

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday, May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

“The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might *“feel their way toward him and find him”* (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols *“formed by the art and imagination of man”* (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and *“has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead”* (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us *“as orphans”* (John 14:18), but He gives *“another Helper,”* the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of *“Jesus and the resurrection”* (Acts 17:18). Because He *“suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous”* (1 Peter 3:18), we *“honor Christ the Lord as holy”* and are always *“prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks”* for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism *“now saves”* us *“as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”* (1 Peter 3:21).

Opening Hymn: *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”* *TLH Hymn 349*

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me, No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart with Thee, And reign without a rival there.
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.
2. Oh grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone!
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought, be love.
3. O love, how cheering is Thy ray! All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away, Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, Nothing desire or seek, but Thee.
4. This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
5. Oh, draw me, Savior, e'er to Thee; So shall I run and never tire.
With gracious words still comfort me; Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from every guilt and fear; No sin can harm if Thou art near.

6. Still let Thy love point out my way; How wondrous things Thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me, lest I go astray; Direct my word, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear Thy voice, and know that love is near.

7. In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!

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.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit

Psalm 119:89-93

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

Forever, O Lord, your word

is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.
If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

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.**

Hymn of Praise:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

TLH Hymn 193

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun’s eclipse is o’er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
4. Lives again our glorious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O Grave?
5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

The Salutation & The Collect for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C:  **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31 (ESV)

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

C: Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be ¹⁸in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord..

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

LSB Hymn 821

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sin to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The sons of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

The Sermon

“Knowing God”

Hymn:

“Christ Be My Leader”

LSB Hymn 861

1. Christ be my leader by night as by day; safe through the darkness for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
2. Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
3. Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

The Prayers of the Day

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

For the faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him, that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God here and everywhere, that all who confess Jesus Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all the assaults of the enemy, and eager to gather together around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish, for the work of the Kingdom in our community, and for the resources to accomplish all that God desires, that His name may be glorified among us and His purpose fulfilled in our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable

labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, especially Gladys, Amy, Otto, Brenda, Jorge, Robert, Jana, Wesley, John, Fran, Reedy, those in our hearts, and those on our continued prayer list, that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief and sorrows, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For love of godly things, that we may delight in God's Word and walk in His ways; and for the Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and kept from error and false doctrine, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nation, for those who lead our nation, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Collect for the Word/Church

P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C:  Amen.

The Benediction

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.

The Closing Hymn:

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

TLH Hymn 376

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.
2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class TODAY at 10:30 (Note the time change):

Through the use of an application called Zoom, we are able to "meet" virtually for our Sunday morning Bible class! We will continue our study of Baptism at 10:30am. To join the meeting, please visit the following link (it may require a small download to access the meeting):): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5335235189> Meeting ID: 5335235189

Reopening: Plans are tentatively being made for reopening next Sunday, May 24th. A letter was sent out to all the members this week outlining the plans currently being made and is included in today's bulletin. Please help us spread the word to your family and friends. Please note, these plans are tentative as we await the outcome of reopening businesses, restaurants, etc. this next week.

In the meantime, Pastor Beck will continue to post services, devotions, hymns, etc. online. Look for them as follows:

Facebook:

Page: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Group: Holy Cross Warda—Private Group

YouTube: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, TX

Website: www.holycrosswarda.com

Pastor Beck is also available to visit with you by phone. You can give him a call at the church office at (979) 242-3333 or call or text him at (979) 966-8654. His email address is pastor.dustin.beck@gmail.com. At this time, unless it is an end-of-life emergency, he will not be making any home or hospital visits.

Private Communion - Small gatherings of families are able, by appointment, to receive the Lord's Supper. Pastor is using every caution available to limit contact between individuals. Please call or text Pastor Beck at 966-8654 to make arrangements.

VBS: The difficult decision has been made to cancel VBS this year. There is a chance that we could have some sort of an event toward the end of the summer that might be fun for families and kids activities, but it'll all depend on how re-opened everything is by late July.

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer: Every week, Pastor Beck is putting together a sheet for use in your devotional life at home. It includes suggested readings, prayers, a hymn, a short segment from the Small Catechism, and a few other useful tools. It can be used alone, or with your hymnal, following Matins or Vespers. It will be available on our website, on Facebook, and there are copies available in the back of the sanctuary. Additionally, you can find short orders of worship for families or individuals here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7qs5vo4> May God's Word richly bless us as we read and pray together!

Online Giving is available!!

Thank you to those who have utilized this option for your giving at Holy Cross! It has been going smoothly. If you have not tried it, there are two options you can use:

One, go to www.holycrosswarda.com and click on the tab at the top for Online Giving. It will take you directly to the page to submit your offering either by credit card or bank draft. You will receive an email from Vanco acknowledging your transaction.

The second way is to download the Giving+ app on your mobile device. Find Holy Cross Lutheran Church using our 78942 zip code (for our physical address) and submit your contribution there via credit card or bank draft.

Processing time for both methods is 2-3 business days.

For now, the General Fund is the only fund that is set up to receive donations. Additional funds may be added in the future. All contributions made via the online or mobile app will be credited to your yearly statement.

As we are getting more familiar with the process, we wanted to make you aware of the fees associated with each transaction that are deducted from the contribution. They are as follows:

Credit Cards: 2.75% + .45 per transaction (except American Express, which charges 3.5%)
ACH Transactions (bank drafts): 1.00% + .45 per transaction

These fees are taken out of your contribution every time. For instance, a \$100.00 Visa credit card transaction incurs \$3.20 in fees with \$96.80 going to church as your offering. The \$96.80 is what will be reflected on your giving statement at the end of the year. If it works in your budget, you might consider doing a larger donation once a month, rather than weekly, as the fees are deducted each time.

If you are comfortable doing a bank draft, we would encourage you to do that to maximize your offering and minimize the fees.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

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CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” (Psalm 122:1)

In accordance with the guidelines released by the Governor and Texas Attorney General’s Office on April 27, Pastor Beck, the Elders, Trustees, and Council are making the following recommendations to the members at Holy Cross:

Holy Cross will tentatively resume in-person worship services on May 24th. At this time, Sunday school will not re-open, but Pastor’s Bible Class will resume in-person in the sanctuary.

Just because in-person worship is resuming doesn’t mean that every member should attend. Some will likely not feel comfortable gathering; if that is the case, please continue to participate from your home. Bulletins will still be available through the church website, and the entire service will be live on Facebook (available at facebook.com/holycrosswarda) and on our YouTube page (search YouTube for Holy Cross Warda).

If you or a loved one are experiencing any of the potential symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, gastrointestinal tract issues, or a fever), please continue to participate from your home.

Members 65 and older, as well as those who have underlying at-risk health conditions are encouraged to continue to participate in worship from their homes. Additionally, a mid-week service will be held on Wednesdays at 11am that will be restricted to members 65 and older. This second service is not intended to be a permanent addition to our worship life, but will add opportunities for those more vulnerable to attend in-person worship separate from the rest of the congregation. The service will be identical to the service three days prior. This service will tentatively begin on May 27th.

In order to effectively socially distance, various pews throughout the sanctuary will be unavailable for seating; pew hymnals will not be used in worship—hymns will be printed in the bulletin. All are encouraged to sit together in their family groups and to maintain distance between groups. Worshipers 6 years of age and older are encouraged to wear cloth masks to cover their mouth and nose.

Ushers will make sure doors are opened as you enter and exit, to limit contact with door-knobs.

Bulletins will be on a table (rather than handed out by ushers); please only touch the bulletin you plan to use. Hand sanitizer will also be available. Please use it when you arrive and before you leave.

Additionally, the sanctuary will be limited to 25% total capacity (50 people), but the new narthex will serve as overflow. If additional overflow is needed, the Fellowship Hall will also have a live feed of the service.

Offering plates will be placed on stands at the back of the sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. The ushers will gather the plates during the sermon and bring them to the altar at the usual time of offering. Additionally, online giving is still available toward the General Fund at www.holycrosswarda.com

The Communion schedule will continue as normal, but distribution will be continuous, with each family being ushered forward, family by family, to the bottom of the chancel steps, where Pastor will distribute the host and an elder will distribute individual cups. All will return to their pews by the side aisles. During communion, Pastor and elders will be wearing a cloth mask and latex gloves. After all have communed, Pastor will bless the entire congregation at one time.

Following the service, we will not shake hands, and all are encouraged to maintain distance from each other while exiting.

Ushers will keep records of total attendance, so filling out the attendance sheets is not necessary at this time.

The sanctuary, all doorknobs, and restrooms will be sanitized before and after worship.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by this pandemic, and for our Lord to graciously preserve and protect us all as we gather again around His Word and Sacrament.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

End of 19/20 Academic Year

Who would have thought that the beginning of March, when our students left for spring break, would be the last time our students would be on campus this semester? We miss our students and know our students miss being at school. But we recognize this situation has impacted not only us, but our community and nation also.

We ask for your prayers, as we end the semester Thursday, as we wrap up distance learning for this academic year. Pray for the administration as they make plans for another academic year, and consider what education will look like next year. There are so many unknowns, but thankfully, we have the assurance that God's word is true and "His love endures forever" (Ps. 136).

This pandemic has made our fundraising efforts more challenging, but yet, still necessary. Will you consider partnering with us as we carry out our mission in this new environment? Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support.

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. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. 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!

5th Annual Golf Tournament Update

Faith Lutheran High School's 5th annual golf tournament has been postponed. Updates will be shared once a new date is selected.

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Gladys Giese, Otto Kunze, Brenda Woelfel, Amy Wagner, Jorge Thomas
(*Donna Thomas*), Jana Tindle (*Gerald & Mary Sledge*), Wesley Cervenka (*Debbie*

Knox), John Gallup (*Wendy Wagner*), Frank and Reedy Schwartz (*Ann Bamsch*)

All those on our continued prayer list

Health, safety, and patience for everyone quarantined at home

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

Guidance for all church's as they make plans to resume services in the coming weeks

Thank you to our organists and the singers who have been helping prepare our worship service each week!

Our Response to God's Blessings

May 3 & 10

Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,077 (\$8,154 every two weeks)
Offering Received	\$ 5,866 (includes online offerings)
Short/Over	\$ (-\$2,288)

The Lutheran Hour — May 24

"Life After Rescue"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

First, God saves. Then, He gives instruction. An incident from World War II helps us put God's Ten Commandments in perspective. (Exodus 20)