



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW 834

Greeting

Song "Shepherd Me, O God" ELW 780

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "Hold On To Me" Jenny Fitzpatrick

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Presentation of Pre-School Bibles

Children's Message

Exodus 32:7-14...The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 1:12-17...I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and

glory forever and ever. Amen. Word of God. word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1-10...Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Vicar Misty Lampshire

Hymn of the Day "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502

Prayers

Presentation of Confirmation Bibles

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 "All Who Are Thirsty"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song "Lifesong"

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ <u>Altar Flowers</u> are given by Bev Williams in thanks for family.
- ⇒ Food Pantry Our Third Thursday of the month food pantry is September 15. CLICK HERE to help. We are in need of canned fruit, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, cereal, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ <u>Call Process Update</u> Throughout the building, you will see Call Process posters. We are currently in step one of the Preparation Phase: "Transition Begins." The Assistant to the Bishop working with us is Pastor Juliet Focken. Pastor Heather is serving as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ Knitting in the Narthex Join us on Friday's from 1 to 2:30 pm to work on prayer shawls here at Holy Cross!
- ⇒ <u>Lunch Bunch</u> will meet Thursday, September 15th at 11:30 am at Jim and Jennies Greek Village. All are welcome. Contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040 with any other questions.
- ⇒ The Neighborhood Block Party is TODAY! Come and enjoy a FREE BBQ lunch, the Sweet Shop Shuffle (win a cake!), a bounce house, pony rides, Bingo, and of course, DJ Moon. Let's get out and meet our neighbors! See a staff member after worship for ways you can help.
- ⇒ <u>Free Produce Stand</u> Our Community Garden is producing! For the next several Sundays following worship, there will be a FREE Produce Stand set up by the parking lot entrance. All are welcome to come get some produce. If your garden at home is producing extra, feel free to bring extra produce to church to add to the stand.
- ⇒ Sunday School Kick Off is today! Join us after worship to meet your Sunday School teachers and have some fun as we kick off another great year together!
- ⇒ <u>Wednesday Night Programming</u> will begin this Wednesday September 14th! Join us for K-5 Children's Music, Confirmation, Youth Group and Worship!
- ⇒ Morton Donation Request Our friends at Morton Middle School have asked for the following; Composition Notebooks, pens, pencils, grab and go breakfast items, juice boxes/pouches, bottled water. Please drop your donations in the Morton Bin in the hallway. Wendy E. will take the donations to Morton 9/22.
- ⇒ <u>Adult forum</u> starts next week! Our first forum will be, "God Faith is a Quest" Using the Animate video series, we will consider the question "who exactly is this God we worship?"

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 11

9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday Sch

10:45 am Sunday School Kick Off
12:00 pm Neighborhood Block Party
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #48012 Mtg

Monday, September 12

6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Rachel Circle 9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

3:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

11:30 am
5:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:30 pm
Carolon Bell Choir
Boy Scout Committee
Chancel Choir

Saturday, September 17

6:00 pm Confirmation Night Out

Sunday, September 18

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum

10:50 am Youth Ensemble

11:00 am High School/Middle School Bells

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

<u>Member Concerns:</u> Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns. <u>On-Going Member Concerns:</u> Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

<u>Friends and Relatives:</u> Pam and Nick Moran, friends of Troy Schnack; Marilyn Schneider, mother of Jim Schneider; Cliff & Carol Speck, friends of Loreen & Harvey Gifford; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Julie Pendegraft, friend of Trisha Ryan; Angela Gehring, friend of Brad Yearwood; Dennis Parks, cousin of Wes Grunke; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Logan Black, son of Joey Black; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Billy & Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother's; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Ellen Gitt, Eric Gitt's mother; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley, Julie Noteman's brother and sister; Josh Prochotsky, Paula McDonald's nephews son; Aaron McDonald, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving

Pastor Diana Kuhl and family as they mourn the death of her husband.