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*147 Years of Grace***

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Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Sharing with Every-  
one the Good News  
of Salvation Through  
Jesus Christ

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

**Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified**

*‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.’* He comes in gentle humility, *“sitting on a donkey’s colt,”* yet also as the King of Israel *“in the name of the Lord”* (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face *“from disgrace and spitting”* (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that *“after his resurrection”* we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).

**Opening Hymn:**

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor”***

***TLH Hymn 160***

**Refrain: All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One. *Refrain***
- 2. The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things Created make reply, *Refrain***
- 3. The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present. *Refrain***
- 4. To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise: *Refrain***
- 5. Thou didst accept their praises Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!**

### The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C:  Amen.

### The Confession of Sins & Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C:  Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C:  And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C:  Amen.

### The Introit

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

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### The Gloria Patri

Pg. 16ff.

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### The Kyrie

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Hymn of Praise:      *“On My Heart Imprint Thine Image”*      *TLH Hymn 179*

On my heart imprint Thine image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no power Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation.

### The Salutation & The Collect for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### Gradual

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,  
**thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,  
**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**  
He sent redemption to his people;  
**he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse**

Philippians 2:8b

P: He humbled himself

**C: by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross**

**Holy Gospel:** John 12:12-43 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C: 🎵 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup> Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup> so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup> “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup> Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

C: 🎵 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He de-**



3. **What fading flowers his road adorn; the palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies, `Behold, behold your King!'**
  
4. **Now he who bore for mortals' sake the cross and all its pains  
and chose a servant's form to take, the King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Saviour's Name till heaven's rafters ring,  
and all the ransomed host proclaim `Behold, behold your King!'**

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### **The Prayers of the Day**

Let us pray for the Church, that the Lord would defend her against all her enemies and keep her true to Jesus Christ by the power of Your Word and Spirit:

Gracious Lord, keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may endure the assaults of the evil one and remain faithful for the sake of those numbered within Your Kingdom and those who have not yet heard the Gospel and been brought to faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all pastors, for all church-work vocations and for all the baptized in their vocation as God's people:

Almighty God, by Your Spirit You have established us as Your Church and granted to us particular vocations within the Church, home and community in which to serve You. Grant to us every gift and blessing needful, that we may honor our calling and serve You to the best of our ability; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, for the newly baptized, for those being catechized as children and adults, and for those joining our congregation:

Almighty Father, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose. Hear us on behalf of those who have heard Your Word, who are being baptized into Christ and joining the fellowship of our congregation, that they may keep the faith with holy and joyful hearts trusting in Christ as their Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the government, for all in authority over us, and for our own lives as citizens and neighbors:

O mighty Lord, You have established the kingdom of the left and hold accountable all those who govern in this and every place. Guide our president; the members of Congress; the governor of this state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve

nobly and wisely, pursuing the path of justice and protecting those least able to protect themselves; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for an end to violence and terror, for those imprisoned, for the troubled in mind, and for those who suffer any afflictions of the body:

Merciful Lord, Your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and You have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those disabled, and the peace of all who are distressed. Hear us on behalf of David, Jorge, Richard, Jana Wesley, John, Robert, those on our continued prayer list, and all whom we name in our hearts, that they may be well supplied by Your grace in their time of trouble; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those not yet of the Kingdom, that God would make us bold to speak the faith to them and that hearing, they might believe:

Everlasting Father, it is Your will that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Son by faith. Give to Your Word success and deliver from error all those who live in darkness, that they may walk in the light of the Lord Jesus; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the earth to be fruitful, and for our good use of all the fruits of the earth:

Blessed Lord, You give food to the hungry and provide for all our needs in this mortal life. Grant to us a grateful heart and knowledge to use wisely and well all that You have entrusted to our care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The 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.**

### **The Collect for the Word/Church**

P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## The Benediction

P: The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee and † give Thee peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

## The Closing Hymn:                    *“Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty”*                    *TLH Hymn 162*

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th' approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on His sapphire throne expects His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Outreach Thought: John 12:12-19: Hosanna: Lord, save us now! That's not the cry of many people in the world around us, is it? Most people don't know they need saving, and what would they need saving from? Taxes, maybe?! From higher prices, we wish! War, crime, corrupt government, terrorism, dangerous storms, we could make a long list of dangers, but do we really need to cry out, “Hosanna” from any of them? When it comes to sin, death and the devil, we do! Only Jesus is the answer to those villains who are seeking our very soul. Jesus has come to save us now. Wave your palm branches for Him alone. Hosanna! He is present always to save us - now. And that's a word we can share with the world around us. Why not take a palm branch from today's worship and let someone know why Jesus is the One who has come to stay with you - and the One who will stay with them to save!

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In keeping with the national and local mandates** for social distancing and staying at home, ALL services, meetings and events at Holy Cross are cancelled until further notice. Please watch our Facebook page and your email for additional updates and information. Pastor Beck will be uploading a Sunday service, along with devotions and Bible Studies during the week. Look for them as follows:

Facebook:

Page: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Group: Holy Cross Warda—Private Group

YouTube: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, TX

Website: [www.holycrosswarda.com](http://www.holycrosswarda.com)

Pastor Beck is also available to visit with you by phone. You can give him a call at the church office at (979) 242-3333 or call or text him at (979) 966-8654. His email address is [pastor.dustin.beck@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.dustin.beck@gmail.com). At this time, unless it is an end-of-life emergency, he will not be making any home or hospital visits.

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **FLHS Closed Campus**

The FLHS campus remains closed until further notice. We are facing much uncertainty. Take comfort as you read the words of Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” We have a God who loves us and promises to be with us always.

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

**FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale** has been postponed

**Mark Your Calendars for These Events** - still tentatively on the calendar

Spring Thing! - **May 13th** - 7pm - FLHS Choir Concert

Golf Tournament - **May 30th**



### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

David Schramm, Jorge Thomas (*Donna Thomas*), Robert Yurk (*Al & William Jurk*), Jana Tindle (*Gerald & Mary Sledge*), Wesley Cervenka (*Debbie Knox*), John Gallup (*Wendy Wagner*), Pastor Robert Boyce

All those on our continued prayer list

Health, safety, and patience for everyone during these uncertain times

Guidance for our national and local leaders in the weeks ahead

### **COMING SOON!!**

Holy Cross is in the process of getting set-up to accept online giving for offerings!  
Watch for more details coming soon!

The Lutheran Hour — April 12

### **"Whatever Gets Your Attention Gets You"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

"To believe is more than just acknowledging that Jesus is risen from the dead; it includes that, but there's more. It's about where you lay your fears, where you rest your concerns. It has to do with what gets your attention-with what gets you."

(John 20)