



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Take heart;

**I HAVE
OVERCOME
THE WORLD**

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149 Years of God's Grace

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

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

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

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

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GUESTS AND 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.

Jesus Is with Us in His Holy Christian Church

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples “*may become perfectly one*” in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from “*before the foundation of the world*” (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world “*with one accord*” as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, “*Come*” (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us “*the water of life without price*” to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from “*the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit*” (Rev. 22:2).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Entrance Hymn: ***“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*** ***Hymn 446***

The Baptism of Rylen Shawn Lange

[please stand]

Opening Sentences

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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Hallelujah!**

The Invitatory and Venite

P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

C: **♪ For He is our Maker.**

**♪ Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it:
and His hands formed the dry land.
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**For He is our God:
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
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.**

Psalm: Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

My heart is in anguish within me;

the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

But I call to God,

and the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

[be seated]

Hymn: ***“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”*** ***Hymn 387, v. 1-6***

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (ESV)

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (ESV)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the

east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

please rise and face the Pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ’s presence among His people]

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-22 (ESV)

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

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Children's Message

Hymn: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" Hymn 387, v. 7-10

Sermon "Jesus Speaks Plainly"

The Te Deum Laudamus

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1 We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of - - - Sab - a - oth!
3 The noble army of martyrs - - - praise Thee;



1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father ev - er - last - ing.
2 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo - ry.
3 the holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee.



1 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the - powers there - in;
2 The glorious company of the Apostles - - - praise Thee;
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son,
4 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - O Christ.



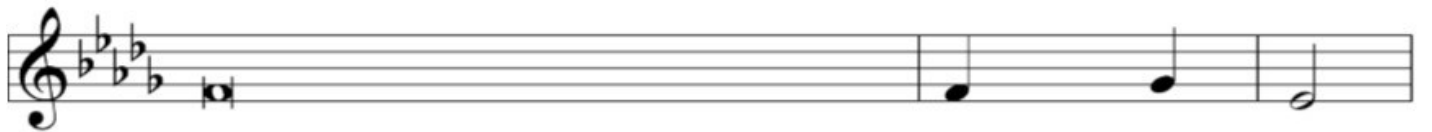
1 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the - proph - ets praise Thee;
3 also the Holy - - - Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 Thou art the everlasting Son - of the Fa - ther.



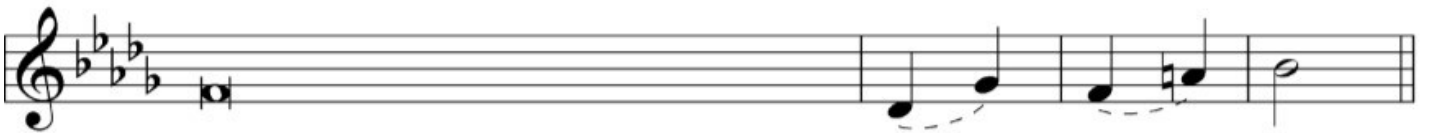
5 When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - - liv - er man,
6 Thou sittest at the right - - - - hand of God
7 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy - - serv - ants,



5 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 In the glory - - - - of the Fa - ther.
7 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



5 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - sharp-ness of death.
6 We believe that - - - - Thou shalt come
7 Make them to be number-ed - - - with Thy saints



5 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - live - ers.
6 to - - - - be our Judge.
7 in glory - - - - ever - last - ing.



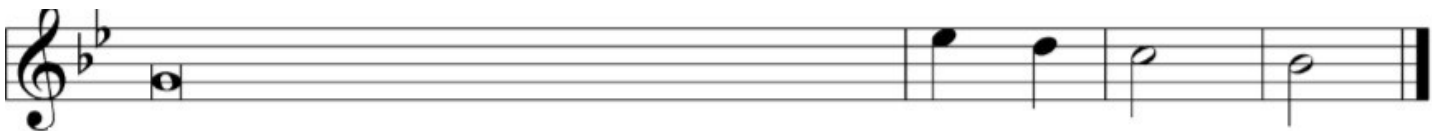
8 O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine - her - i - tage.
9 Vouchesafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



8 Govern them and lift - - them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



8 Day by day we - - - - magni - fy Thee.
9 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



8 And we worship thy name ever - - - world with - out end
9 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings

Pause to Ponder

Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

The Prayers of the Day

Lord, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have founded Your Church as a place of prayer beside the waters of Holy Baptism. Give Your holy people hearts to hear Your Gospel message, lips to offer their prayers in faith and readiness to give of themselves for Your sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, keep Your Holy Church undefiled from all that is detestable or false. Embolden pastors to guard her gates and to welcome those who draw near in faith. Bring the rulers of this world into Your Church to glorify her according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of Your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You especially those of Karen, Al, Larry, Bernice, Joyce, Wesley, Margaret, and all those we name in our hearts. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

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

The Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in His promise, we are bold to pray:

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 Salutation

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And with thy Spirit.**

The Collect for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **♪ Amen**

The Benedicamus and Benediction

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P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

C: **♪ Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Hymn 193

Postlude

Outreach Thought

John 16:23-33: The world is a hostile place for Christians, but Jesus tells us to have courage because He has overcome the world. Because of our faith, we have peace even in the face of trial. This peace and joy adds power to our witnessing. Today's peace in the face of trial may be the most encouraging Word someone may ever hear from you or see in you.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class - Join us in studying the Minor Prophet book of Amos! This fiery book will introduce us to the themes of God's judgment in the Old Testament, the depths of Israel's sin (and ours!) and how even a few brief words of comfort can bind up our broken consciences and can point us to Jesus, Who alone can restore us to life!

“Superheroes of the Bible” VBS will be held June 20-22 from 5:30-8:00 in the evenings. Registration is open online thru May 27th at www.holycrosswarda.com.

Volunteers are needed to help with lessons, crafts, games, setup/cleanup, etc. If you are willing to help out, please contact Sherrie Halpain, Chelsea Beck, or call the church office.

There will be a volunteer meeting today immediately following Sunday School (around 11:15) in the fellowship hall. This meeting will be for anyone who wants to help with any part of VBS (decorating/set up, leading groups/classes, clean-up, etc.) to come get more information. Families or groups planning to bring food do not need to be there.

The Sewing Circle continues to meet weekly on Thursday mornings from 9:00-noon in the old parish hall. They cut squares, sew and tie quilts, trim stamps, and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship. All ladies are invited! No experience is necessary and you do not have to be a member of Holy Cross to join them!

Come Meet Your Old Friends And Make New Ones at the annual **Serbin Picnic** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds on Sunday, May 29th. They'll have Barbecue sold by the pound only from 9:00 A.M. until sold out. The Ladies Aid stand will have Potato Salad, Beans, Noodles, and pastries of all kinds as well as their annual silent auction. Other activities include the baseball Game (Weimar @ Serbin), school children's program, children's booths & games, barrel train rides for the kids and entertainment by the Czech Melody Masters. The youth league hamburger stand will be open from 4:00 -7:30. The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum will be open from 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to come out and have some good, old-fashioned fun!

BBQ Pork Steak Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 19th 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 13th . All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

AREA VBS PROGRAMS

Lots of fun and learning to be had this summer at VBS! Each one is a different week so your kiddos can attend more than one! They are listed below in date order.

Immanuel, Giddings will have VBS June 6-10 from 8:30-11:30 each day. It is open to children entering Pre-K4 through 5th grade for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Join them as they go off-road for a “Monumental Adventure” through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God’s awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

St. Paul, Serbin VBS will be June 13-17 from 8:15-11:15 each day. Kids ages 3 thru 7th grade will explore branches of Christ's story and learn how their salvation is His mission! In Christ, they find the *Tree of Life*. Sign up, and get ready to get to the root of things.

Holy Cross “Superheroes of the Bible” VBS will be held June 20-22 from 5:30-8:00 in the evenings for kiddos age 4 thru 5th grade. Registration is open online thru May 27th at www.holycrosswarda.com.

St. Michael, Winchester will have VBS June 26-30 starting at 5:30 each evening.

VBS at **Mt. Calvary Lutheran** Church in La Grange will be held July 18-22 from 5:15-8:15 each evening. Children ages 3 years through 6th grade are invited to come learn more about the Jerusalem Marketplace and learn more about the culture during Jesus time, especially the week of Holy Week. A meal will be provided starting at 5:15. Register at the Mt. Calvary church office by Sunday, June 19th.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Graduation

Graduation for the second class of Faith Lutheran High School will be Saturday, May 28th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Benjamin Meyer and Salutatorian - Nichole Jakobeit. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

Close of 2021-2022 School Year

Thursday will be the last day of classes at FLHS for this school year. Please pray for the students as they prepare to take finals and pray for our seniors as they graduate. Thank you for keeping FLHS in your prayers and gifts this year! We have been blessed beyond measure!

Youth Camps

We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 1 - Frog Dissection - Grade 6 to 8 - \$15

June 6-8 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING!

June 20-22 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING!

~~June 27-29 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30 FULL!~~

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING!

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!



Altar Stand Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Rylen Lange by his parents.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Karen Schubert, undergoing treatments for breast cancer

Al Jurk, recovering from neck surgery

Larry Gay, brother of John Gay, battling ALS

Bernice Guettler, mom of Roland Guettler, recovering from hip surgery following a fall

Joyce Bise, sister of Jerrell Dunk, in Oakland Manor under hospice care

Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, undergoing cancer treatments

Margaret Menzies, friend of Wendy Wagner, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Diane Elguermai, friend of John & Lisa Gay, fighting breast cancer

Erick Ponthieux, friend of John & Lisa Gay, diagnosed with cancer

All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and other illness

This morning, we welcome Rylen Shawn Lange to God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism. Rylen was born on March 21, 2022, to Patrick and Meghan Lange. His grandparents are Joyce Jenke, Gordon and Theresa Jenke, and the late Billy and JoAnn Lange. Rylen's sponsors and witnesses are Katie Jenke, Clint Oltmann, Byron Kalbas, Cierra Martinez, Kara Muniz, and Melissa Basquez.

Carol Phillips, friend of Kay Schnell, wishes to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who has prayed for her over the past few months while she has been fighting cancer. She is thankful to have received a good report at her last Dr. visit! The prayers are working - thank you!!!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

May 22, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Oranell Dunk	Greeter
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch	Elders on Duty
Sarah Kay	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7AM-7PM	Fellowship Hall used for Run-Off Elections
	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel w/Pr. Kaspar - last for this school year
WEDNESDAY	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN	
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	1:30 p.m.	FLHS Graduation Practice
SATURDAY	130 p.m.	FLHS Graduation
Next Sunday	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY, 5/30	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 140 Bible Class: 40
Sunday School: 14