

Welcome back to CCR Cohort 2! We are glad to welcome 12 members of the 2nd Cohort of CCR pastors back to Holy Wisdom Monastery this Sunday. This cohort is concluding a reunion gathering, which began last Wednesday. Cohort 2 first gathered five years ago for their Summer Immersion in July 2021. They were back for their Winter Immersion in January 2022. This is their third reunion gathering as they continue to walk alongside one another and the larger Holy Wisdom Monastery community. The returning members of Cohort 2 are:

Amy Johnson, Disciples of Christ, Eureka, IL

Elaina Salmon, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lemont, IL

James Rissler, Mennonite Church USA, Macon, GA

Jennifer Seaich, United Church of Christ, Sauk City, WI

Joanna Harader, Mennonite Church USA, North Newton, KS

Julane Nease, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Belvidere, IL

Kathleen Owens, Presbyterian Church USA, Verona, WI

Laura Antonelli, Disciples of Christ, Wheaton, IL

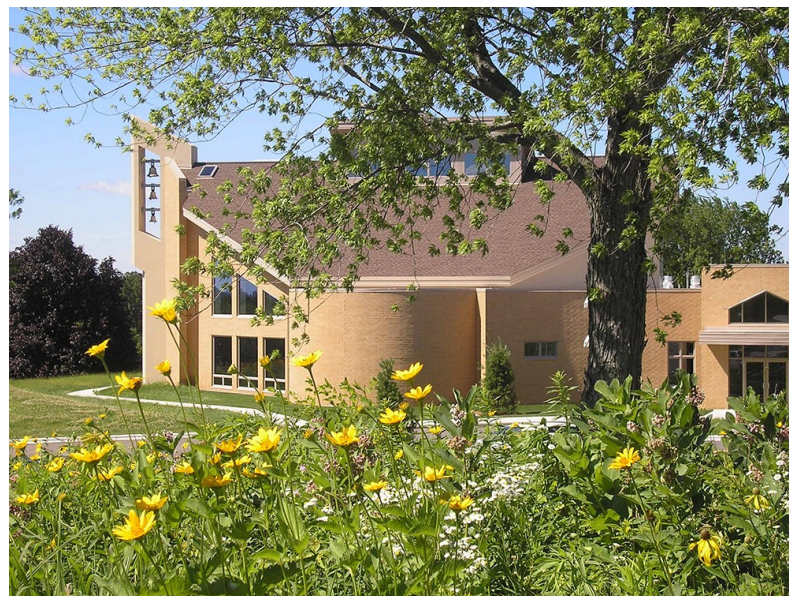
Mike Bober, Ecumenical Catholic Communion, Oshkosh, WI

Mindy Bell, Methodist Church-UK, Birmingham, England

Tammy Barthels, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Rhineland, WI

Tim Dean, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Madison, WI

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2026



Welcome to Holy Wisdom Monastery!
Influenced by the Benedictine Spirit and Tradition, we welcome all to worship with us and we embrace unity around an open communion table.

Please join us following Sunday Assembly for the opening of "Expressions", and reception for an art exhibit celebrating the talents of our community members



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Gathering

Holy Wisdom, Lamp Of Learning

1. Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, bless the
2. Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; by your
3. Ho - ly One, the hope of na - tions, tune us

light that rea - son lends. Teach us judg - ment as we
grace we learn and grow. May the word of Christ a -
toward your right - eous will, as the sym - pho - ny of

kin - dle sparks of thought your Spir - it sends. Sanc - ti -
mong us shape our life, our search to know. Joined to
a - ges claims our best, our fin - est skill. Shape our

fy our search for know - ledge and the
Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, may we
search for peace and jus - tice through pro -

truth that sets us free. Come, il - lu - mine mind and
help the church con - vey wit - ness to the sav - ing
phet - ic deed and word. Christ, con - duct us, set our

spir - it joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
gos - pel, bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
rhy - thm, that God's praise be ev - er heard.

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Greeting, Welcome and Introduction

Opening Prayer

Today's Ministers:

Presider	Sonny Graves
Homilist	David McKee
Lectors	Sue Koleczek Sandy Adams
Greeters	Bob and Paula Dinndorf Mary Kaye Radtke
Communion	Ezra Brown, Ed Emmenegger, Melissa Markquart, Diana Ducett Kathy Woytych
Sacristan	Ann McBride, Margaret Sommers
Bread Baker	Rita Emmenegger
Cantors	Sarah Wilkins-Gibart
Technology	Tony Wilkin-Gibart
Worship/Music	Bill Frederick
Child care	Nichole Rasmus, Sally Bowers
Cover Photo	Ann Moyer

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Wild Spirituality with Victoria Loorz

Two opportunities in August to learn about the theology and practice of wild spirituality, to hear the call to return to relationship with Earth, with soul, and with the sacred presence enlivening all things, and to "rewild" your own spirituality. The retreat opportunity includes a wild church experience; August 7-9. A public talk and conversation the afternoon of August 9. Registration deadline is July 30. Details and registration on the Holy Wisdom Monastery website.

SA choir members and cantors **Ann Baltes, Sherri Hansen, Bill and Grace Rosholt, and Taryn Valley**, will be singing in the **Isthmus Vocal Ensemble** concerts on Friday, July 31st at 7:30 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, and Sunday, August 2nd at 3 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery. The program entitled, "Made for Love," features music of Hildegard von Bingen, Carlos Guastavino, Jake Runestad and more! For more information and to purchase tickets go to www.isthmusvocalensemble.org.

Kids On The Prairie August 9 – Pollinators Everywhere. Explore Wisdom Prairie. See what is blooming and buzzing. Look for flowers everywhere. How many different kinds can you find? What bugs do you see? Why are those Bumble Bees buzzing?

The Flower Market returns this year, immediately after Sunday Assembly, on Aug. 9 and Sep. 6, 2026. We hope you enjoy the Benedictine value of beauty expressed through a bouquet of monastery grown zinnias, wildflowers and prairie grasses. We ask for a suggested donation of \$20 of cash or check (made out to Benedictine Women of Madison). The bouquets will be in a quart-sized, narrow-mouth mason jar, and we ask that you return the jars to the monastery front desk at your convenience. We are looking for several people to help arrange the bouquets on Saturdays, Aug. 8 and/or Sep. 5 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Interested? Register at <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/JE/4k05ab1tt7qmo2>

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Following each reading,

Reader

The Word of Salvation

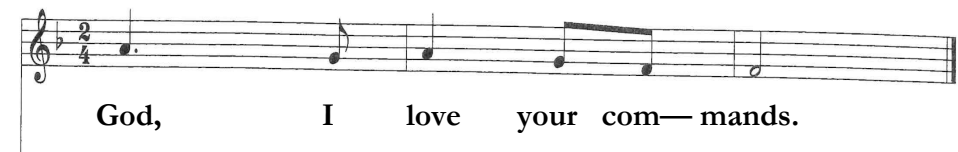
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Thanks be to God

A time of silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

Psalm 119

God I Love Your Commands



1. I have said O God, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
2. Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.
3. For I love your commands more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.
4. Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Acclamation

Joyful Heart Alleluia



Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

Intercessions

R/.God of love, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

Presentation of the Gifts

*A basket is available on the table to receive your donations.
Thank you for your generosity. The gifts of bread, wine
and our offering are brought to the altar.*

"Conversations about Our Benedictine Life: Work."

Work is one of the four pillars of a Benedictine life along with prayer, rest, and study. It is perhaps the most challenging to our being able to live lives of balance and to how we understand ourselves as good and worthy (before each other and before God). Join a conversation about work, what Benedict says about it in the Rule, how other Benedictine thinkers reflect on it, and what each of us has experienced in our own lives. August 12 (Wednesday, 1:00 pm) in person; and August 5 (Wednesday) on zoom (both 6:30-8pm). Details on the monastery website. Search "Conversations about Our Benedictine Life."



Join us for the Festival on the Prairie on Thursday, August 6, 5:00-8:00 pm. There will be music by Annie and the Oakies, local food carts from FEED Kitchen with food for purchase, children's activities, garden and prairie tours, beer and soft drinks for purchase and free ice cream. Bring picnic blankets or camp chairs. Join us to celebrate a beautiful summer night with our community. All are welcome!

Join our Festival on the Prairie volunteer crew!

Festival on the Prairie is just around the corner, and we are looking for volunteers to join our Festival on the Prairie crew. There are many ways that you can help, including parking assistance, scooping ice cream, serving beverages, being a Sparkle Commander, and other event support roles. We'd love to have you on the team! Please use the link to sign up

(<https://app.unison.io/schedules/1vplkV6afsaInthrpT46XZ>) or contact Signe Lee, at 608-831-9312 or slee@holylwisdommonastery.org Thank you so much for considering.

Announcements

Pastoral Care Services are available to members of the Holy Wisdom Monastery communities. For more information or to receive care, contact Jane Ahlstrom at 608-222-5139 or janeahlstrom@sbcglobal.net.

A Gender Neutral Restroom can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway just after the coat racks.

Are you new to Sunday Assembly or are you interested in joining Sunday Assembly? Welcome, we are glad you are here. We invite you to sign the Guest Registry in the lobby (found on the table beneath the television monitor) to receive communications from the monastery. Please join us again soon. You are always welcome here.

Have you been worshipping with us frequently over the last few months? We hope that you've found a spiritual home with us and invite you to consider becoming a member of Sunday Assembly. It's simple. Gold membership forms can be found at the monastery entrance. Just fill it out and return in the collection basket, send by mail, or sign-up through our website. You will then receive welcome information from the Director of Music and Worship.

Expressions Art Exhibit! Join us after worship today for the opening reception of Expressions, the community art exhibit. Twenty-six artists are pleased to share their work with you, and some treats! The pieces chosen by the Art Jury include work in acrylics, oil and cold wax, art quilts, pastels, photography, watercolor, relief and gel plate printing, wood, collage, fiber arts, and mixed media. Stop by for a treat and to chat with the artists!

As we anxiously await word from the Lilly Foundation regarding our recent grant application, Rachel and Erin would like to make themselves available to continue the conversation with our community about the concepts and ideas that were submitted. We want to know what resonated in the proposal for you? For example, if we don't get funded, what do you think we should prioritize from the proposal and continue to pursue? Join us in the Board Room after Sunday Assembly on August 16th from 10:15 - 11:15. If you would like to review the proposal, it was published in May and recently on July 17th.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer VII for Ordinary Time

"Walking the Prophetic Journey"

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.

*The Assembly parts are in **bold**.*

Presider May the Holy One be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of all.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

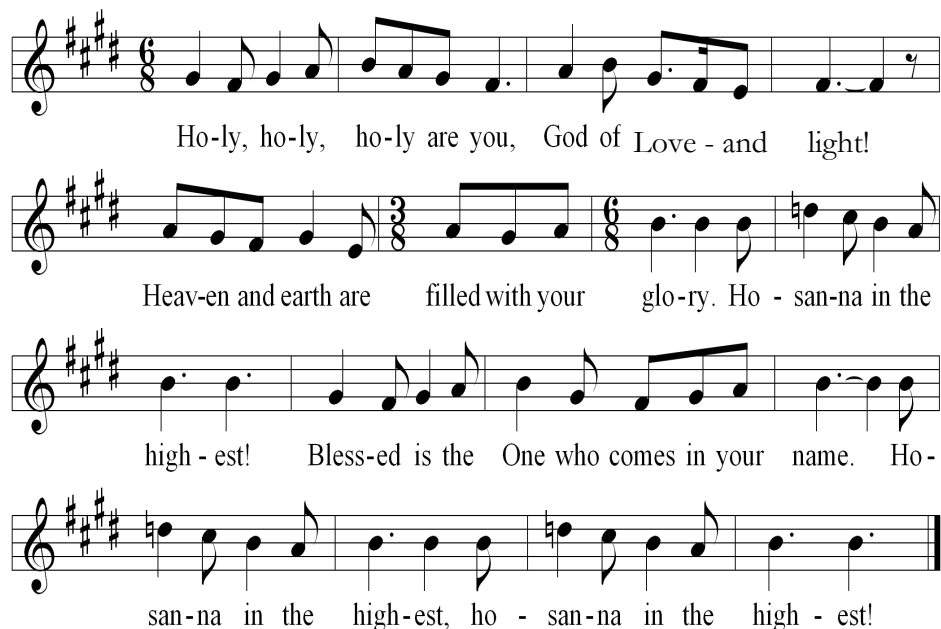
Great and holy designer of all that is,
from everlasting you are the Source of our Being.

**You weave the fabric of the universe
and spread it as the dwelling tent of your glory.
You invite all Creation to robe itself
in the love pouring out from your heart
as from a fountain of never-ending abundance.**

We thank you for the extravagance of your giving,
for the endless communion of your presence
among us and in all that is.

**We thank you that throughout history
you have been calling the human family
together and inspiring us to love one another
and to learn from the humblest parts of creation
your hidden ways.**

Joining now with all the cosmos
and every living creature, we sing your praise.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of Love - and light!

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the

high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Holy One who gathers us,
we honor the ones who have revealed your ways
and we thank you for the courage and fidelity
of all whom you have sent
to prepare a path for us to follow-
all holy people of every age and culture.

**We especially thank you for Jesus
who comes to us as bread for our journey,
In him you revealed the complete
mystery of love
that is the human family.
We seek to follow Jesus' example
and become the Body of Christ
in all our interactions and relationships.**

A brief period of silence follows Communion

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

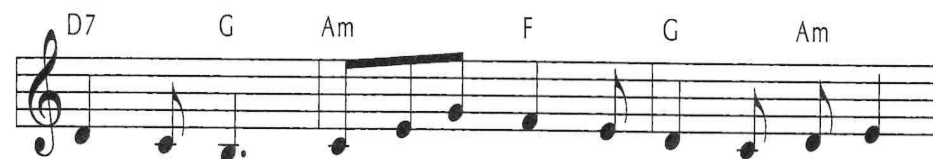
Sending Forth

Hymn of Praise

O Christ Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph-ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

**All So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink
from the cup.**

Communion Rite

Reception of Communion

Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion. Come to any one of the four locations in the room. Two stations are behind the Table, one at the side exit, and one near the organ. The **Cup of Wine, in the glass cup** will be distributed behind the Table, as will the **grape juice in the pewter cup**.

Communion

Path Of Mercy



1. God of morn-ing, God of sun-light, Look on me with
2. God of ris-ing, God of la-bor, May our lives re-
3. God of rest-ing, God of dream-ing, May your vi-sion



1. ten-der-ness. Help me see with eyes of mer-cy,
2. flect your call. Curb our pride-ful self-de-struc-tion,
3. be-en-fleshed, While we strive to live your prom-ise,



1. and re-spond with heart a-flame. May my hands em-
2. give us strength to trust in you. While we work to
3. and pro-claim your love now known. Guide our tri-umphs



1. brace your like-ness, So your love trans-
2. share your har-vest, May your mis-sion
3. and our fail-ures, Let us come to



1. forms my life, As I walk the path of mer-cy,
2. be ours, too, As we walk the path of mer-cy,
3. know your peace, As we walk the path of mer-cy,



1. May your mer-cy be my own.
2. May your mer-cy be our own.
3. May your mer-cy be our own.

On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal
and shared with them his life and love.

While they were at supper he took bread,
gave you thanks,
broke it and passed it among them saying:
"Take this all of you, and eat.
This is my body which is given up for you."

Then he took the cup of wine,
said the blessing,
and gave it to them saying:
"Take this, all of you, and drink.
This is the cup of my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
so that creation may be reconciled.
Every time you do this,
do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

Giver of every blessing,
send your gracious Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

**Help us to recognize the reality of Christ
present among us.**

**Grant us the courage and the power
to be your justice and your peace
in our world.**

**Give us open hearts and minds
to welcome all who are outcast,
especially the immigrant and the refugee.
Teach us to live gently and gratefully
upon this planet
and upon the pathway you have chosen
for us from among the stars.**

As we make our prayer to you, O Holy One,
we remember all our loved ones who have died.
Give comfort to all who suffer,
and may the fullness of your peace
be revealed in every land.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is
Yours O God, now and forever...



The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only home,
blessed be your name.**

**May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.**

**Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.**

**Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Breaking of Bread



Presider The bread which we break,
is it not communion in the body of Christ?

The cup of blessing which we share,
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?