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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 30, 2020

Thirteenth 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 often. If you have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this "theology of the cross," Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic "theology of glory." But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we "live peaceably with all" (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we "rejoice in hope," and we are "patient in tribulation" and "constant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: *"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"* *Hymn 421*

1. Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
2. I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

3. My heart bounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
4. I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.
5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain. 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.**

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

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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 God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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 12:9-21 (ESV)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

[please stand]

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse: Matthew 16:25

P: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

C: but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostle’s Creed

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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 descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Hymn 367

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor! Life is given thro' Thy name.
2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin may be forgiven Thro' the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; Peace is made 'twixt man and God.
3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory, There forever to abide!
All the heav'nly host adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading, There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
4. Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise. Amen.

The Sermon

“Following Jesus with a Cross”

[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

Hymn:

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB Hymn 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

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Sunday School Promotion

The Prayers of the Day

Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ, let us pray on behalf of our parish community and for all people according to their needs.

For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and
For our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, Jerusalem on high, our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us;
For the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God's mysteries; and
For those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president; our governor; and all legislators and civil servants;
For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and
For those who work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rain and favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits;
For business and industry, service workers and artisans;
For generosity toward those in need; and
For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;
For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;
For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and
For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads;
For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and
For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick or in need of our prayers, especially Larry, Curtis, Jerrell, Amy, Wesley, Margaret, those in our hearts and on our continued prayer list;
For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith, especially Pastor Bob Boyce, Mary Sue Vanderhoff, and those we remember in our hearts and minds;

For God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and
For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **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: *“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”*

Hymn 452

1. The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe, Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,--He follows in His train.

2. The martyr first whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue, In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong,-- Who follows in his train?
3. A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints; their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel, The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel,-- Who follows in their train?
4. A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n Thro' peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To follow in their train! Amen.

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 16:21-28: “Get behind Me, Satan.” I’m sure glad Jesus said that to Peter and not to me! Have you ever been a hindrance to the Gospel? Have your thoughts, words or deeds ever led someone away from Christ, rather than to Him? We all must repent of the times that our sinful lives have done the very thing that Peter did in today’s Gospel lesson. We have mismatched the Person of Christ and the work of Christ. The work of the Cross is sacrifice. It’s less of me and more of Christ. (John 3:30) Self is the enemy of developing as disciples. Thanks be to God, Jesus puts our sin behind Him so we can follow Him as disciples. The cross we are to bear puts to death the things of this world so we can live the new life Christ has in mind for us to live for eternity. May God bless us with the labor of love in sharing the Gospel that puts us behind Jesus where we cannot hinder the Good News but share it boldly.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 106

Bible Class: 26

Sunday School: 10

S.S. Offering: \$ 2.00

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. BBQ will be \$11.00/lb; cups of sauce are \$2.00 each. Drive-thru only starting at 10:00 a.m. Preorders are appreciated, but not required. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can call the church office at 242-3333.

Communion Schedule Change - Due to the originally scheduled Church Picnic and now the BBQ activities next Sunday, we have adjusted the communion schedule. We WILL NOT HAVE Communion next Sunday, September 6th (1st Sunday). We WILL HAVE Communion on Sunday's, September 13th and 20th, (2nd and 3rd Sundays). If you have any questions about these adjustments, please contact an elder or call the church office.

Sewing Circle—Ladies, Are you looking for things to do to keep busy and still have social distancing as well? Holy Cross Sewing Circle can use your help! If you can cut a fabric square or trim a stamp, you can help us! Squares are used to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and the stamps are sold to collectors to help pay for shipping them. We gather on Thursday mornings from 9-noon in the old parish hall at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We take a break at 10:00 and enjoy coffee and snacks while we share friendly updates on family and friends. If you would like more information, you can email Cindy Heselmeyer at cindyhesel@yahoo.com, or just come join us on a Thursday morning!

Fried Chicken Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 23rd annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 13th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance meal tickets will be sold for \$12.00 and all plates are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 7th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

GriefShare that was scheduled for this fall has been cancelled. The next one will be Surviving the Holidays in November.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. We will be social distancing.

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Lots of games, activities and food will be available. Stay tuned for more details!

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students had a wonderful time at Camp Lone Star this past week. It was a great two days of challenge courses, Bible Study and learning about building up the body of Christ. We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for our Family Fun Nights and Oktoberfest.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Holy Cross Sunday School teachers by Patty Schulze.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Larry Woelfel, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Curtis Moerbe, home following hospital stay

Jerrell Dunk, undergoing extensive skin cancer surgeries

Amy Wagner and Wesley Cervenka, undergoing cancer treatments

Margaret Sladeczek Fitchette, friend of Linda Lehmann, recovering from back surgery

All those on our continued prayer list

Our sympathy to Jonathan and Nikki Kueck on the death of Nikki's grandmother, Mary Sue Vanderhoff, on August 22nd. Her funeral will be Monday in Huntsville, MO.

Congratulations to Allen and Dolores Wolf on the birth of another great-grandson! Nathan Alan Alford, son of Jared and Carolyn Alford, was born on August 15th in Round Rock.

Willie and Judy Wagner attended the funeral for Pastor Bob Boyce at Trinity Lutheran Church in Abilene on Tuesday. Georgie asked them to let everyone know in Warda that she sends her greetings and love to everyone. Please keep her in your prayers.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

August 30, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner	Elders on Duty
Sarah Kay	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Sunday School Promotion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation Info. Meeting
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Pick up BBQ Pork and Sauce

The Lutheran Hour — September 6

"Jesus in the House"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Messy prayers, loud tables, open doors—three signs of a spiritually vibrant household.

(Luke 19:1-10)