



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

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152 Years of God's Grace

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service with
Holy Communion
9:00am

Bible Class and
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday/Jr. Confirmation

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠
(In the Name of Jesus)

GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or 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.

IN TODAY'S READINGS:

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSION OF PALMS

[Please stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the nave.]

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

- P** Let us go forth in peace,
C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Hymn 160

GREETING

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND 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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C** **♪ Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- C** **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*
- 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, hath had mercy up on and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** **♪ Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon Psalm 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

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.**

KYRIE

☩ **♪** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Mark 10:47

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 161

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☩ **♪** **And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ **♪** **Amen.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶ The Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 9:12a; c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Please stand and face the pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-43

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:


“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

Hymn 162

SERMON

“Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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☛ **♪ 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.**

Psalm 51:10-12

[Please sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

RITE OF CONFIRMATION for Hailey Bamsch, Dylan Beck, Avery Henderson, Brayden Schramm, and Rayli Woelfel.

[Please stand]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Lord of hosts, Your Son entered into Jerusalem amid shouts of “hosanna” and people waving palms. Give us hearts full of His mercy, and join our voices to theirs in these holy days, that we would humbly bow our knees at His holy name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord God, You have revealed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. Guard Your Church against all her enemies. Empower her in the proclamation of the saving Gospel and in the works of mercy that make known Your love to those still in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that receiving Jesus and

trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You establish governments and appoint leaders to exercise Your justice, promote virtue and protect the weak. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor, the legislature of this state, all judges and magistrates, and those who protect our liberty at home and abroad. Give us the will and desire to be good and faithful citizens, that we may not dishonor You by our words or conduct. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy especially Frances, Courtney, Dolores, Frances, Al, Layne, Shaunna, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION


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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE


- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
- C** **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
- 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. Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with an-

gels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

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. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*


LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C 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. *Matthew 6:9-13*


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always! *John 20:19*
C  Amen.

If you are unable to climb the chancel steps without assistance, please come forward at this time.

- 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. *John 1:29*

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.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let Me Be Thine Forever

Hymn 334

Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing
Oh, that the Lord, Would Guide My Ways
Sweet the moments, Rich in Blessing
Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day
Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Hymn 155
Hymn 416
Hymn 155
Hymn 337
Hymn 305


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]

NUNC DIMITTIS

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C  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.

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C  **And His mercy endures forever.**

Psalms 107:1

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Thine Forever, God of Love

Hymn 338

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: John 12:12-19: No matter whether you celebrate Jesus riding into Jerusalem or His Passion, the message is clear: Jesus came to Jerusalem to die for the sins of the world! Because of that, we have hope for ourselves and

plenty of additional hope to share with fellow sinners. That truth gives us reason to wave a palm branch in bold faith and in thanksgiving to God that there is one true King who conquers sin, death, the grave and the devil, and only one true King worthy of all our praise, thanksgiving and daily witness.

LOOKING AHEAD: This week is always special in the church's life together. We walk alongside Jesus from the shouts of "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday through the trials of Holy Week, into the upper room on Maundy Thursday, into Gethsemane and the darkness of betrayal, up onto the cross on Good Friday, and then down into the garden tomb...but we are familiar with this trek. It is the same retelling of the most important events in history that Christians have always recited and reflected upon for comfort and consolation. Join us Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings this week to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Join us next Sunday to greet the rising sun as God's Son is risen for our salvation! Join us to receive the fruits of the cross that burst forth from Christ's empty tomb!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Bible Class or Sunday School will be held this morning after our service. Likewise, next Sunday we will not have either as we celebrate Easter. Both will resume on Sunday, April 27th.

Easter Photo Opportunity: There will be an Easter Photo Back-drop next Sunday in the fellowship hall for families to gather around and take Easter family photos. A big thank you to the Outreach Group and to Chelsea Beck and Crystal Landry for heading this up and putting it all together!

April Game Day will be held this Thursday, April 17th, at 12PM in the fellowship hall with a light lunch provided. Come join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting with friends!

The Holy Cross Outreach Committee has installed a Little Free Library under the awning by the Fellowship Hall entrance. The library is a great way for everyone in the Warda community to exchange books and puzzles. The idea is for you to leave any books that you've read and want to share and take any books left by others that you would like to read. It's a great way to exchange books and not have them go unread by sitting on your shelf at home. The library is open to everyone in the Warda community, so feel free to share this news with your neighbors who live in Warda.

The Warda local Farm Bureau will meet on WEDNESDAY, April 16th, (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) at 7:00PM at 610 Giese Lane. Snacks are welcome; drinks will be provided.

Lincoln VFD will have their annual **Good Friday BBQ** on Friday, April 18th, at the Lincoln Community Center/Picnic Grounds. Pork, Beef, Mutton, Sausage and Chicken will be available starting at 9AM. Potato Salad, Beans and Sauce will also be available along with baked goods by the St. John's Ladies Aid. Make the short drive to Lincoln and support their VFD!

The Wednesday night Bible Study group will resume their study on **Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m** in the family room. For more information about this study, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event on Sunday, April 27, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This will be our final meeting until fall! Please join us for some devotional time, a fun activity, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Amanda Knox Scholarship Fund Raffle tickets for sale! We are raffling off two halves of an Angus/Wagyu calf including processing. Only 100 tickets will be sold and 2 tickets will be drawn from that group. Tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds benefit the Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used to pay the tuition for an incoming Faith Lutheran High School student. Another scholarship will be awarded this May. The raffle drawing will be held April 27th with processing of the calf set for the end of May. We will sell out so be sure to get your tickets today! Thank you for your support! Contact Ron and Cyndy Zoch, Cory Knox, Megan Lamont, Nikki Kueck, Rhonda and Bobby Hentschel, Gale and Calvin Mersiovsky, or the church office for more information or for tickets.

The Couples Club will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mothers Day, May 11th. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:30 to 12:00. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may also place your order by calling J.C. & Carol Schramm at 242-3232, Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, Doug & Lorie Lehmann at 242-3877, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, or Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky at 968-5032 **by Monday, May 5th**. Proceeds have been designated toward remodeling the inside of the picnic hall.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 18th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

BAKERS ARE NEEDED! We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

DROP OFF LOCATIONS! You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 16th and 17th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Accreditation Visit

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on March 30 to April 1. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.

The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.

The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.

The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.

FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.

FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.

Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.

Handbell Choir Wins Top Rank at TAPPS

The handbell choir competed in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) music competition on Friday, March 28, 2025. The group earned the rating of "I" - Superior for their performance of "March of the Chimes" by Lynne Hollander. Also performed was "The Church's One Foundation" arranged by Sandra Tucker. The FLHS choir was critiqued on their technique, musicianship, stage presence, poise and overall visual uniformity.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmation of Hailey Bamsch, Dylan Beck, Avery Henderson, Brayden Schramm and Rayli Woelfel by their families.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Frances Gray, undergoing chemo and radiation

Dolores Wolf, recovering from knee replacement

Frances Schumann, in Towers Nursing Home for rehab/physical therapy

Courtney Wagner, recovering from surgery, will do additional chemo in the coming weeks

Al Jurk

Layne Huenefeld

Shaunna Keilberg, friend of Brooke & Chris Kovar, recovering from surgery for breast cancer

Our Confirmands as they are Confirmed this morning

Those who serve today: April 13, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Cindy Heselmeyer	Greeter
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk	Audio/Video System
Ben Jurk	Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Brian Varner & Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Jr. Confirmation and Holy Communion
		NO Bible Class & Sunday School Today
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel (NO Morning Bible Study today)
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday worship w/Comm.
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil w/Communion
Next Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast by the Youth
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 151 Bible Class: 41 Sunday School: 20

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)