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Whom shall I send?

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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
9:00 a.m.

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



Welcome to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

✠ 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:

Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel
When Isaiah "*saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,*" he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and "*unclean lips*" (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with "*a burning coal*" from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord's Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions "*enclosed a large number of fish*" at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, "*Depart from me, for I am a sinful man*" (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be "*catching men*" (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say "Amen" and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB Hymn 827

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“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 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God’s Word so richly yields.

3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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

C **♪ Amen.**

Matthew 28:20

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.**

Psalms 124:8

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

C **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 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 71:15-18; antiphon v.12*

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

My mouth will tell of Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the LORD God I will come;

I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

O God, from my youth You have taught me,

and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

until I proclaim Your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

GLORIA PATRI

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C **♪ 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

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

Mark 10:47

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS


C  **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.**

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C  **And with thy spirit.**

P O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go

for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” ⁹And He said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O LORD?”

And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹²and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

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]

VERSE

Luke 5:10b

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

P Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Hymn 59

SERMON

“Jesus, God’s Word for Us”

[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

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’” In Peter’s words there is both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s Word and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s Word and acting on it.

[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.

Father of all joy, You have taught us to believe in Your righteous acts and deeds of salvation from our youth. Teach us now to proclaim Your might to the next generation, that they, too, may rejoice in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of hosts, sustain those called to be fishers of men in Christ's Church. Grant that they would not be discouraged when they toil all night and take nothing, but continue to let down their nets at His Word according to that calling. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give us faith to let down the nets of Your Word in our daily vocations and to trust Your Son to do His gracious work through poor sinners like us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, build up Your Church and manifest Your Spirit among us with wisdom and knowledge. Let our words be measured and intelligible to our fellow Christians and to those outside Your Church, that we may utter our "Amens" confidently in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, be not far from us. As You have worked deeds of salvation in Christ Jesus, so make haste to help us now in every trouble. Give healing to the sick, strength to the weak and comfort to the afflicted especially David, Courtney, Eugene, Jeanette, Linda, Kimberly, Stacey, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Do not forsake us nor the generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send from Your altar, O Lord, the body and blood of Christ. Cleanse us and our lips by this blessed Sacrament and deliver to us the atonement Christ has won for us, that we may be worthy to stand before You now and at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ's perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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. And now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fullness of Thy glory. Therefore, with angels 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

<i>Jesus Sinners Doth Receive</i>	<i>Hymn 324</i>
<i>Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake</i>	<i>Hymn 421</i>
<i>Lo, Many Shall Come form the East and the West</i>	<i>Hymn 415</i>
<i>Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness</i>	<i>Hymn 305</i>


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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Hymn 246

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 5:1-11: Jesus used the miracle of catching a huge number of fish to encourage His disciples to become “fishers of men.” As they spent more time with Jesus, the disciples became more effective “fishers of men.” By reading, studying and reflecting upon the powerful Word of God, we grow in our effectiveness as God’s witnesses. Spending time with Jesus is just as important for us as it was for His first disciples.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, we'll join to hear the introduction to Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" in Luke 6. This sermon is similar in content to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, as either Luke's recording of the same sermon, or of another sermon with similar content. That said, there are stark differences between the two! For one, the Beatitudes (blessings) recorded in Luke are immediately followed by a list of pronouncements of woe. This should not surprise us since the entire contents of Scripture point to the fact that a life of faith toward God results in blessing, and a life lived without faith in God results in a curse. Of course, all of this ultimately hinges on the death and resurrection of Christ! Join us next week to hear more! Readings are Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Luke 6:17-26.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASS - If you've ever looked closely at the engraved stone on the outside wall of our church, you may have noticed the letters “U.A.C.” carved just below the congregation’s name. U.A.C. refers to the “Unaltered Augsburg Confession.” What does this mean? I’m glad you asked! We are studying the Augsburg Confession, one of the Lutheran Church’s foundational documents. First presented on June 24, 1530, this confession demonstrated the Reformers’ adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints and also called into question those teachings of Medieval Roman Catholicism that were contrary to the Word of God. Join us as continue our study of history, doctrine, and of course, Scripture!

If you haven't picked up your church directory, check with Lee Heselmeyer after church or stop by the office during the week. If you are a nonmember or would like an extra one for your family, they are available for \$10 each. Check with Lee or give the church office a call during the week.

The Ladies Aid annual Super Bowl Snack & Bake Sale is TODAY in the Narthex. Stop by and get some yummy goodies for the game! Freewill donations will be accepted and proceeds will go towards the convention travel fund.

The Warda Bunch (supporters of the Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) organizational/appreciation luncheon is TODAY at the Picnic Grounds beginning at 11:00 a.m. The committee will furnish fried chicken and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal. If you are interested in joining this group, please attend this meeting or call (979) 542-8372, if you have any questions or need further information.

St. John, Lincoln Ladies Aid will have a Stew Dinner TODAY at St. John, Lincoln. To-go only serving starts at 10:30 a.m. until sold out. \$12 for a container of stew and cornbread or \$96 per gallon. Bring your own containers for them to fill OR use theirs. Desserts will be available for a free-will donation.

The Couple's Club will meet again on Friday, February 14th, at the home of Doug and Lorie Lehmann at 7PM.

Valentine Dinner - *DATE CHANGE! Due to unforeseen conflicts, the youth group Valentine Dinner has been postponed to Saturday, February 22nd.* Join us on Feb. 22nd as we transform the Fellowship Hall into "Cupid's Cafe" where you will enjoy an evening being served by our amazing Youth! The meal for the evening will begin with our famous Mocktails and Charcuterie-on-a-Stick. This will be followed by delicious Hamburger steak with brown gravy and options of browned onions, green peppers and mushrooms, creamy mashed potatoes, delicious green beans and fresh garden salad. Dessert will be a scrumptious banana pudding. Seating will begin at 6 PM with dinner service at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 per person and available from any youth group member or the church office until February 17th. We hope to see you there!

Rabbs Creek Wildlife Association is scheduled to meet again on Sunday, February 16th, at the picnic grounds. Social will start at 4PM, meeting at 5PM with meal to follow. See you there!

February Game Day will be Thursday, February 20th, from 12PM-2PM in the fellowship hall with lunch provided. Come join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting! If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it. Come out and enjoy some time with friends, and help spread the word. Everyone is invited!

GEMS February Meeting: All girls 5th grade through high school are invited to attend the GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting on Sunday, February 23, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. We will be making jump ropes from T-shirts to add to our shoebox project for Operation Christmas Child in the fall! This will be a fun activity and snacks are provided as always! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

South Lee County VFD will have BBQ Chickens on Sunday, February 23rd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Chickens are \$12 each and 16oz cups of sauce, potato salad, pinto beans, and noodles are \$3.00 each. Order forms will be on the usher stand in the narthex and are due by Monday, February 17th. You can turn them in to Holy Cross church office or Serbin church office.

Trail Life Troop 143 will have their annual hamburger fundraiser on Monday, March 3rd. Drive-thru at the KC Hall in Giddings from 5:00-7:00. All meals include a hamburger, chips, water and homemade dessert. PreSale only tickets are \$10 each and available this week from the Beck or Kueck boys by February 20th. Proceeds go to the boys accounts to help them pay for camps, camping equipment, uniforms, etc. Thank you!

The Youth Group annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 9th. Drive thru only at the picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include: pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. This meal is presale only by Thursday, February 27th. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chevron in LaGrange, First National Bank of Giddings, or from any youth group member. There will also be a bake sale with homemade items (donations gladly accepted, please reach out to Chelsea if you'd like to bring a dessert) for a freewill donation.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 3-7, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year
- 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!You don't want to miss out!!

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 7, 2025 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Athletic Update

The FLHS archery team has completed our state qualifier and are anxiously awaiting results to determine if we made the state tournament. Results should be posted next week. The FLHS basketball team has made the playoffs!! Congratulations to our mighty Falcons. The first district playoff game will be this week. Check our Facebook page or website for more information!

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Amanda Knox's birthday on February 7th by her family.

Altar Stand Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor Frances Schuman's birthday on January 11th by her family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

A decorative graphic with a butterfly illustration in the center, flanked by ornate, symmetrical scrollwork.

David Lehmann, scheduled for back surgery on Monday
Courtney Wagner, finished with first round of chemo, scheduled for tests this week
Eugene Zoch, under hospice care
Jeanette Schramm, in rehab in Bryan
Linda Lehmann, recovering from a procedure
Kimberly Davis, daughter of Glenda (Walther) Davis, in Dell Seton Hospital
Stacey Stastny, friend of Katy Kasper, scheduled for surgery on Monday

Those who serve today: February 9, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Alford	Greeter
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm	Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Jonathan Kueck & Mr. Calvin Mersiovsky

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group
	11:00 a.m.	Warda Bunch Lunch
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Pastors Circuit Mtg. in Winchester
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK		
THURSDAY-SATURDAY	Pastor Beck to Camp Lone Star for LWML Mtg	
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Brad Pierce CEU Program (More info. on bulletin board)
	7:00 p.m.	Couple's Club @ Doug Lehmann's
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	4:00 p.m.	Rabbs Creek Wildlife Mtg.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 148 Bible Class: 37 Sunday School: 21

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)