

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

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We invite you to 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. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. 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 Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus**

The holy Triune God "*created the heavens and the earth,*" and "*behold, it was very good*" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*" to be "*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "*make disciples of all nations*" by "*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*" and "*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is "*very good*" (Gen. 1:31).

**Prelude - Selected**

**The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:**                    "***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty***"                    ***Hymn 246***

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

    Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

    Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

*[please stand]*

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### **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

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

I have set the Lord always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**my flesh also dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy;**

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

### 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: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the

power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C:**  **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **Gradual**

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**C: and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C: and I will declare your greatness.**

### **Second Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand

that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*[please stand]*

**Verse**

Isaiah 6:3b

P: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

**C: the whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Athanasian Creed

*Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.*

*The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.*

**C: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

**And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

**For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

**But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:  
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;  
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

**In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

**The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

**Sermon Hymn:**

***“Come, Thou Almighty King”***

***Hymn 239***

1. Come, thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless. And give Thy Word success;  
Stablish Thy righteousness, Savior and Friend!
3. Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour.  
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be, Hence evermore!  
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore!

**The Sermon**

“A Mystery: The Trinity and You”

*[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**

O blessed and holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things according to Your Word and promise.

In the beginning, Father, Your Word spoke all things into being and from nothing You made all that is. Help us to see the imprint of Your love in the goodness of creation and to exercise responsible care of all that You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Throughout the ages, Father, Your Spirit filled the sin-stained world with hope and called us to repentance and faith. Help us to hear the voice of Your Word and to respond with faith, confessing You without fear before all manner of people and in every corner of the

earth. As You planned long before the world began, deliver us in Christ, that we may be Your own and live according to Your commands all our days. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this day and in this time, Father, raise up for Your Church godly men to serve her as pastors and faithful teachers and church workers to make known Your saving Gospel. Raise up faithful servants who will heed Your call and serve to the best of their ability wherever You place them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Baptism, You joined us to our Savior's death and resurrection, Father. Guide us, that we may live out faithfully the new lives born of water and the Spirit, serving You with all our bodies, minds, souls and strength. In the face of disease and death, make us bold to expect that we will be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In government and law, Father, You work to establish and preserve order, protecting the weak and fostering godly virtue. Bless our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver the world from the threats of pandemic and tyranny, and preserve the nations in peace. Bless all who defend us in the armed forces, aid us in emergency and medical fields, and inform us with news. Hinder those who oppress any peoples with mistruth, violence or fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the hour of trial and in the moment of trouble, You are there, Father. Hear us as we cry to You for the sake of the sick, the troubled in mind, the wounded in heart and those who grieve especially Amy, William, Reba, Eugene, Wesley, Frank and Reedy, Annie Mae, the families of Jorge Thomas, Gladys Giese and Chris Nietubicz, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list. Deliver them from affliction as You will, and sustain them in hope with a patient heart and strength for the day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, in the blessed Supper of our Lord, Your Son has offered us His body as the bread of heaven and His blood as the cup of salvation. Help us to receive this blessed Sacrament with faith and to show forth the fruits of the Spirit in lives of faith, repentance and goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the company of the saints, Father, You have shown us that You will not abandon Your people but will keep them to everlasting life. Receive our thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and bring us at last to dwell with them in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this hour of worship, Father, You serve us with gifts of Your grace so that forgiven we might know the gift of a clear conscience and redeemed we might honor You with all we think, say and do. Accept the sacrifice of our praise and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us, Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **The Service of Holy Communion**

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During distribution, please follow the ushers' instructions as they direct each family forward to receive Communion. Pay special attention to the distance you keep between you and the family in front of you. Distribution will take place in a continuous fashion. The pastor and elders will wear masks and gloves. We will only use individual cups for the Blood of Christ. After you receive the elements, please proceed back to your pew by way of the side aisle. After those in the Sanctuary have communed, any worshippers seated in the overflow areas will be ushered in in a similar fashion. Pastor will offer a general blessing after all have communed.

### **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

#### ***“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”***

***Hymn 307***

1. Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the Priest.

2. He, that His saints in this world rules and shields,  
to all believers life eternal yields.  
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,  
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

***“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”***

***Hymn 233***

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
And fill our hearts which Thou hast made.
2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, To Thee the Gift of God Most High,  
The fount of Life, The Fire of love, The soul’s Anointing from above.
3. The sevenfold gifts of grace are Thine, O Finger of the Hand Divine;  
True, promise of the Father, Thou, Who dost the tongue with speech endow.
4. The light to every thought impart, And shed Thy love in every heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
5. Drive far away our wily Foe, and Thine abiding peace bestow;  
If Thou be our protecting Guide, No evil can our steps betide.
6. Make Thou to us the Father known, Teach us the eternal Son to own  
And Thee, whose name we ever bless, Of both the Spirit, to confess.
7. Praise we the Father and the Son, And Holy Spirit with them One;  
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

***“All Glory Be to God on High”***

***Hymn 237***

1. All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;  
O thank Him for His goodness!

2. We praise, we worship Thee, we trust, And give Thee thanks forever,  
O Father, that Thy rule is just And wise, and changes never.  
Thy boundless pow'r o'er all things reigns, Done is whate'er Thy will ordains:  
Well for us that Thou rulest.
3. O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son Of God, Thy heav'nly Father,  
Who didst for all our sins atone And Thy lost sheep dost gather.  
Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high From out our depths we sinners cry,  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!
4. O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift, Thou Comforter unfailing,  
O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift And let thy pow'r availing  
Avert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Savior's blood was shed;  
We trust in Thee to save us.

***“Glory Be to God the Father”***

***Hymn 244***

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!
2. Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bo't us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory, To the Lamb who once was slain!
3. Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations, Heav'n and earth your praises bring!  
Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor riches pow'r dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of Kings!

***“Now I have Found the Firm Foundation”***

***Hymn 385***

1. Now I have found the firm foundation Which holds mine anchor ever sure;  
'Twas laid before the world's creation In Christ my Savior's wounds secure,  
Foundation which unmoved shall stay When heav'n and earth will pass away.
2. It is that mercy never ending, Which human wisdom far transcends,  
Of Him who, loving arms extending, To wretched sinners condescends.  
Whose heart with pity still will break Whether we seek Him or forsake.
3. Our ruin God hath not intended; For our salvation He hath yearned.  
For this His Son to earth descended And then to heav'n again returned;  
For this so patient evermore He knocketh at our heart's closed door.
4. O depth of love, to me revealing The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ my wounds find perfect healing, There is no condemnation here;  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies Forever "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.
5. I will never forget this crying; In faith I'll trust it all my days,  
And when o'er all my sins I'm sighing, Into the Father's heart I'll gaze;  
For there is always to be found Free mercy without end and bound.
6. Though I be robbed of every pleasure That makes my soul and body glad  
And be deprived of earthly treasure And be forsaken, lone, and sad,  
Though my desire for help seem vain, His mercy shall with me remain.
7. Though earthly trials should oppress me And cares from day to day increase;  
Though earth's vain things should sore distress me  
And rob me of my Savior's peace;  
Though I be brought down to the dust, Still in His mercy I will trust.
8. When all my deeds I am reviewing, The deeds that I admire the most,  
I find in all my thought and doing That there is naught whereof to boast.  
Yet this sweet comfort shall abide-- In mercy I can still confide.

9. Let mercy cause me to be willing To bear my lot and not to fret.  
While he my restless heart is stilling, May I His mercy not forget!  
Come weal, come woe, my heart to test, His mercy is my only rest.
10. I'll stand upon this firm foundation As long as I on earth remain;  
This will engage my meditation While I the breath of life retain;  
And then, when face to face with Thee, I'll sing of mercy, great and free.

***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.*

*[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 Thee and keep Thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee † and give Thee peace.

**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:                    “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”                    Hymn 250**

1. Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
2. Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
3. Lo, th' apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun Thro' the Church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

Postlude

### **Outreach Thought for Today**

Matthew 28:16-20: We marvel today at our Triune God's work in our lives. Without His creating, redeeming, and sanctifying work, we would still be in our sin and without hope. But, the confession of our Triune God is a confession of hope and love. Spend some time in meditation and prayer considering the Triune Name placed upon you in your Baptism and the promised blessings which flow from it that makes an eternal difference in your life. Pray about whom the confession of your faith would make this same eternal difference. When we make a confession of our God, we are simply, yet profoundly, bringing to life our remembrance of what God has done, continues to do and promises to keep doing in our lives. May God bless your remembrance and your sharing this week.

## 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. If you are coming in from the Narthex, please sit in one of the pews labeled “Bible Class Only”.

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

**Graduates** - If you have a college, high school, or 8th grade graduate, send an email to [holycross@cvctx.com](mailto:holycross@cvctx.com) and let us know where they are graduating from, their degree (if applicable), and what their future plans are and they will be recognized in the July newsletter. Thanks!!

**Our annual church picnic** is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 6th. Mark your calendars for the Picnic Planning Meeting on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the Picnic Grounds. Last year’s committee chairman and representatives from the Ladies Aid, Men’s Club, Couple’s Club, and Youth/Sunday School are asked to attend.

Now is a great time to be on the lookout for items you may be able to donate to the picnic auction. Handmade items and crafts are always popular! If you have any questions about what type of items may be donated or to have an item picked up before the picnic, please call Chris Kovar at (318) 458-8558, or Brian Varner at (979) 966-3761. Picnic and auction profits will be designated at the July voters meeting on July 27th.

**BBQ Pork Steak Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$12.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

**The Warda Farm Bureau** will NOT have their family on night on Friday, June 26th. It has been cancelled.

| <u><b>Our Response to God's Blessings</b></u> |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | <u>May 24</u> | <u>May 31</u> |
| Estimated General Fund Weekly Need            | \$ 4077       | \$ 4077       |
| Offering Received                             | \$ 4705       | \$ 4250       |
| Short/Over                                    | \$ 628        | \$ 173        |

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Summer Office Hours**

June office hours will be 8:30 am to 4:00 pm daily. Please drop by for a visit!

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. It's hard to believe another school year is complete! We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and gifts, as we make preparations for next year and the following. God continues to bless our ministry and YOU do as well. Thank you!

### **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!

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year! Interested individuals who teach in any subject areas may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to [kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com](mailto:kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. 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 in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary today and in thankfulness for all God's blessings by Danny and Judy Jurk.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

William Jurk  
Amy Wagner,  
Reba Sadler,  
Eugene Zoch,

Wesley Cervenka brother of Debbie Knox

Frank and Reedy Schwartz, premature infant twins, great-niece & nephew of Ann Bamsch, Annie Mae Fick, sister of Mary Ann Pietsch and James Schramm,

Lauren Nietubicz and her children, Lillie and Mark, along with the Immanuel congregation on the unexpected passing of Pastor Chris Nietubicz on Wednesday

Alvin Schautschick, cousin of Carolyn Bamsch,

Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Eli Curtis Kieschnick, grandson of Curtis and Elaine Kieschnick,

All those on our continued prayer list

Health, safety, and patience for everyone as activities slowly resume

Nursing home and Assisted Living Center residents who cannot have visitors

Family of nursing home and assisted living center residents who cannot visit their loved one

*Our sympathy* to Donna Thomas and family on the death of her husband, Jorge, on Saturday, May 30th. A prayer service was held on Thursday evening.

*Our sympathy* to the family and friends of Gladys Giese who was called home to heaven on Wednesday, June 3rd, after a battle with cancer. Her funeral will be Monday, June 8th, at 11:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross with burial in the church cemetery.

*Congratulations* to Zane and Frances Gray on the birth of their great-grandson, Bryson Blasig, born to their granddaughter, Alexa and Mayson Blasig.

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

June 7, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mrs. Carol Schramm  
Mr. Mike Tabbert  
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner  
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   |
|             | 1:00 p.m.                         | Sunday School via Zoom                                    |
| MONDAY      | 11:00 a.m.                        | Funeral Service for Gladys Giese                          |
| WEDNESDAY   | 11:00 a.m.                        | Divine Service w/Holy Communion                           |
| Next Sunday | <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> |   |
|             | 9:00 a.m.                         | Divine Service w/Blessing of the<br>high school graduates |
|             | 10:15 a.m.                        | Bible Class   |

### Attendance

May 31: 91                      June 3: 15

The Lutheran Hour — June 14

### **"What You're Getting Into"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Many of us know what it's like to try out for a team, for a role in a play, or first chair in the band. We might have been chosen first. We might have been chosen last. We might not have been chosen at all.

We might have been cut. So, how does God choose His team?

(Matthew 5:17-20)

