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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 9, 2020

Tenth 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.

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* *LSB Hymn 849*



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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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: Psalm 34:4-8, antiphon v. 1

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

The Gloria Patri

Pg. 6ff.

♪ 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 most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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: Job 38:4-18 (ESV)

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?”

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to

know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?”

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

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 10:5-17 (ESV)

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “Who will descend into the abyss?”” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

[please stand]

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse: Matthew 14:27

P: Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

C: “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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:

“Jesus Savior, Pilot Me”

Hymn 649

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life’s tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
2. As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
3. When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar
’Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee." Amen.

The Sermon

“On Water-walking, Windy-waves, and Weak Faith”

[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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Hymn:

“Be Still My Soul ”

Hymn 651

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly,
friend Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.. Amen.

The Prayers of the Day

O Lord, our God, we do not presume to know Your ways or inform Your judgment. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may apprehend Your ways and know Your Son, Jesus Christ, by faith. Give us wisdom, that we may trust in Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we have no righteousness of our own but only the righteousness of Christ into which we were clothed in Baptism. Grant us grace, that we may be faithful in every circumstance and bold in the confession of His saving name. Guard those who preach Your Word to us so that, hearing, we may believe and, believing, we may have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we see the great need and ask You to raise up those who will serve us as pastors, teachers, missionaries and in all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and the younger congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them, and do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we know that you have created all things and still provide for them. Send forth rain to water and nourish the earth, so that creation may continue to thrive under your gracious provision. Give us grace to accept your will in times of deluge and drought, feast and famine, plenty and want. Lord, in Your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we ask You to bless us, our nation and those who lead us. Guide all elected and appointed civil servants in their judgments, that we may know justice in our land and peace among the nations. Make us especially mindful of those who need our special protection, the unborn, the aged and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon the schools where children learn, especially for the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Give Your blessing to all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word. Help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we remember the sick, those who suffer, those troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Deliver them according to Your will and grant them the comfort of Your Word in their afflictions, that they may depend upon Your mercy in every circumstance. Hear us especially for Curtis, Amy, Wesley, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we give thanks for the saints of old who trusted in You in life and now rest in Christ from all their labors. Deliver us from all evil, and lead us through all temptation so that at last we may join them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray You to be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us on behalf of ourselves and those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: "God Loved the World So that He Gave" Hymn 245

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally! Amen.

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 14:22-33: What do you do in the midst of a storm? The right answer is: Take cover! But sometimes cover isn't enough. The disciples found themselves in a life-threatening storm. Jesus said to them, "Take heart, It is I." As He was for the disciples, Jesus is for us. Jesus is our Protection and Refuge whenever we encounter life-threatening danger. He is Lord of wind and wave and of life and death. The world we live in tends to run for their own cover: drugs, alcohol, self-sufficiency. We have a Word to share with the world, and it is a gentle Word of Gospel: Take heart; trust in Jesus. There is so much that threatens our security, but only one Lord and Savior in whom we can place our total confidence. Real storms or even seeing them on the news give us an opportunity to share the One in whom we "take heart" and the One who is truly Lord of all. Share your confidence in him.

Attendance

Aug. 2nd: 101 Bible Class: 29 Aug 5th: 12
Sunday School: 6 S.S. Offering: \$12.00

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.

The Church Picnic scheduled for Sept. 6th has been cancelled for this year. However, we will still have BBQ pork by the pound and BBQ sauce to-go that Sunday. Drive-thru only starting at 10:00 a.m. Preorders will be 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.

Couple's Club meeting scheduled for Friday, August 14th, has been cancelled.

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

Curtis Moerbe, Amy Wagner, Wesley Cervenka

All those on our continued prayer list

Our sympathy to Edward and Christine Buscha on the death of Christine's niece, Deborah Brandt, on August 2nd. Her funeral was August 6th in Rockdale.

Our sympathy to William and Carol Jurk on the death of Carol's brother-in-law, Kenny Frank, on Aug. 4th. A graveside service will be held tomorrow, August 10th, at 10:00 a.m. at Zoar Lutheran Cemetery in Mentz, TX.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

August 9, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Lector
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner	Elders on Duty
Andrew Davis	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY	2:00 p.m.	Shreiner/Gonsoulin Wedding
Next Sunday	<i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

The Lutheran Hour — August 16

"Seeing Is Believing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Believing in Jesus Christ, we truly see things the way they are. It's "Archives August"