

**Holy Cross Lutheran
Church (LCMS)
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 with Every-
one the Good News
of Salvation Through
Jesus Christ

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

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. Please 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.

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *"another law waging war" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "desire to do what is right," but we are not able to do so because "nothing good" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "Thanks be to God," therefore, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," who delivers us from "this body of death" (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "righteous and having salvation" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us "free from the waterless pit," and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we "labor and are heavy laden," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "wise and understanding," but by the "gracious will" of God the Father, whom "the Son chooses to reveal" in love (Matt. 11:25–27).*

Prelude - Selected

The Pledge of Allegiance

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Pledge to the Christian Flag

I Pledge Allegiance to the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ and the Faith for which it stands, one Savior, Eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

Hymn 276

1. "Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts opprest!
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love which cannot cease.
2. "Come unto Me, ye wand'rers, And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast bro't us gladness And songs at break of day.
3. "Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The Foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.
4. "And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, tho' we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

[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 91:2, 9-10 antiphon v.1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

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 Fa-**

ther, 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: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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: Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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 7:14-25a (ESV)

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging

war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

[please stand]

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse

Matthew 11:28

P: Alleluia. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden

C: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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:

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Hymn 277

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright!"
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

The Sermon

“Light Burdens and Easy Yokes”

[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

Merciful Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us grace sufficient for our needs and all those for whom we pray.

Our God and King, as once Your people received You in joy, open our hearts to rejoice in Your coming so that we may meet You in Your Word and Sacrament, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Help us to bless and extol Your name before the nations and to declare Your salvation to the generations to come, proclaiming that You are merciful and gracious and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our merciful God and Lord, You are good to all Your creation. Bless our communities with favorable weather and send rain to water and sustain our land and crops. Likewise, continue to bless Your Church and to provide for her faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word and church workers who will serve us in Your name. Make bold our witness before the nations, and help us to act in love toward our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Creator and Lord, from You all things come and to You are all things directed. Provide for our nation faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your law, protect and defend the citizens, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and inspire us to use our freedom honorably. Make us mindful of the heritage our forebears have given to this land, and guide us to be faithful in our stewardship of all the resources You have provided. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our wise and giving God, You are the God of truth and in You is no falsehood or deception. Help us to delight in Your Law, to love what is good and true and right, and to seek after these things. Help us to wage war against the old Adam within us, restore us when we stray from Your Word, and forgive us when we give into the devil's temptations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our compassionate Lord, we do not suffer alone the pain and afflictions of this life, but we live them out within Your grace and are sustained by Your mercy. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those who suffer especially J.C., William, Tommy, Lorie, Amy, Wesley, Eugene, Annie Mae, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list. According to Your will, deliver them from their afflictions and give to all Your strength, patience and hope, that they may endure to eternal life. Show compassion, and drive all pestilence from our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our loving Father, You have hidden Your greatness from our wisdom and made Your ways known to children. Guide us to bring our children to the waters of Baptism, to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to know perfect rest and peace within Your loving arms. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our gentle God and Lord, You have invited us to come to You with the heavy burdens of this life, that we may find rest and peace in Your mercy. Grant relief to those who struggle, supply to those in need, hope to those who fear, and peace to those who are anxious, that we may be delivered from all adversity and brought to everlasting life, where we shall join the saints of old in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our heavenly Father and gracious God, as we come to the table Your Son has set, grant to us faith and repentance so that we may receive with joy and thanksgiving His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that what we have received with our lips we may keep in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, blessed Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your merciful goodness and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah from the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. 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

“Before the Lord We Bow”

Hymn 575

1. Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above
And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
2. The nation Thou hast blest May well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Thy care.
For this fair land, For this bright day,
Our thanks we pay--Gifts of Thy hand.

3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Thy Word's pure light And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise,
And join to raise A grateful song!
4. Earth! hear thy Maker's voice, Thy great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down thy pride, Thy sin deplore,
And bow before The Crucified.
5. And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, Ever to sing
To heaven's high King Salvation's song!

“Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray”

Hymn 578

1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray, Of ev'ry clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land, The land we love the most!
2. Oh, guard our shores from ev'ry foe, With peace our borders bless,
With prosp'rous times our cities crown, Our fields with plenteousness!
3. Unite us in the sacred love Of knowledge, truth, and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout The songs of liberty.
4. Here may Thy Gospel, pure and mild, Smile on our Sabbath hours
And piety and virtue bless Our fathers' home and ours.
5. Lord of the nations, thus to Thee Our country we commend.
Be Thou her Refuge and her Trust, Her everlasting Friend.

“Swell the Anthem, Raise the Song”

Hymn 584

1. Swell the anthem, raise the song; Praises to our God belong.
Saints and angels join to sing Praises to the heav'nly King.
Blessings from His lib'ral hand Flow around this happy land.
Kept by Him, no foes annoy; Peace and freedom we enjoy.
2. Here, beneath a peaceful sway, May we cheerfully obey,
Never feel oppression's rod, Ever own and worship God.

Hark, the voice of nature sings Praises to the King of kings.
Let us join the choral song And the grateful notes prolong.

“Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

Hymn 226

1. Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
2. Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That they ever may be seeking Only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Working error's overthrow.
3. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
4. With our spirit bear Thou witness That we are the sons of God
Who rely upon Him solely When we pass beneath the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
5. Prompt us, Lord, to come before Him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh in us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
6. If our soul can find no comfort And despondency grows strong,
That the heart cries out in anguish: "O my God, how long, how long?"
Comfort then our aching breast, Grant it courage, patience, rest.
7. Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,
Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory crown our life.
8. Guard, O God, our faith forever; Let not Satan, death, or shame
Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy name.
Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea!
9. And when life's frail thread is breaking, Then assure us more and more,
As the heirs of life unending, Of the glory there in store,
Glory never yet expressed, Glory of the saints at rest.

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:

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Hymn 577

1. God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Thro' storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.
2. For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry, God save the State!

Postlude

Outreach Thought: Matthew 11:25-30: The Lord offers quite an exchange in today's Gospel: the overbearing burdens of this world that we carry we can exchange for the light yoke that ONLY Jesus offers to us. Only Jesus can offer the light yoke because of His tremendous strength and grace to carry our burdens through His cross. With this rest and relief of burdens, we are then free to reach out with the Gospel of God's grace and freeing salvation to others. There is no escape from the burdens of life, but there is One who desires to exchange yokes with you, and His burden is light. Rest for the soul is knowing that you never have to face your burdens alone. God is with you always to lift you up and to lift your burdens even higher onto His shoulders. In His rest and care, reach out with the news of this exchange to someone who needs a refreshing rest today.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class this morning will be held in the sanctuary immediately following our worship service. Pastor Beck will finish our study of Baptism this morning. Next Sunday, we'll start a study on the book of James.

Sunday School will be held this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. We invite parents to log in to Zoom with their kiddos using the meeting ID and the lessons that were emailed out and posted on our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please call or text Patty Schulze at (512) 914-5748.

Bible Study has resumed 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.

Meetings will be held this month as follows:

The **Board of Ed** will meet on Monday, July 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

The **Ladies Aid and Elders** will meet on Tuesday, July 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The **Picnic Committee** will meet on Wednesday, July 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the picnic grounds.

The **Sewing Circle** - *postponed until July 23rd*. Will reevaluate at that time.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Men's Club will meet on Sunday, July 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the picnic grounds.

The **Voters Assembly** will meet again on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Run-Off election - Holy Cross Fellowship hall will be used for the run-off election on Tuesday, July 14th, from 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Voters in precincts 10 & 11 will both vote here.

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!

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,077	\$ 4,077
Offering Received	\$ 3,784	\$ 1,245
Short/Over	\$ (-293)	\$ (-2,832)
Offerings received through e-giving June 16-30: \$		

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 105

Bible Class: 25



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Frances' parents and her brother and in honor of their 52nd anniversary on July 6th by Zane and Frances Gray.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

J.C. Kaiser, home following rehab for a stroke
William Jurk, recovering from pacemaker surgery

Tommy Swearingen, recovering from shoulder surgery

Lorie Lehmann, recovering from a fall resulting in a broken tibia

Amy Wagner, undergoing treatments for Ovarian Cancer

Eugene Zoch, brother of Freddie Zoch, recovering from a stroke

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

Annie Mae Fick, sister of Mary Ann Pietsch and James Schramm, recovering from a stroke

All those on our continued prayer list

Our sympathy to Gerald and Mary Sledge on the death of their friend, Bobby Ploog, on June 28th due to COVID-19.

Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, words of sympathy and prayers on the passing of my mom. Mildred Buscha. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated during this time.

Frances and Zane Gray

From: The Otto Kunze Family; Glenn, Allen, Charles, Karen and Mark

Thank you to all members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for making Dad's funeral a special day. He appreciated all of you. Christ and the Church were definitely his cornerstone in life. A special thanks to the ushers; to Linda Lehman for making the music beautiful. Dad loved to sing. To Christine Hunt and Jane Obersat for their work on the bulletin, getting the English and German verses lined up and interpreted correctly. Dad loved his German. Thanks to the Ladies Aid and Congregation for their wonderful meal. Their unselfish service allowed us to visit with friends and family. A special thanks to Pastor Beck. He proclaimed the Word of God and captured who Dad was in his sermon. This brought joy to the Otto Kunze family in a time of sorrow and grief. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers, sympathy and well wishes. Dad can now surely rest in peace. He is now with his Heavenly Father. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 5, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Doug Lehmann, David Weishuhn, Allen Wolf
Sarah Kay

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

MONDAY 6:00 p.m. Board of Ed

TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid
 7:00 p.m. Elders

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: Christine Out of Office through July 13th

WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Picnic Planning Meeting

THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. NO *Sewing Circle*—*postponed until July 23*

Next Sunday *6th Sunday after Pentecost*
 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:15 a.m. Bible Class

The Lutheran Hour — July 12

"Perfection Welcomes Failure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness.

(Matt 6:19-34)