



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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Before I formed
you in the womb
I knew you.

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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, February 2, 2025

Fourth 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: *God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death*

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "*As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD*" (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to "*destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery*" (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "*in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people*" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and "*depart in peace*" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

*pg. 15ff***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.***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***C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.****P** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.**C** **♪ Amen.***[John 20:19-23]*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalm 10: 16-18; antiphon v. 12*Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.The Lord is king forever and ever;
the nations perish from his land.O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;
you will strengthen their heart;

you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.
Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

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 Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the Lord.”

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,
“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 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 12:31b-13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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 4:43b

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

P I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:31-44

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**


³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB Hymn 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.


SERMON

“Jesus, Herald of Good News”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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C  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 - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 4:34 – “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life: trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn’t necessarily lead anywhere — but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life build on Him and walking in His footsteps.

[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.

Everlasting God, we remember how Simeon faithfully trusted Your promise that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Grant us the same trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, that having received His body and blood and beholding Him by faith, we would be prepared for the day we meet Him face to face. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in the depth of love for creation, You brought Your Son to the temple and placed Him in the hands of blessed St. Simeon. Abide with those placed in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that their hands would be ever ready to deliver Your gifts to Your people and their lips bold to speak Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, You placed Your Son into the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes, that they would be places where truth is taught and confessed. Like Joseph took Mary to be his wife, make all husbands courageous and compassionate in their love for their wives. As Mary submitted to Joseph, grant all wives grace for respect-

ful submission to their husbands. Bless the work of parents as they instruct their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, bless those placed in authority over us. Grant that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind. Look favorably on our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Your Son has become our faithful High Priest, making propitiation for the sins of all people, hear His intercession for His Bride, the Church. Grant that the suffering, sick and sorrowful especially Eugene, Jeanette, Linda, Lana, and all those on our hearts and minds would be blessed by Your loving visitation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of lasting peace, show mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of all times and places, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, until He comes again in glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **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>Thou Light of Gentile Nations</i>	<i>Hymn 138</i>
<i>Lord Jesus, Who art Come</i>	<i>Hymn 485</i>
<i>Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High</i>	<i>Hymn 490</i>
<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	<i>Hymn 315</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.**
- P** We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
- C**  Amen.

Psalm 107:1

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C  **And with Thy spirit.**
P Bless we the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*
C  **Thanks be to God.**
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 \dagger and give Thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C  Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Hymn 428

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 4:31-44: Jesus repeatedly demonstrated His divine nature through miracles of healing, casting out evil spirits and proclaiming the Good News of salvation. What a beautiful, powerful and caring Savior we have, and what a powerful message we have to share. As people of God, may we share this message with joy and boldness.

LOOKING AHEAD: Looking Ahead: Next week, the account of Jesus' early ministry continues in our Gospel lesson, when He calls the first disciples. St. Luke gives us added insight into the event, including a miraculous catch of fish and Peter's shocking realization that Jesus was no mere rabbi. We step, with Isaiah, into the throne room of God Himself, and hear Paul's words concerning speaking in tongues. Join us as we rejoice that Jesus graciously calls us to be His dearly beloved disciples, faithfully listening to His Word! Readings are Isaiah 6:1-13; 1 Corinthians 14:12-20; Luke 5:1-11.

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 will have their annual Super Bowl Snack & Bake Sale next Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Narthex. Stop by and get some yummy goodies for the game! Freewill donations will be accepted and proceeds will go towards travel expenses for the ladies to attend the national LWML convention in Omaha in June.

The Warda Bunch (supporters of the Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have their organizational/appreciation luncheon at the Picnic Grounds next Sunday, February 9th 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 next Sunday, February 9th, 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 - The Youth Group will have their annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 15th. Join us 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. ***Tickets are available until Monday, February 10th.*** We hope 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 the Church office, 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.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 152 Bible Class: 50 Sunday School: 22

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>1/19/25</u>	<u>1/26/25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 2,680	\$ 4,966
Short/Over	\$ (2,825)	\$ (539)



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.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Athletic Schedule

This week's schedule includes:

Tuesday, February 4 - Basketball AT Concordia HS (at Zion Walberg gym), 6pm
You can visit our website to see all our athletic schedules. Come cheer on our Falcons!

Accreditation Survey

FLHS is currently working through the NLSA re-Accreditation process. As part of this process, we are conducting a survey from all supporters to evaluate how we are doing, and in what areas we could continue to grow. We would appreciate your participation in the survey. It can be found on our website, Facebook page, or scan the QR code. Thank you for your feedback as FLHS continues to grow our ministry!



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!!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eugene Zoch, under hospice care

Jeanette Schramm, in rehab in Bryan

Linda Lehmann, recovering from a procedure on Thursday

Lana Swearingen, recovering from back surgery

Congratulations to Gary and Diane Becker on the birth of their grandson, Hudson Charles Melcher, born to Abby (Becker) and Chesston Melcher on January 24th. Excited to welcome Hudson is his big sister, Scarlett, and great-grandma, Carol Lehmann!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and meals. I am healing nicely with a little ways to go yet. But I will eventually get there. Again thank you, and blessings to everyone. *Lana Swearingen*

Those who serve today: February 2, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mrs. Cindy Heselmeyer
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Scarlett Landry

Pastor
Organist
Greeter
Audio/Video System
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
MONDAY	8:00 a.m.	Board of Ed
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	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

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)