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*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 with Every-
one the Good News
of Salvation Through
Jesus Christ

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Seventh 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. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is "the Son of Man," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "the sons of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "both grow together until the harvest" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "the King of Israel and his Redeemer" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "fear not, nor be afraid" (Is. 44:8). For "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Rom. 8:18).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus”

Hymn 451

1. Stand up!- stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner. It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead;
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up! - stand up for Jesus! The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men now serve Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up! - stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
4. Stand up! - stand up for Jesus! The strife will not be long:
This day, the noise of battle; The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally. Amen.

[please stand]

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Confession of Sins & Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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

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

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit: Psalm 86:11-15, antiphon v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;

unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

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: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8 (ESV)

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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 8:18-27 (ESV)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

[please stand]

C: 🎵 **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Verse: Matthew 13:35b

P: Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

C: I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (ESV)

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

C: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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:

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Hymn 446

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, From thy sleep awaken;
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken.
For the Foe, Well we know, Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.
2. Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find thee;
For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind thee.
Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.
3. Watch! Let not the wicked world With its pow'r defeat thee.
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled She betray and cheat thee.
Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm thee,
Who but seek to harm thee.
4. Watch against thyself, my soul, Lest with grace thou trifle;
Let not self thy tho'ts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within All thy hopes to scatter;
Heed not when they flatter.

5. But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay, Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless In distress And let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee.
6. Therefore let us watch and pray, Knowing He will hear us
As we see from day to day Dangers ever near us,
And the end Doth impend--Our redemption neareth
When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

The Sermon

“Weed Picking and the Kingdom of God”

[we stand]

The Offertory

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

Receipt of Offerings

The Prayers of the Day

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we are too quick to judge Your ways and too bold to presume upon Your wisdom. Grant us grace so that we may trust in Your Word and fulfill our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy, both to our families and to our neighbors in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, we are stewards of Your creation, but we have often squandered its goodness and wasted its resources. Guide us to use wisely and for the benefit of all people the fruits of this good earth, and preserve its goodness for those to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we have been given new birth in Baptism. Help us to confess Your Son before the world, reflecting the glory of Your kingdom to all people. Bless all pastors, missionaries and church workers, that they may be faithful in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we enjoy great freedom and blessing in our land. Bless our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; and all those who make, judge and administer laws in our land. Give them wisdom in their actions for the protection of life and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give You thanks for the gift of health, which we must never take for granted. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, those who mourn and those near death. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Hear us especially for William, Carol, Amy, Wesley, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, we often forget the blessings you freely give to us and we grumble and complain when times are hard. We humbly ask you to refresh our ground with your precious water, that our grass may nourish the cattle and the crops be plentiful for all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we are wounded by the sufferings of this life, and we need Your grace to sustain us in hope and equip us with patience. Give to us all that we need to pass through the day of trouble and be found faithful when Christ comes in His glory at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Lord, we ask You to visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places of blessing and love, where faith is nurtured and we learn to live out our new lives in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that what we pray for, we may work toward, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that at the Day of Judgment we may be found worthy to join the saints and enter into Your gift of eternal light and life forevermore; 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. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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; Heav'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

“Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling”

LSB Hymn 827

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting -Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
2. Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.
3. For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
4. Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the soul His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

“Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”

Hymn 447

1. Fight the good fight With all thy might; Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.
3. Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.
4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is All in all to thee. Amen.

“Brief Life is Here Our Portion”

Hymn 448

1. Brief life is here our portion; Brief sorrow, short-lived care.
The life that knows no ending, The tearless life, is there.
O happy retribution: Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners A mansion with the blest!

2. And now we fight the battle, But then shall wear the crown
Of full and everlasting And passionless renown;
And now we watch and struggle, And now we live in hope,
And Zion in her anguish With Babylon must cope.
3. But He whom now we trust in Shall then be seen and known;
And they that know and see Him Shall have Him for their own.
And there is David's fountain And life in fullest glow;
And there the light is golden, And milk and honey flow.
4. The morning shall awaken, And shadows shall decay,
And each true-hearted servant Shall shine as doth the day.
There God, our King and Portion, In fullness of His grace
Shall we behold forever, And worship face to face.
5. O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

Hymn 444

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious;
Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield,
And we as conqu'ror's hold the field.
2. Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,
Aye, boldly fight for heav'nly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.
He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul!
Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.

The race, then, run; The combat done,
Thy crown of glory will be won.

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

4. Jesus, all Thy children cherish
And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.
Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven
Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour That we may love Thee more--
Hearts o'erflowing; And then will we
Be true to Thee In death and life eternally. Amen.

“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:

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Hymn 574

1. Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final Harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide.
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious Harvest-home. Amen.

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43: Our Lord continues to teach us about His kingdom. We need this teaching because it is literally “right side up” from our world turned “upside down” by sin. In His Kingdom, the weeds and the wheat will grow together until He comes again for the final harvest. Knowing this fact to be true, we don’t pray that God will remove all evil from this world (as we far too many times lament and often times pray for God to do), but instead, we earnestly pray to join His mission to overcome evil with His saving love, His grace and mercy, and His Word that never returns empty (remember last week’s message?!). Pray for eyes to see the world as Christ does: as an opportunity for mission and to see every moment as one of grace that God has given us to be about His saving work. Let us pray that as God’s people, we remain firmly built upon the Rock so we may serve as His witnesses shining forth in the wheat field among the weeds so they may see the Light.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 67

Bible Class: 25

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.

Sunday School will be held THIS MORNING immediately following our worship service for children in Kindergarten and older. Children are asked to meet in the narthex and will be spaced out among the chairs there.

Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the family room.. You may join in-person study at the church or join us via Zoom at the same time. To join via Zoom, please contact Cyndy Zoch for the meeting ID.

The Voters Assembly will meet again on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Meeting packets are in members mailboxes this morning.

Mid-Year offering statements were printed this week and are in your church mailboxes this morning. Please review them for accuracy. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hobratschk at 979-242-3306 or the church office at 979-242-3333.

The Men's Club meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 26th, has been cancelled. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th.

Sewing Circle will resume this week Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the old parish hall.

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,077	\$ 4,077
Offering Received	\$ 2,655	\$ 3,476
Short/Over	\$ (-1,422)	\$ (-601)
Offerings received through e-giving July 1-15:	\$1,373.61	

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours

July office hours will be 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday and holidays will be by appointment only. Please drop by for a visit!

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. However, we are also confident that our school environment, small class sizes and safety precautions will enable us to be back on campus full time in August. A detailed plan is currently being revised in preparation for August. Please contact us to learn more about the safety procedures utilized at FLHS.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. 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!

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. We are anxiously preparing for another year, and anticipating our first graduating class. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and financial gifts as our ministry grows. God continues to bless our ministry and YOU do as well. Thank you!

Amazon Smile and Wish List

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

FLHS has also created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bobby and Carolyn Buscha in honor of their 3rd wedding anniversary on July 15th.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Carol Jurk

William Jurk, waiting on test results

Amy Wagner, undergoing treatments for Ovarian Cancer

Wesley Cervenka brother of Debbie Knox, undergoing chemo until stem cell surgery, very appreciative of all our prayers

All those on our continued prayer list

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 19, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Doug Lehmann, David Weishuhn, Allen Wolf
Andrew Davis

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 (kindergarten & up)
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Pastor/Organists meet
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

The Lutheran Hour — July 26

"Reflexive Mercy"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world.

(Exodus 32)