many that yearn for a more fully inclusive and diverse society. Over those many years, Omaha has changed and RCMC has changed with it – growing from a group of 10 friends singing at The Max to more than 130 singers who perform at Omaha's most prestigious arts venues, including the Orpheum Theater and Holland Performing Arts Center. RCMC's mission of *creating exceptional musical experiences to support diversity, inspire change, and empower communities* offers singers and audience members alike safe spaces to celebrate all that makes us unique, diverse, and joyful. For more information about the Chorus and upcoming performances, visit rcmc.org.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Rachel Circle
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

3:00 pm Finance Committee
6:30 pm Property Committee
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

11:30 am Lunch Bunch
5:00 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 18

1:00 pm Set Up for RIC
12:30 pm Hansen Family Birthday Party

Sunday, February 19

9:30 am RIC Celebration Sunday Worship
10:45 am RIC Celebration Potluck

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: Larry Rauch, stepfather of Wendy Erickson; 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; 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.