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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 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We invite you to come and worship with us again. 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.

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*" (Rom. 9:5), we are "*the children of God*" (Rom. 9:8), "*not because of works but because of him who calls*" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "*listen diligently*" and "*bear, that your soul may live.*" By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "*an everlasting covenant*" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*" (Is. 55:2-3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "*said a blessing,*" broke the loaves "*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*" (Matt. 14:18-19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*" there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Hymn 347

1. Jesus, priceless Treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me. Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee, Naught I ask beside Thee.

2. In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Tho' the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.
3. Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him, Silent bow before Him.
4. Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my Pleasure,
Jesus is my Choice. Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me Since He deigns to love me.
5. Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain. Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and power;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.
6. Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest Pleasure Jesus, priceless Treasure! 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

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

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: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5 (ESV)

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

Gradual: Romans 11:33, 36

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: **How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: **To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-15 (ESV)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

[please stand]

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse: Psalm 78:25

P; Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C: he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And

he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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:

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Hymn 316

1. O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!
The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o'erflows;
For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food,
My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.
2. My God, Thou here hast led me Within Thy temple's holiest place
And there Thyself hast fed me With all the treasures of Thy grace.
Oh, boundless is Thy kindness, And righteous is Thy pow'r,
While I in sinful blindness Am erring hour by hour;

And yet Thou com'st not spurning A sinner, Lord, like me!
Thy grace and love returning, What gift have I for Thee?

- 3 A heart that hath repented And mourns for sin with bitter sighs,--
Thou, Lord, art well-contented With this my only sacrifice.
I know that in my weakness Thou wilt despise me not,
But grant me in Thy meekness The blessing I have sought;
Yes, Thou wilt hear with favor The song that now I raise,
For meet and right 'tis ever That I should sing Thy praise.
4. Grant what I have partaken May through Thy grace so work in me
That sin be all forsaken And I may cleave alone to Thee
And all my soul be heedful How I Thy love may know;
For this alone is needful Thy love should in me glow.
Then let no beauty ever, No joy, allure my heart,
But what is Thine, my Savior, What Thou dost here impart.
5. Oh, well for me that, strengthened With heavenly food and comfort here,
Howe'er my course be lengthened, I now may serve Thee free from fear!
Away, then, earthly pleasure! All earthly gifts are vain;
I seek a heavenly treasure, My home I long to gain,
My God, where I shall praise Thee, Where none my peace destroy,
And where my soul shall raise Thee Glad songs in endless With pure joy. Amen.

The Sermon

“Dining in the Desert”

[please 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

Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us.

Father, we have sought meaning, comfort and sustenance from all the wrong places. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be turned to Your Word, that we may hunger for Your Son's body and blood, and that we may discern truth from error. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Guard her life by Your Spirit, and strengthen her witness before the nations. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church-work vocations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we too quickly focus on what we lack and not upon Your unlimited grace. Bless all relief agencies and services of Your Church on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, the hurting and those who have lost hope. Bless those visited by disaster and tragedy, and open our hearts to help them recover from their loss. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are daily blessed to know abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, the Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we suffer with all manner of ills and afflictions. Hear us and grant to us healing according to Your will, strength in time of trial and peace at the last. We pray especially for Amy, Wesley, those on our continued prayer list and those named in our hearts. Good Lord, deliver us and teach us to depend upon Your grace in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we know that Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace. Guide us to seek our consolation in Your Word and Sacraments, and prepare us to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are daily and richly surrounded with Your love and care. Grant us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning and grateful hearts, that what we have received we may share with those in need and generously support the work of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we remember the saints who lived by Your mercy and died in Christ. We long for that day when all divisions will end and the Church in heaven and earth shall be one in Your presence, singing Your praise in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear “Your will be done”; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 mercy 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

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Hymn 315

1. I come, O Savior, to Thy Table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

REFRAIN:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now approach Thy heavenly Board
And, as I lowly bow before Thee, Look only unto Thee, O Lord! *refrain*
3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never For Thou my faithful Shepherd art! *refrain*
4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul
That I through wilful sinning never May see Thy Judgment take its toll! *refrain*
5. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *refrain*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden, With sin my soul is sore oppress;
Receive me graciously, and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

7. Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly That humbly falls before Thy feet,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. *refrain*
8. By faith I call Thy holy Table The testament of Thy deep love;
For, lo, thereby I now am able To see how love Thy heart doth move. *refrain*
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. *refrain*
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones power,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for us in death's dark hour. *refrain*
11. Thy body, given for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. *refrain*
12. With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. *refrain*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise. *refrain*
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the Master With aid and comfort e'er is near. *refrain*
15. My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed Holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *refrain*

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Hymn 235

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us.
Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we In Thee Truly living, To Thee giving Prayer unceasing,
May be in love be still increasing.
2. Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing,
That we confess the Father, Son, And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
Thy glory ever showing.

Stay Thou, Guide now Our souls ever, That they never May forsake Thee,
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.

3. Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows Which God on pious hearts bestows,
Grant us Thy consolation
That in our pure faith's unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Of grace that brings salvation.
Hear us, Cheer us By Thy teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
4. Left to ourselves, we shall but stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us,
And give us steadfastness that we May ever faithful prove to Thee
Whatever woes betide us,
Come, Friend, And mend Hearts now broken, Give a token Thou art near us
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.
5. Thy heavenly strength sustain our heart That we may act the valiant part,
With Thee as our Reliance;
Be Thou our Refuge and our Shield That we may never quit the field,
But bid all foes defiance.
Descend, Defend From all errors And earth's terrors. Thy salvation
Be our constant consolation.
6. O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,
Be strong within us burning
That we be faithful unto death, In Thy pure love and holy faith,
From Thee true wisdom learning.
Thy grace And peace On us shower; By Thy power Christ confessing,
Let us win our Savior's blessing.
7. O gentle Dew, from heaven now fall With power upon the hearts of all,
Thy tender love instilling,
That heart to heart more closely bound, In kindly deeds be fruitful found,
The law of love fulfilling.
Dwell thus In us; Envy banish; Strife will vanish Where Thou livest.
Peace and love and joy Thou givest.

8. Grant that our days, while life shall last, In purest holiness be passed,
Be Thou our Strength and Tower,
From sinful lust and vanity, And from dead works set 'Thou us free
In every evil hour.
Keep 'Thou Pure now From offences Heart and senses. Blessed Spirit,
Let us heavenly life inherit. 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:

“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, alleluia
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you Allelu, alleluia
3. Man shall not live by bread alone But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God Allelu, alleluia

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 14:13-21: Martin Luther penned these wonderful words: “I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I’ve placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.” Many times when we consider evangelism, we think about going out and placing pamphlets and other items in the hands of the people. But maybe we have it all wrong. Maybe the best evangelism is putting as many people in God’s hands as possible. Who can you place in God’s hands today? The disciples realized that in God’s hands, food was multiplied. This is true of people in God’s Kingdom as well. Take time - in prayer, in conversation, and maybe even in bringing someone to worship next Sunday - but take the time to put the valuable resource of people in God’s hands - knowing that in His hands they will never be lost again.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 97

Bible Class: 30

Sunday School: 10

S.S. Offering:

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.

Although it may look a little different this year, school is about to begin! In our worship next Sunday, we will pray for and celebrate the start of school with the "Blessing of the Backpacks." Parents with school age children, please be sure to have your children bring their backpacks to church. We look forward to blessing the children and their backpacks and the start of the school year.

The Church Picnic scheduled for Sept. 6th has been cancelled for this year. However, we will still have BBQ pork by the pound that Sunday. Drive-thru only starting at 10:00 a.m. BBQ pork by the pound and BBQ sauce will be available. Preorders will be appreciated, but not necessary. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Watch for more details this coming week.

Hymn Sing - Pastor Beck and the organists would like to invite you all to join us on non-communion Sundays, at 8:30am, to come and sing a hymn or three. 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.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

We are overjoyed to have **14 students** registered for the 2020-2021 school year, celebrating our first class of seniors, 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. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are 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!

Plans for 2020-2021

The novel coronavirus has changed so much of what “normal” life looks like. Faith Lutheran High School understands the seriousness of the virus and is committed to helping mitigate the spread of it. Full details of our reopening plans can be found on our website. FLHS will be offering in-person instruction, with a remote learning option.

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.

Welcome

Faith Lutheran High School is excited to announce that Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church from La Grange, TX has joined the association of congregations that support FLHS. Welcome and thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Amy Wagner, Wesley Cervenka

All those on our continued prayer list

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

August 2, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Mr. Shea Kasper
Dennis Pietsch, J..C. Schramm, Brian Varner
Kinlee Kays

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	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m..	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	10th Sunday after Pentecost / Blessing of the Backpacks	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,077	\$ 4,077
Offering Received	\$ 2,855	\$ 3,355
Short/Over	\$ (-1,222)	\$ (-722)
Offerings received through e-giving July 15-31:	\$563.37	

The Lutheran Hour — August 9

"Over The Darkness, God Hovers"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August".

(Genesis 1:2-3)