

**Holy Cross Lutheran
Church (LCMS)
1873-2020
*147 Years of Grace***

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Holy Cross Lutheran
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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, August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. Please register your attendance on the sign-in sheet in the narthex. We invite you to come and worship with us! If you have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

OUR COMMUNION POLICY: Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Rom. 11:29), and His Law "has consigned all to disobedience" for the very purpose "that he may have mercy on all" (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman's faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with "the children's bread" in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His "holy mountain," and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

Hymn 444

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell?
Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield,
And we as conqu'ror's hold the field.

2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,
Aye, boldly fight for heav'nly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.
He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul!
Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run; The combat done,
Thy crown of glory will be won.

3. Wisely fight, for time is fleeting;
The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way.
Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking,
With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure,
Tho' long we did endure Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God, To Thine abode
Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

4. Jesus, all Thy children cherish
And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.
Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven

Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour
That we may love Thee more--Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we Be true to Thee
In death and life eternally. Amen.

[please stand]

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.**

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7, antiphon v. 8

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

The Gloria Patri

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♪ **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.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

♪ **Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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 Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (ESV)

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will Come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not

profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Gradual: Psalm 34:9, 19

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32 (ESV)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

[please stand]

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse: Psalm 147:2-3

P: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

C: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

“Come, My Soul, Thy Suite Prepare”

Hymn 459

1. Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not say thee nay.

2. Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.
3. With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.
4. Lord, I come to Thee for rest, Take possession of my breast;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.
5. As the image in the glass Answers the beholder's face,
Thus unto my heart appear; Print Thine own resemblance there.
6. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
7. Show me what I have to do; Every hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death. Amen.

The Sermon

“Feeding Sheep and Dogs”

[we stand]

The Offertory

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Receipt of Offerings

The Prayers of the Day

Let us pray to the Lord for all that we need and on behalf of all people, that He may bestow upon us the riches of His grace and that we may receive His gifts with faith and thanksgiving in our hearts.

For true unity in the faith; for the preservation of pure doctrine; for harmony in the lives of our congregation, district and Synod; and for charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those outside the kingdom; for missionaries near and far; for the ministries and agencies of our Church whereby the Gospel is spoken to those who have not heard; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors and church workers, for those preparing for full-time church work, and for those considering church-work vocations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all families, for husbands and wives to live in faithfulness to each other, for all mothers with child, for all children, and for those who bring them to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, for the fruitfulness of the earth, for rain to fill our tanks and creeks, and water to sustain our livestock and crops, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president; the Congress; our governor; all elected and appointed leaders; all judges and magistrates; the members of the armed forces; and our police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel in their duties to protect and serve us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the healing of the sick, the relief of the suffering, the comfort of the grieving and the peace of the dying, especially Curtis, Jerrell, Larry, Amy, Wesley, those in our hearts and on our continued prayer list, and for those who care for them in their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy assembly and for our communion upon the Lord's body and blood, and for us to bear in our lives the fruits of the Spirit and do the good works for which we were created, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all honest work and occupations, for our good use of the fruits of our labors, for generosity for those in need, and for the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our remembrance of the saints and in thanksgiving for their faithful witness, that at last we may be joined with them in Your eternal presence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Service of Holy Communion

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The Preface and The Proper Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heavn'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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 Words of Institution

The Pax Domini & The Agnus Dei

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

C: ♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mer-

cy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Distribution

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Hymn 388

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down.
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Amen.

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Hymn 305

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the day-light's splendor, There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal.

- Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him:
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.
3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven, And His blood, for thee once given.
4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.
5. In my heart I find ascending Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder, Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.
6. Human reason, though it ponder, Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's body e'er remaineth Though it countless souls sustaineth
And that He His blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.
7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring--
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.
8. Lord, by love and mercy driven Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living, Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.
9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n receive me. Amen.

Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

[please stand]

The Nunc Dimittis

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♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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 Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

The Benedicamus - The Benediction

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with Thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

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

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

Hymn 511

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.
4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns; The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.
5. Where He displays His healing power, Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessings than their father lost.
6. Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen.

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 15:21-28: Jesus teaches the nature of great faith: humble persistence. The Canaanite woman in our text would not let go of Jesus no matter what. Far too often when we do not receive the answer that we want from God, we seek other means to get what we wish rather than trusting completely in God's will for our lives. Great faith trusts that if God doesn't want me to have it, I don't want it. May we pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work this faith in each of us so that this total reliance upon God will be seen in our witness in word and action to the world around us.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class this morning will be held in the sanctuary immediately following our worship service. This morning, we will continue our study on the book of James. Faith without works is DEAD. The Bible says so. LIVING faith works, loves, and serves. It endures trials and obeys God's Word; it harbors no prejudice and controls the tongue; it resists the devil and patiently waits for the coming of our Lord. Join us in Adult Bible Class as we learn more about a LIVING faith and the fruits that flow from knowing Jesus.

BBQ to-go - We will have BBQ pork by the pound and BBQ sauce to-go Sunday, Sept. 6th. Drive-thru only starting at 10:00 a.m. Preorders are appreciated, but not necessary. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can call the church office at 242-3333.

Hymn Sing—Wow!! What a fantastic turnout last Sunday morning before church to sing some of our favorite hymns! Pastor Beck and the organists invite you all to join us again next Sunday at 8:30am to sing a hymn or three before church. We have placed a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary, asking the simple question, “What’s your favorite hymn?” Each time we get together to sing, the organist will have selected a few hymns from your suggestions. We will gather and sing, as others are arriving to church. If you’re not much of a singer, that’s just fine. Making a joyful “noise” is completely acceptable. Or, you’re welcome to come and listen. If your preference is to come and talk with fellow worshipers, that’s fine, too. Our hope is that we might learn a new hymn here or there; enjoy singing a few more hymns and loosen up our vocal chords before worship; and finally, that we might be uplifted by the beauty of God’s Word joined to music. Let’s keep Holy Cross a *Singing* Church!

Sunday School Promotion Sunday has been set for Sunday, August 30th. All Sunday School children are asked to be here and be recognized for their participation this past year. A good number of them will be promoted to the next class. We look forward to seeing them on the 30th! Also, a reminder to parents receiving tuition assistance for our parochial schools, Sunday School attendance is a requirement to continue to receive assistance.

The nominating committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, to nominate officers for 2021. If you are a voting member, and are interested in serving in a particular office, please contact the church office and let us know.

Lincoln VFD Annual Fried Chicken dinner is TODAY!! Drive-thru only at the Lincoln Community Center in Lincoln starting at 10:30. Plates are \$10 each and include delicious fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and corn. All proceeds support the Lincoln VFD! Thank you!!

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 105 Bible Class: 32
 Sunday School: 9

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 5 & 9</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610
Offering Received	\$ 2,970	\$ 5,031
Short/Over	\$ (-1,640)	\$ 421
Offerings received through e-giving August 1-15: \$464.34		

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

We are currently enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year and we are looking to add more students to our family. FLHS offers a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, and small class sizes. We will be offering in-person instruction, with a remote learning option. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are also available.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 19th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 23rd at 3 pm as we will officially open our fourth academic school year. 'Mission: Possible' based on 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 is the theme for 2020-2021. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors, with the sermon by Pr. Jason Kaspar. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. In lieu of our potluck dessert reception, prepackaged refreshments will be distributed following the service.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year and anticipate our first graduating class, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support.

2020 -2021 Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Chelsea Beck - Part-time History

Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion

Ms. Kristin Becker - Science, Math

Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, Computers

Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, History, Math, Electives

Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Art, Library

Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Ralph Bamsch's birthday today by Carolyn Bamsch.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Larry Woelfel, scheduled for knee replacement surgery tomorrow
Curtis Moerbe, home following hospital stay
Jerrell Dunk, undergoing extensive skin cancer surgeries

Amy Wagner, Wesley Cervenka

All those on our continued prayer list

Our sympathy to Bobby and Carolyn Buscha on the death of Bobby's sister, Hildegard,, on August 10th

Congratulations to Christian and Kasey (Shreiner) Gonsoulin who were united in marriage yesterday afternoon here at Holy Cross. We pray God's blessings on them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

August 16, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mr. Shea Kasper
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner
Layne Huenefeld

Pastor
Organist
Audio/Video System
Elders on Duty
Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Organists/Pastor Beck (rescheduled)
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Opening Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday		<i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	8:30 a.m.	Pre-Service Hymn Singing
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.	FLHS Opening Worship Service

The Lutheran Hour — August 23

"A Wrong Comparison"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz

How do you compare to your next-door neighbor, your brother-in-law, or the person you were five years ago? Comparing ourselves against God's requirements can prompt us to turn in repentant faith to Jesus, the Savior beyond compare. It's

"Archives August".