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*147 Years of Grace***

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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 Everyone
the Good News of Sal-
vation Through Jesus
Christ

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

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Eighth 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.

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be *"his treasured possession," not because of any strength in us, but solely "because the LORD loves" us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He "keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments" (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us "great value" by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are "hidden in a field," covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but "to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29). Since we "are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us "at the right hand of God" (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from "the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:39).*

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Entrance Hymn:

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB Hymn 578

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

[please stand]

6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Opening Sentences

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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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. Hallelujah!**

The Invitatory and Venite

Hymnal Pg. 33ff.

P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

C: ♪ For He is our Maker.

**♪ Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it:
and His hands formed the dry land.
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lorde, our Maker.

For He is our God:
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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.

[be seated]

Hymn:

“ O Savior, Precious Savior”

Hymn 352

1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love;
O Name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our holy Lord and King.
2. O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our gracious Lord and King.
3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee Our glorious Lord and King.
4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration, And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

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

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

**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.**

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

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (ESV)

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that,

who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[please stand]

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

[please be seated]

Hymn:

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn 473

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word;
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy Bride;
With His own Blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one Faith, one Birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.
3. The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her, False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.
4. Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.. Amen.

Sermon

“Buried Bounty, Precious Pearls, Deep Dragnets“

Hymn:

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" LSB Hymn 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



All "O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings

The Prayers of the Day

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would provide seasonable weather and an abundance of rain to bring forth the fruits of the earth for the benefit of all farmers and ranchers in our community and in all places, let us pray to the **Lord: Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, and especially do we pray for William and Carol, Amy, Wesley, the

family of Barbara Buscha, all those in in our hearts and on our continued prayer list, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

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♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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 Salutation and The Collect for Grace

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy Spirit.**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen**

The Benedicamus and Benediction

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P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C: **♪ Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“Oh Jesus, King Most Wonderful ”

Hymn 361

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful, Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable, In whom all joys are found!
2. When once Thou visitest the heart, The truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart, Then kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus, Light of all below, Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire--
4. May every heart confess Thy name And ever Thee adore
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame To seek Thee more and more!
5. Thee may our tongues forever bless, Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express The image of Thine own! Amen.

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 13:44-52: We look all around us and question the value of “things.” How can it all be worth so much? In our daily experiences, we are accustomed to the value of “things” being driven higher and higher. And then we look at the things of God - His Word, worship, music, water, bread, wine - and they all look pretty ordinary. But in God’s Kingdom, these are the pearls of greatest value because they reveal His love and presence with us. We need wisdom from the kingdom. If someone doesn’t tell us what something is truly worth, we would never know. That is why it so important that we tell the world about the true treasures found in the things of God. How will they ever know if we don’t tell them? Let someone in on the pearls and treasures that you know in the wisdom of God.

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 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 were put in members mailboxes.

Mid-Year offering statements were put in your church mailboxes. 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 Lehmann-Woythe reunion scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd., has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for next year, August 1, 2021.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 77

Bible Class: 24

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!



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

William and Carol Jurk, Amy Wagner, Wesley Cervenka
All those on our continued prayer list

Our sympathy to Bobby and Carolyn Buscha on the death of Bobby's daughter, Barbara "Shorty" Buscha, on July 17th. Her funeral was in Smithville on July 23rd with burial in the Greens Creek Cemetery.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 26, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Linda Lehmann
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Doug Lehmann, David Weishuhn, Allen Wolf
Abbi Noack

Pastor
Organist
Audio/Video System
Elders on Duty
Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	<i>9th 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 2

"Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August".