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Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Sharing with Every-
one the Good News
of Salvation Through
Jesus Christ

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

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We invite and encourage you to come and worship with us again. If you have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

The Lord Our God Saves Us in Love and Cares for Us by the Ministry of His Gospel

The holy Triune God “shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,” ungodly and at enmity with Him, “Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9–10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children “through the one man Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:12–17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For “all that the LORD has spoken” (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3–4). Nor does He leave us “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority “to heal every disease and every affliction” by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 10:7).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn 39

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation~
Join the full throng; Wake, harp and psalter and song;
South forth in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously, made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
5. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

[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

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

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, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:2-8 (ESV)

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Gradual

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.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:6-15 (ESV)

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

[we stand.]

Verse

P: Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

C: therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:20 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, starting in the ninth chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor

two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gormorrah than for that town.

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

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:

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

Hymn 245

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done,
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

The Sermon

“A Plentiful Harvest and Sheep Amidst Wolves”

[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

Blessing of the Graduates

Hymn:

“*Thine Forever, God of Love*”

Hymn 338

1. Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!
2. Thine forever! O how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend, Oh, defend us to the end!
3. Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us thro' our earthly strife.
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way, Guide us to the realms of day.
4. Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep.
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.
5. Thine forever! Thou our Guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

The Prayers of the Day

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church and her witness of hope to the world, that in every city, village and home across the globe the voice of the Lord may be heard by the faithful preaching of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labor in the fields of the Lord today and for the Lord to raise up laborers for His harvest fields, that their work may be blessed and they may be protected and defended against the enemies of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod and our Synod president; for our congregation and all pastors; and for the resources to accomplish what the Lord has given us to do despite all obstacles and temptations, that united in the faith we may serve the Lord with joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live under the flag of our nation, for those who govern in this country, and for the causes of peace and justice, that we may all be given grace and freedom to serve the Lord honorably and in accord with His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and hungry, the homeless and unemployed, and the oppressed, that the Lord would grant them mercy, and that we may help to relieve their suffering and want, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, that the Lord would grant them healing, especially, J.C., William, Lorie, Amy, Reba, Eugene, Wesley, Annie Mae, Frank and Reedy, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list; for the wounded in spirit, that the Lord would make them whole, and for all affected by the ongoing pandemic, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who know the riches of the Lord's blessings, that they may cheerfully return to the Lord the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and give generously to the many agencies of the Church working to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying, that they may have peace at the last; and for our grateful remembrance of all those who have died in Christ, that in the fullness of time the Lord may bring us with them into His everlasting presence. We ask especially for peace and comfort for the families of Gladys Giese, Otto Kunze, Jorge Thomas, Chris Nietubicz, Alvin Schautschick, and Lillian Hill. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O blessed Lord, through Moses You called a people to Yourself and from them You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins, and by His resurrection He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: *“Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”* *Hymn 496*

1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I; send me, send me"?
2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

3. If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

4. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying, And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-20): You are an answer to prayer! Jesus looked around and saw sheep in need of a shepherd and called for prayer for laborers to be sent out into a harvest that is plentiful. Jesus could do His mission work in so many other ways, with a legion of angels or a thundering voice from heaven, but He has chosen YOU. He is trusting that the Spirit will give you words to speak. You are His sent ones, an answer to the prayers of the Church, called to speak with the Word knowing the Spirit will accompany the Word. Where you are today, speak with joy, wisdom and innocence. It's harvest time!

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.

The Texas District LWML will host a virtual convention on Saturday, June 20th, from 9:15-3:30. The Ladies Aid invites all ladies to come and watch it with them in the fellowship hall. There will be a lunch break; ladies are welcome to bring their own lunch or go pick up something from Que-Zeen nearby. Drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by texting or calling Rhonda Hentschel at (979) 250-3437.

Graduates - If you have a college, high school, or 8th grade graduate, send an email to 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 8th, 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 21st 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 15th (TOMORROW). 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.

Attendance

Divine Service 6/7: 104 Wednesday, 6/10: 17
Bible Class: 30

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. 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. 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 by Alfred and Ruby Bohot in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary on June 18th.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

J.C. Kaiser, William Jurk, Lorie Lehmann, Amy Wagner,
Reba Sadler, Eugene Zoch,
Wesley Cervenka brother of Debbie Knox
Frank and Reedy Schwartz, great-niece & nephew of Ann Bamsch,
Annie Mae Fick, sister of Mary Ann Pietsch and James Schramm,
All those on our continued prayer list
Thanksgiving for the 70th wedding anniversary of Alfred and Ruby Bohot
For the family of Lillian Hill, friend of David and Linda Lehmann, who passed away on
Wednesday

Our sympathy to Carolyn and Ralph Bamsch on the death of Carolyn's cousin, Alvin Schautschick, on June 5th. His funeral was at Immanuel in Giddings on June 10th.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Otto Kunze who was called home to heaven on Friday morning.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

June 14, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Linda Lehmann
Mr. Mike Tabbert
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brain Varner
Abbi Noack

Pastor
Organist
Audio/Video System
Elders on Duty
Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Blessing of the Graduates
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	1:00 p.m.	Sunday School via Zoom
WEDNESDAY	11:00 a.m.	Divine Service
THURSDAY	6:00 p.m.	Organists/Pastor Beck planning meeting
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sayble Burgess Baptism
	9:30 a.m.	LWML Virtual Convention
Next Sunday		<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class

The Lutheran Hour — June 21

"Powered by Touch"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The human body can produce enough energy to power a tiny light bulb. Christ gives His followers power to light the entire world. Dr. Michael Zeigler reflects on the nature of that light and the power behind it. (Matthew 5:21-32)