HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

March 15, 2026 - 9:30 am

4th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Gathering Song *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW 611

Greeting

Kyrie ELW pg 147

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *"Word of God Speak"* Jerry Joseph

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 51:7-12... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [8] Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. [9] Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. [11] Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. [12] Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

John 13:1-9, 33-35... Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2] The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, [4] got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. [6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7] Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8] Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [33] Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' [34] I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day *"We Will Take What You Offer"*

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" Vs 1 Lent 4*

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg 152

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs *"Lamb of God"* ELW pg 154
"We Come to the Hungry Feast" ELW 479

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song *"Be Unto Your Name"*

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is Thursday, March 19th from 5 to 7pm. CLICK HERE to help. As part of our mission to Feed the Hungry, our food bags include 2 cans each of fruit, tuna and soup. During our pantry distributions, we provide up to 155 food bags each pantry distribution day! Recent sale prices allowed our blue bin donations to overflow with soup allowing us to use funds on other items for the last pantry distribution! Truly a blessing! Every item donated from our pantry shopping list is very much appreciated. This week our specific focus will be fruit, tuna and soup.

⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are available for purchase for $47. Please click here to sign up or contact the church office.

⇒ **15 Minute Lenten Meditation** led by Paula McDonald. You're invited to a short time of scripture, silent meditation and discussion Sundays at 11:30 AM and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Sunday school hall meeting room. All ages and abilities are welcome.

⇒ **Lenten Worship Services** Join us Wednesday's in Lent at 6:30 pm for our Lenten Worship Services.

⇒ **Lenten Offerings** Our Lenten offerings this year will go towards the mission and ministry of San Andrés Iglesia Luterana in South Omaha. Our gifts will help to support their vision: *San Andrés is called to proclaim the Gospel by being a sign and witness of God's inclusive and universal love. Our commitment is to actively respond to the needs of our immigrant community, especially low-income ones, by creating educational-pastoral programs, and opportunities for engagement and community service that transform lives and promote change in our community.*

⇒ **Day Without Shoes** Getting ready to clean some closets? Are your shoe racks overflowing? If so, it's a perfect time to join the "Day Without Shoes" campaign. During the month of March, we are gathering gently-used and new shoes**. All types and sizes are needed**. This collection is part of a larger community event, sponsored by Cornhusker Bank, to benefit the Stephen Center, other local shelters, and schools in our area. Shoe insecurity is a very real issue for many people in our community and your donation matters! To donate, simply place your shoes in the marked cart in the Narthex. (If possible, please buckle or tie shoes together so pairs don't get separated.)

⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 29th during the Sunday School hour. Families will meet in the Fellowship Hall for activities before heading outside for the egg hunt. To help make this event a success, please pick up a bag of Easter Egg's and return by March 25th with candy or treats.

⇒ **Easter Flowers** Help make the church beautiful for Easter! Easter flowers again this year will include lilies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. Flowers can be purchased for $11, orders are due by April 13th. To purchase flowers electronically Click Here or use an envelope at the usher stand and place in the offering plate.

⇒ **Lunch Bunch** will meet Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30am at Longhorn Steak House off 74th and Dodge. This requires reservations, if interested please call Linda at 402-690-3342.

⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 15
9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

Monday, March 16
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 17
6:30 pm Council Mtg
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 18
11:30 am Lunch Bunch
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, March 19
12:00 pm Youth Ministry Network Mtg
5:00 pm Food Pantry
6:30pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 20
1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
6:45pm AA—Good Orderly Direction
7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Sunday, March 22
9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Julie Leahy; Anna Mae Carlson; Ashley Roberts; Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Georgia Jennings, niece of Walter Roberts; **Gordon Blake,** father of Alisa Krueger; **Paisley & Porter Rodriguez,** friends of Eric Gitt; **Pablo Adame**, great-grandson of Connie Mertz; **Kim Jones**, sister-in-law of Trisha Ryan; **Jim O'Grady,** uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; **Scott Matheson**, brother in law of Julie Noteman; **Joshua Perilo**, son of Sharon Perilo; **Savannah Barb,** cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; **Sonrisa Lewis**, friend of the Harvey family; **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; **Dave Huggins**, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; **Mya Calendar**, daughter of Trisha Ryan; **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; **Linda Anderson**, Barb Kay's sister; **Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers,** McDonald's grandson.