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# Friend, move up higher.

1873-2025 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, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

#### ♣ IN NOMINE JESU ♣

(In the Name of Jesus)

<u>GUESTS & VISITORS</u>: 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.

<u>Our Communion Policy</u>: 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: We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," Jesus proclaims, but "he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and "at the resurrection of the just," He will say to you, "Friend, move up higher" (Luke 14:10, 13–14)? By His grace, the King will honor you "in the presence of a noble," where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, "do not neglect to do good and to share what you have" (Heb. 13:16), and "do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers" (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

**PRELUDE** - Selected

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** 

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Hymn 314

INVOCATION pg. 5ff

**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** A Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- $\square$  And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

[John 20:19-23]

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT -** *Psalm 75:1-2, 6, 9; antiphon v. 7* 

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.

But I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

It is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

GLORIA PATRI

☐ ☐ 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

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

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- **C And** with thy spirit.
- O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C A** Amen.

[Please sit]

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Proverbs 25:2-10

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

<sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;

<sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

8do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?

<sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,

<sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING
Hebrews 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- **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

- ☐ ☐ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.
- ☐ ☐ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-14

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
- ☐ ☐ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son

or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- ☐ ☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED pg. 12

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.



"Jesus, Humility in the Flesh"

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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 14:11 – "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). That's called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

[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.

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our re-

lationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction especially John, Wayne, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

#### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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2 Timothy 4:22

[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

#### PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- ☐ And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- $\square$  We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

 $\square$  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. 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

☐ ☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heavn'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. 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:
- 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.

☐ ☐ 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**

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Hymn 307 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 pg. 29ff

© ☐ 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.

Psalm 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.
- ☐ ☐ Amen.

#### 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]

- **☐ ☐** Thanks be to God.
- 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 

  Numbers 6:24-26
- ☐ Amen. Amen. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** 

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Hymn 309

#### **POSTLUDE**

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Luke 14:1-14: The Scriptures tell us that the Pharisees were watching Jesus very closely. They were watching Him to find mistakes, for any reason to criticize, to see if He could pass their test. Jesus was watching them very closely, and even though they were acting like enemies, Jesus was looking upon them with love. As we look upon the world, we need Jesus' eyes to be able to see

the world with His love and compassion. That's the labor of love the Lord has given to us as we share the Good News each and every day. Jesus enables us to see the world differently: with grace. As He equips us with the Good News to share, may the Spirit also equip our eyes and hearts with the ability to recognize those who need the Good News the way Jesus does.

**LOOKING AHEAD**: Next Sunday, our scripture readings are not for the faint of heart. Jesus shares harsh words with the crowd who followed Him. He describes the "cost of discipleship," effectively asking, "Do you know what you're getting yourself into by following Me?!" Jesus has won our salvation through His suffering, death, and resurrection! But our life in Christ is, in many ways, incompatible with life in this world. Join us next Sunday as we consider the cost of faith in Christ! Readings are Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35.

#### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO BIBLE CLASS** this morning. Everyone is invited to join us at our church picnic today! BBQ with sides for sale now along with baked goods and items at the Ladies Aid Country Store. Silent and live auctions this afternoon with burgers, French fries, and nachos available at 4PM. Live music throughout the day! Come and join us for a great day of fellowship and visiting with family and friends!

**Serbin Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 28th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 14th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all togo plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 8th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

Lee County 4H Annual Fried Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 21st. Drive-thru only at the Lincoln Community Center from 10AM-12:30PM. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Dylan, Weston, or Hank Beck by September 16th.

Wendish Fest Help Needed- We are looking for a few fill in volunteers for this year's Wendish Fest on Sept 28th. We have an urgent need for meal ticket sales from 9:30-12pm. If you would like to help this year, in any area, please let us know by calling the museum 979-366-2441, Katy 832-721-7283 or emailing <a href="museum@texaswendish.org">museum@texaswendish.org</a>. The most up to date worklist is available at the museum or on the bulletin board.

**CEU Course** - Brad Pierce will host a Pasture Management course this Wednesday, September 3rd, from 9AM-3PM at the picnic grounds. Class is \$60 payable at the door by cash, check, or credit card. Lunch will be served. The course is good for 5 CEU's Applied to TDA License. Join him for an interactive class filled with great information! Laws & Regs and IPM earned at every course! RSVP by calling Brad at 512-354-0018 or visiting www.farmedutx.com/2025-Workshops.

#### FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

#### Retreat Success

FLHS students were privileged to spend last Thursday and Friday at Camp Lone Star. This was part of our annual student retreat. Students were able to participate in challenge courses, learn about communication, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun! We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

#### Volleyball Season Underway

The Falcons girls volleyball season is underway. Our next game is Tuesday, September 2nd, at 5pm at Texas School for the Deaf (1102 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704). The full volleyball schedule is available on our website (including two home games this season).

#### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. DCE Katie Otto, Immanuel, Giddings, will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

#### **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 beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 25th

#### Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. **The Battle of the Vines and Brew**, our home brew competitions are back, so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below). Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, live music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event!

#### Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle\* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.\* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. KEEP NO RECORD! The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.

#### Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (flhstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.



John Gay, diagnosed with lung cancer Wayne Wessels, friend of Lee Heselmeyer, health issues

Our sympathy to Tom and Melissa Jurk on the death of Melissa's brother, Benjamin Matthew Wyant, on August 21st. His funeral was August 24th at First Methodist Church in Gonzales.

#### Those who serve today: August 31, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck Pastor
Mrs. Gina Sanders Organist
Mrs. Mary Ann Rucker Greeter
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk Audio/Video System
Ben Jurk Acolyte

Elder on Duty Mr. Jonathan Kueck

#### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

TODAY 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion

CHURCH PICNIC ACTIVITIES ALL DAY

MONDAY Church Office & FLHS Closed

TUESDAY 8:00 a.m. Board of Ed

7:00 p.m. Elders

WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:05 a.m. FLHS Chapel

6:00 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

#### **Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 168 Bible Class: 45 Sunday School: 30

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God alone be Glory)