

**Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church (LCMS)  
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, July 12, 2020

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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**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 Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love**  
As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).

**Prelude - Selected**

**The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

***Opening Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”***

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat  
 What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.  
 I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
 The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
 I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory  
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.
  
3. I love to tell the story For those who know it best  
 Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
 And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song  
 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.  
 I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory  
 To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

*[please stand]*

### **The Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**C:** ♪ Amen.

### **The Confession of Sins & Absolution**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C:** ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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 103:15-19, antiphon v. 8

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

As for man, his days are like grass;

**he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

**and its place knows it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,

**and his righteousness to children's children,**

to those who keep his covenant

**and remember to do his commandments.**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

**and his kingdom rules over all.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**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: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

### The Gradual: Romans 11:33, 36

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**C: To him be glory forever. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*[please stand]*

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

**Verse:**

Isaiah

40:8

P: Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,

**C: but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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:

***“Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast”***

***Hymn 49***

1. Almighty God, Thy Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

4. Oft as the precious seed is sown, Thy quickening grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving power may know.

### The Sermon

“Seeds of the Kingdom”

*[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

#### Hymn:

*“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

*Hymn 46*

1. On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it spring and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise.
2. To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to Thy Word a blessing give.
3. Oh, grant that each of us Now met before Thee here  
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come!

### The Prayers of the Day

Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people, grant to us all things needful and beneficial, and keep from us all things harmful.

Holy Lord, mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Spirit accompanies the witness of Your people who speak Your Word before the world. Grant success to the missionary and mission planter and to every pastor and church worker, that those who hear may believe and those who believe may bear the good fruit of faith in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of Your people. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor and all those elected and appointed to lead us, that justice may prevail and Your people may be free to live at peace with all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages, for those who have requested our prayers especially William, J.C., Carol, Lorie, Amy, Eugene, Wesley, those on our continued prayer list and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You have granted us great riches and gifts. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore. **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: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever 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:     *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”*                     *Hymn 261*

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

Postlude

## **Outreach Thought**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: In our Old Testament and Gospel lessons for today, God is revealing His amazing grace for our lives in earthy language. When God speaks, wonderful things happen, but when we speak for ourselves, not so much. He gives us every reason to speak His Word to the world, knowing that we have a 100% guarantee that His Word will produce an effect and not return to Him empty. But, just like the hardened path, the shallow rocky soil and the thorny weedy soil, we fail to listen and produce the harvest the Lord intends. In worship, we rejoice in God's saving Word and we pray that we will be faithful to use this Word and spread this seed that bears the miracle of an abundant harvest with every Word we share with others. Pray for God's saving purpose to be made known through your daily encounters with people. When someone asks you, "What's the good word today?" Why not share one - a Word from God knowing that when it is spoken - things happen!

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Class this morning** will be held in the sanctuary immediately following our worship service. This morning, we will start our study on the book of James. Faith without works is DEAD. The Bible says so. LIVING faith works, loves, and serves. It endures trials and obeys God's Word; it harbors no prejudice and controls the tongue; it resists the devil and patiently waits for the coming of our Lord. Join us in Adult Bible Class as we learn more about a LIVING faith and the fruits that flow from knowing Jesus.

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

**Bible Study** has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the family room.. You may join in-person study at the church or join us via Zoom at the same time. To join via Zoom, please contact Cyndy Zoch for the meeting ID.

**Meetings** will be held the rest of this month as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

### Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 58

Bible Class: 24

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Summer Office Hours**

July office hours will be 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday and holidays will be by appointment only. Please drop by for a visit!

### **Plans for 2020-2021**

The novel coronavirus has changed so much of what “normal” life looks like. Faith Lutheran High School understands the seriousness of the virus and is committed to helping mitigate the spread of it. However, we are also confident that our school environment, small class sizes and safety precautions will enable us to be back on campus full time in August. A detailed plan is currently being revised in preparation for August. Please contact us to learn more about the safety procedures utilized at FLHS.

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. We are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Schedule a shadow day and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. We are anxiously preparing for another year, and anticipating our first graduating class. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and financial gifts as our ministry grows. God continues to bless our ministry and YOU do as well. Thank you!

### **Amazon Smile and Wish List**

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

FLHS has also created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!



**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Delbert and Judy Zoch in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary on July 13th.



**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

Carol Jurk

William Jurk, pacemaker surgery successful, undergoing additional tests

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

Amy Wagner, undergoing treatments for Ovarian Cancer

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

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

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

All those on our continued prayer list

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 12, 2020

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

Pastor  
Organist  
Audio/Video System  
Elders on Duty  
Acolyte

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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| TODAY       | 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Service                                |
|             | 10:15 a.m. | Bible Class                                   |
|             | 1:00 p.m.  | Sunday School via Zoom                        |
| TUESDAY     |            | Run-Off Elections—Precincts 10 & 11 vote here |
|             | 7:00 p.m.  | Church Council                                |
| WEDNESDAY   | 6:30 p.m.  | Bible Study                                   |
| Next Sunday |            | <i>7th 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 19

### "The Jesus Protocol"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

What kind of doctor prescribes a treatment that kills Him while saving the patient? The

"Jesus Protocol" is the cure that kills and then makes alive.

(Matthew 7)