



January 25, 2026 - 9:30 am

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



## GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"Listen God is Calling"* ELW 513

Greeting

Song *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* ELW 798

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Down to the River to Pray"* Carolan Bell 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. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For 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.**

**Psalms 27:1, 4-9...** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. <sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

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**Matthew 4:12-23...** Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the 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." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> 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 fishers.<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all 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**

*“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”*

ELW 817

**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**

*“Goodness of God”*

**Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love**

**Blessing**

**Sending Song**

*“Confidence”*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

## Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is our Saturday, February 7th from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are ramen, pasta sauce, and tuna. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are now available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Congregation Annual Meeting** at 10:45am today in person only.
- ⇒ **17th Annual Chili Cook Off + Chili Feed** will be held February 1st at 11:30. Sign up in the Narthex to make chili, or just come to eat! All proceeds from chili voting will go to the Youth Ministry Fund here at Holy Cross.
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration** Come and celebrate our 8th year as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation! On **February 8th** Holy Cross will have our annual RIC celebration worship with special music provided by the River City Mixed Chorus. Following worship the celebration continues with a pot-luck brunch - everyone is welcome! Please bring food to share with friends, family, and guests. To make this event a success, [click here](#) to volunteer.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets every Sunday from 8:45am to 9:15am in the Community Room in the Education hallway. For questions, call Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Lost Kitchen Items** Missing any kitchen items after a potluck or funeral luncheon? Check out the table in the Narthex and check for anything that belongs to you. Anything left after the annual meeting will find a new home at the Good Will!
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

## Calendar for Upcoming Week

### **Sunday, January 25**

Newsletter Articles Due

9:30 am Worship

10:40 am Sunday School

10:40am Annual Meeting

3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

### **Monday, January 26**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

9:00 pm CMA Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 27**

7:30 pm AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 28**

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, January 29**

6:30pm Carolan Bell Choir

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, January 30**

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex

6:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set-Up

### **Saturday, January 31**

1:00 pm Pinewood Derby

### **Sunday, February 1**

9:30 am Worship

10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum

10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble

11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

11:30am Chili Cook-Off

## Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

**Friends and Relatives:** Jane Marsh, aunt of Jen Gitt; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Pat & Barry Butterfield, mother and father of Amy Odson; Deniel Algarin, nephew of Alicia Glesne; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Crosby Vargas, friend of Julie Noteman; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

**Grieving:** The family and friends of Phyllis Beam as they mourn her death.

Judy Glesne and her family as they mourn the loss of Judy's sister and brother-in-law.