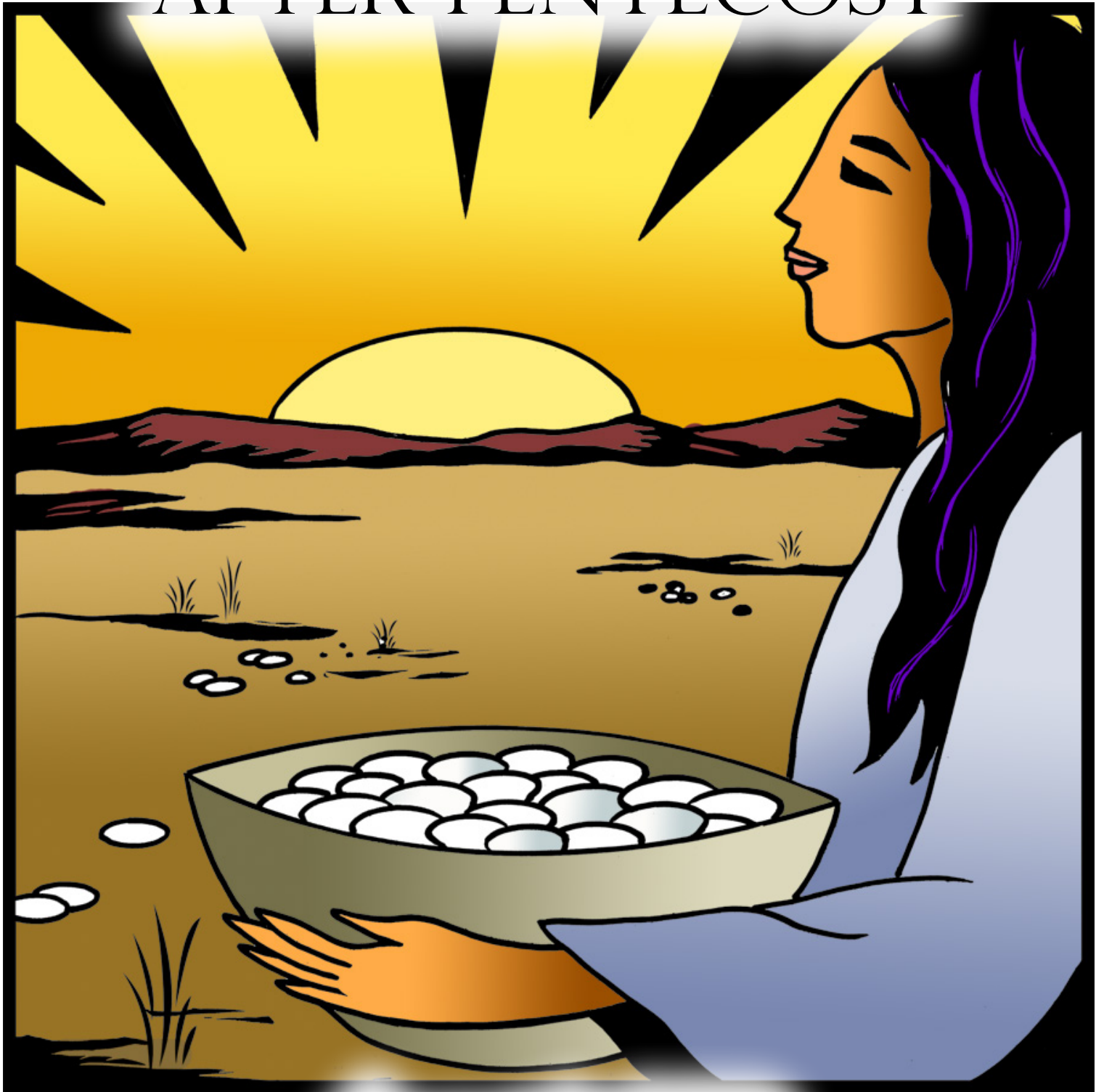


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*August 4, 2024,
10:00am*

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Opening Hymns	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	<i>#881</i>
	<i>How Firm A Foundation (verses 1 & 2)</i>	<i>#796</i>
	<i>Christ Be our Light (verses 1 & 2)</i>	<i>#715</i>

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Exodus, chapter 16

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Ephesians, chapter 4

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Hymn Bread of Life from Heaven (verse 2)

#474

The Gospel for today comes from John, chapter 6

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true

bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Gerald Near

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

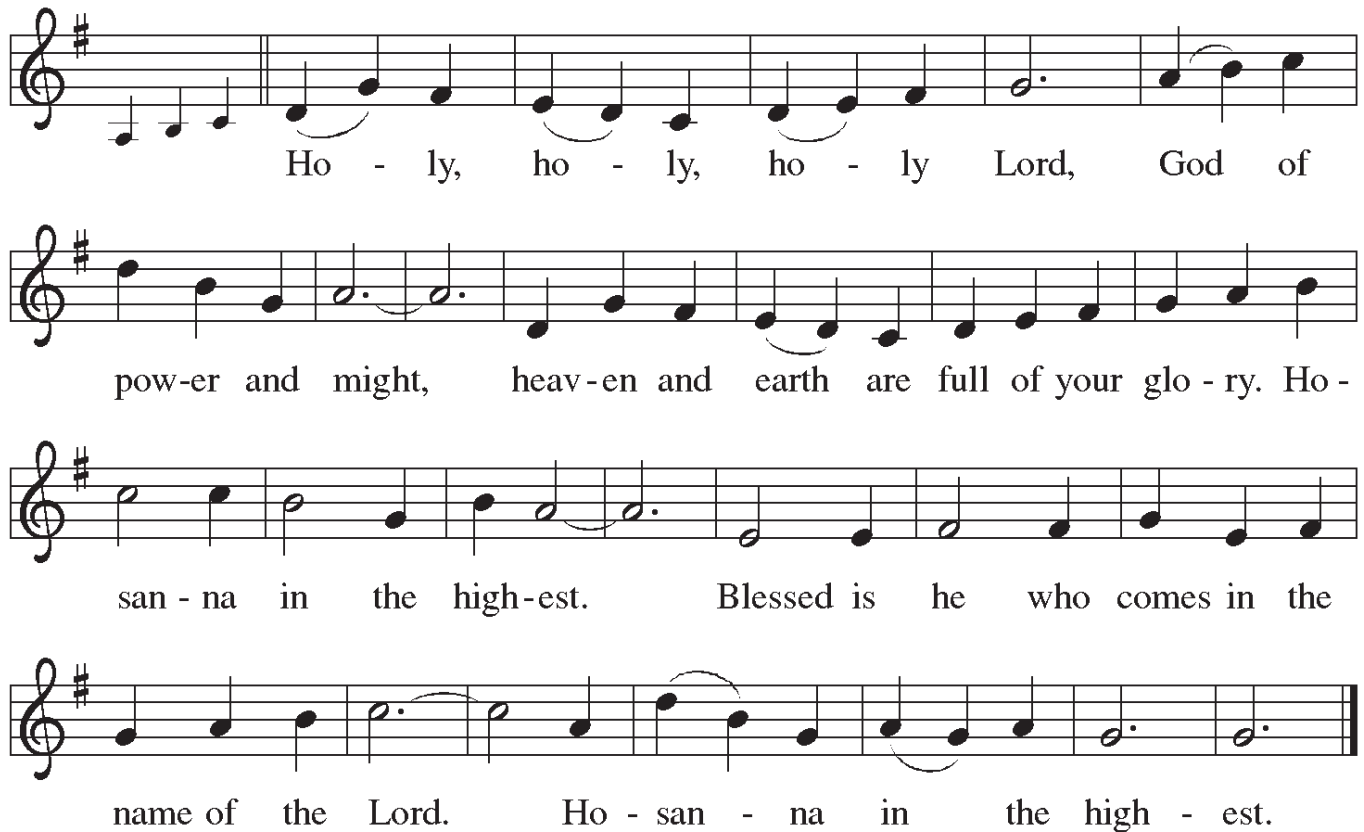
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

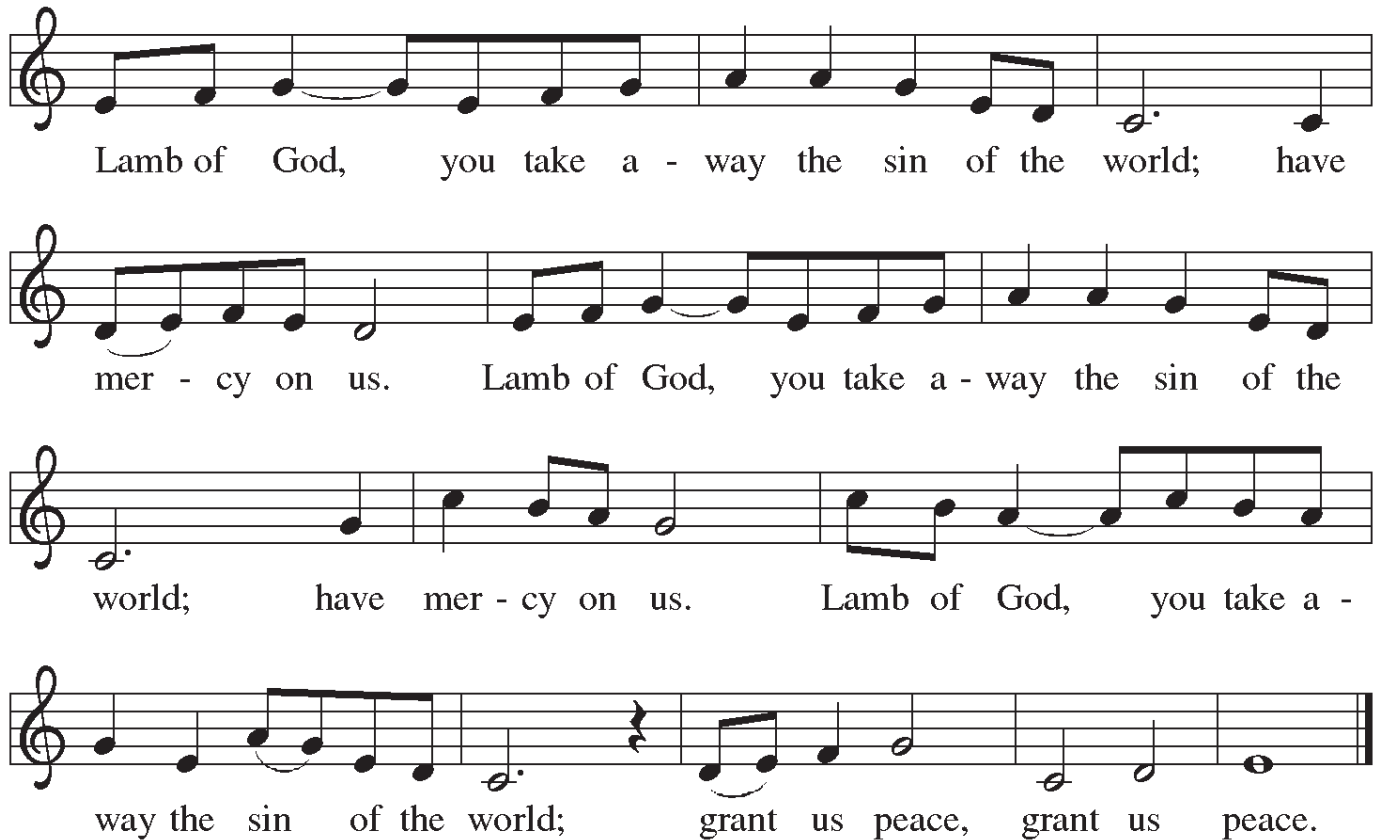
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love us. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Father, We Thank You*

#478

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (4th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

TUESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Text Study – 12pm
Crafters – 10am

THURSDAY

Summer Camp – 6am
Scouts Popcorn Meeting – 6pm

FRIDAY

Summer Camp – 6am

SUNDAY (11th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Sunsational Summer Camp, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild



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Beacon House — Summer Time Suppers

We will be serving the evening meal at the family homeless shelter on these days: Aug. 8, Thursday; Aug. 9, Friday; Aug. 10, Saturday. It is the perfect time to feature picnic food — some will be grilled at home — which is always a special treat. Sign up sheets are on the Lighthouse in the Narthex.

Good Experiences

We will have three opportunities for you to explore meaningful things that have happened in your life and the God-given gifts that made them possible.

On July 21 and August 18th we will meet after worship to 2:30pm with a lunch included. We will also have a Zoom option on Monday August 26th from 6 to 9pm. Choose one and sign up in the entrance of the church. During these sessions you will share four Good Experiences that show your “Dependable Strengths.” Dependable Strengths are skills you have used often, well, and throughout your life.



Crafters' Corner

Save the Date: November 9, 2024

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

The Crafters are hard at work (come join us). We need everyone's help.

Knitters and crocheters: we need Bed Socks, Hats, Mittens, Scarfs, etc.

Sewers: we can use Water Bottle Holders, Totes, Bowl Holders, Pot Holders, Aprons, Lap Throws or whatever else you can think of.

Also remember to save your old treasurers. Please mark and hold them until further notice. (We don't have a place for them right now). Thank you.

Hike for the Homeless

The 21st Annual Hike For the Homeless is quickly approaching. August 20th will be here before we all know it. Hike for the Homeless is an opportunity for us to come together

and show our support for families struggling with homelessness. An opportunity for us to get others involved in our mission of advocating and empowering families who have fallen on hard times and need a hand up to get back to being able to support their family.

This walk is for all the children who do not have a bed to sleep in, a room to play in, and a kitchen to eat in. For the kids sleeping in vans, motels, their parent's friend's sofa, under a bridge, etc. The money raised helps provide them with a home, a kitchen, and a bed in a safe environment.

Register today to help us continue to help families with children get back on their feet. We can't do it without you. Register at: www.familypromisecv.org/hike-for-the-homeless



When?
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
5:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm Walk Kicks Off

Where?
River Prairie Center
Altoona, WI

Why?
To support families struggling with Homelessness

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