

**Holy Cross Lutheran  
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1873-2020  
*147 Years of Grace***

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Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Sharing wit Everyone  
the Good News of  
Salvation Through  
Jesus Christ



## Easter Litany

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The stone has been rolled away.

**C: The tomb is empty!**

P: The women have told the disciples.

**C: The disciples have come to see.**

P: The Lord lives,

**C: Never to die again.**

P: The victory has been won.

**C: Death has been defeated!**

## 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

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.**

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,  
**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.**

**The Lord will reign forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## The Easter Collect

P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise:

*“He is Arisen! Glorious Word!”*

*TLH Hymn 189*

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;**

**The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,**

**And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon.**

**Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth—**

**He was dead, but see, he liveth!**

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 (ESV)

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,<sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him<sup>[a]</sup> from far

away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

**Epistle Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse**

2 Tim. 1:10b

P: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

**C: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



4. Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of our president; our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless all prison workers, that they may be humane and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated with hope for the future and amendment of life, help them to serve their sentences with patience and trust in You, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth. Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected 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.**

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint, He live to hear my soul's complaint.
5. He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend, He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

**Outreach Thought**

Matthew 28:1-10: When Mary Magdalene saw her risen Lord, she went with great excitement to tell the disciples that she had seen the Lord and shared with them what Jesus had told her. We have seen our Risen Lord by faith and that sure faith inspires us to share with others the hope we have because Jesus lives! Celebrate the victory over Satan, death and the grave by telling someone else that Easter matters: it matters to you and it matters to them. Without Easter, they have no answer to the problem of sin and death. But with Jesus, a Savior who lives, there is joy and victory in the face of sin and death. Because Jesus lives, those who believe in Him live now and for eternity. Easter makes all the difference in this world and the next; to keep this message to yourself would be a tragedy. We have seen the Lord. He lives. What joy! What triumph! And it's all yours. Not to keep to yourself - but to share and share and share!

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Easter!** We pray today finds you and your family healthy and well, rejoicing in the resurrection of our Savior!

**ALL** services, meetings and events at Holy Cross continue to be cancelled until further notice. Please watch our Facebook page and your email for additional updates and information. Pastor Beck will be uploading Sunday services, along with devotions and Bible Studies during the week. Look for them as follows:

Facebook:

Page: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Group: Holy Cross Warda—Private Group

YouTube: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, TX

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

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

**Private Communion** - The elders and Pastor have decided that small gatherings of families will be able, by appointment, to receive the Lord's Supper. Pastor will use every precaution available to limit contact between individuals. Please call the church office or Pastor's cell phone to make arrangements.

**Online Giving** is now available!! There are two options you can use:

One, go to [www.holycrosswarda.com](http://www.holycrosswarda.com) and click on the tab at the top for Online Giving. It will take you directly to the page to submit your offering either by credit card or bank draft. You will receive an email from Vanco acknowledging your transaction.

The second way is to download the Giving+ app on your mobile device. Find Holy Cross Lutheran Church using our 78942 zip code (for our physical address) and submit your contribution there via credit card or bank draft.

Processing time for both methods is 2-3 business days.

For now, the General Fund is the only fund that is set up to receive donations. Additional funds may be added in the future. All contributions made via the online or mobile app will be credited to your yearly statement. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Easter Blessings**

May God bless your Easter celebrations as we remember the innocent sacrifice by our Lord and Savior and rejoice together in His victorious resurrection today and always.

### **FLHS Closed Campus**

The FLHS campus remains closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders. We are facing much uncertainty. Take comfort as you read the words of Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” We have a God who loves us and promises to be with us always.

### **New Student Registration**

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

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God’s love in a student’s high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

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

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

Golf Tournament - **May 30th**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

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

All those on our continued prayer list

Health, safety, and patience for everyone quarantined at home

Guidance for our national and local leaders in the weeks ahead

*Our sympathy* to Allene Schramm and the Schramm family on the passing of David this past Monday. His graveside service was here at Holy Cross on Wednesday. We pray for God's peace and comfort for them in the weeks ahead.

*A sincere thank you* to everyone for your prayers, calls, memorials, and support over the past two weeks and especially this past week following David's passing. Thank you to Pastor Beck for your prayers and for being there with us during this difficult time. Thanks to those who brought food and supplies to make this time easier. We pray God's blessings for you all this Easter morning. *Allene, Jennifer & Chad, Scott & Sherry, Amber & Kory and families*