

**Holy Cross Lutheran
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1873-2020
*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 Every-
one the Good News
of Salvation Through
Jesus Christ

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

Sunday, June 28, 2020

Fourth 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 Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken "war, famine, and pestilence" (Jer. 28:8). But if "the LORD has truly sent the prophet," he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and "the word of that prophet comes to pass" (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God's Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, "sinful beyond measure," thereby "producing death" in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, "we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive" (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong "to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God" (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come "to bring peace, but a sword" (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and "loses his life" for Christ's sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38–39).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Entrance Hymn:

"Come, follow Me, the Savior Spake"

Hymn 421

1. Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
2. I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
3. My heart bounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

4. I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.
5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain.

[please stand]

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]

Psalm 89:15-18, antiphon v. 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For you are the glory of their strength;

by your favor our horn is exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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.

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Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9(ESV)

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Epistle Reading: Romans 7:1-13 (ESV)

⁷Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of

marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

[please stand.]

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42 (ESV)

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will

receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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

C: 🎵 **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

[please be seated]

Hymn:

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Hymn 409

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho' we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee; There, oh, share Thy joy with me!
3. Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee There to live eternally.
4. Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

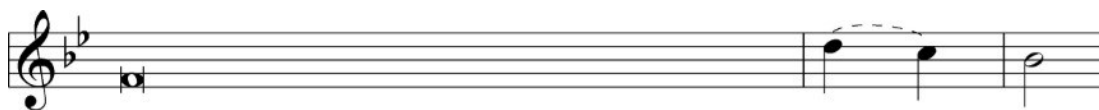
Sermon

“Losing...God’s Way“

The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings

Dedication of Funeral Pall

The Te Deum Laudamus



- 1 We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of - - - Sab - a - oth!
3 The noble army of martyrs - - - - - praise Thee;



- 1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father ev - er - last - ing.
2 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo - ry.
3 the holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee.



- 1 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the - powers there - in;
2 The glorious company of the Apostles - - - praise Thee;
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son,
4 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - - - O Christ.



- 1 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the - proph - ets praise Thee;
3 also the Holy - - - - - Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 Thou art the everlasting Son - of the Fa - ther.



5 When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - - liv - er man,
6 Thou sittest at the right - - - - - hand of God
7 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy - - serv - ants,



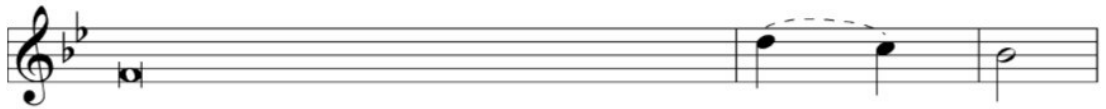
5 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 In the glory - - - - - of the Fa - ther.
7 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



5 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - sharp-ness of death.
6 We believe that - - - - - Thou shalt come
7 Make them to be number-ed - - - - - with Thy saints



5 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - live - ers.
6 to - - - - - be our Judge.
7 in glory - - - - - ever - last - ing.



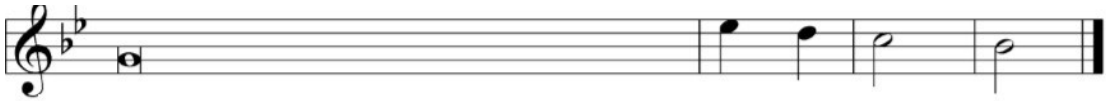
8 O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine - her - i - tage.
9 Vouchesafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



8 Govern them and lift - - them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



8 Day by day we - - - - - magni - fy Thee.
9 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



8 And we worship thy name ever - - - world with - out end
9 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

The Prayers of the Day

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to the Lord's throne of grace and pray as He has commanded us, trusting in the Lord to hear the prayers of His people and answer our petitions according to His mercy.

O most merciful God, Lord of heaven and earth, we pray You to so rule and govern Your Church and all her pastors and ministers that she may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, defended against all adversity, and protected from all adversaries, that thereby faith may be strengthened and love increased in us.

Grant health, wisdom and integrity to all in authority over us, especially to the president of the United States, the governor of this state, the Congress, all legislative bodies, and all judges and magistrates. Endow them with Your Spirit and with respect for Your Word, that they would serve Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the punishment of wickedness so that we all may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. According to Your gracious will, turn the hearts of our enemies and make them to walk with us in humility and peace.

Grant to those in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death or any other adversity the healthful Spirit of Your grace for healing, strength, comfort and relief. Bless especially those who suffer for the sake of Your name and Your Word. Hear us on behalf of J.C., William, Tommy, Lorie, Amy, Reedy, Eugene, Wesley, Annie Mae, Bobby, those on our continued prayer list and those we name in our hearts. Give them courage to stand firm in their afflictions and patience until the day of Your deliverance.

Preserve us from pestilence and every evil. Give to us favorable weather and cause the fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season and offer You praise

and thanksgiving for all Your goodness to us. Lend Your blessing to all honorable vocations and honest industry, that we may serve where our skills and abilities may be of good use. Bless the arts and music, that we may please You and be encouraged by all that is good, right, true and beautiful.

Give to all husbands and wives grace to live together in love and faithfulness. Bless the homes and families of Your people, that they may be places where Your name is honored and love is nurtured. Give Your special grace to the widowed, the orphan, all mothers with child, the aged and the infirm, that we may grant them comfort, aid and protection.

All these things for which You would have us ask of You, we pray You to grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we are bold to call You Father and in whose name we pray, trusting in Your mercy and confident that You will give answer to our prayers; through 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

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy Spirit.**

The Collect for Grace

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:

“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

Hymn 452

1. The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe, Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,-- He follows in His train.
2. The martyr first whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his Master in the sky And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue, In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong -- Who follows in his train?
3. A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints; their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel, The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks the death to feel,-- Who follows in their train?
4. A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice, In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n Thro' peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To follow in their train!

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 10:34-42: You never know how a life will be touched by a small act of kindness – like the sharing of a cold cup of water - but God does! Jesus gives us a hint of the fact that the intentional kindness we share with one another in “little acts of love” is found in the parable of the sheep and the goats when He refers to Judgment Day: “When I was thirsty, you gave Me something to drink. When did we do this for You, Lord?” When you did it for any of My people, no matter how unimportant the act or the person seemed to be, you did it for Me! Reach out to the world with the kindness of God’s Word as you would do it for Jesus Himself!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class this morning will be held in the sanctuary immediately following our worship service. Pastor Beck will continue our study of Baptism.

No Sunday School this afternoon. We will resume on July 5th.

The Bible Study group will start up this Wednesday, July 1st. We will spend 8 weeks looking back at the last 14 chapters of Genesis (the story of Joseph and how the Israelites came to be in Egypt) before beginning a new study on Exodus after Labor Day. There are no materials to purchase. All are welcome to join us in the Family Room beginning at 6:30pm or via Zoom (link information will be given later). If you would like more information, please contact Cyndy Zoch, cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

The Pietsch Endowment Fund Board will meet again on Thursday, July 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

The Sewing Circle is planning to resume on Thursday, July 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the old parish hall.

The Couple's Club is planning to meet again on Friday, July 10th, at the picnic grounds.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 99

Bible Class: 27

Wednesday: 12

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

J.C. Kaiser

William Jurk

Tommy Swearingen

Lorie Lehmann

Amy Wagner

Reedy Schwartz

Eugene Zoch

Wesley Cervenka

Annie Mae Fick

Bobby Ploog

All those on our continued prayer list

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

June 28, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mr. Mike Tabbert
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner
Avery Davis

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
	No Sunday School this afternoon	
WEDNESDAY	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Resumes
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Pietsch Endowment Fund Board Mtg.
Next Sunday	<i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Sunday School via Zoom

The Lutheran Hour — July 5

"Unhelmed"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between?

(Matt 6:1-18)