



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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SHALL THE THING  
MADE SAY OF ITS  
MAKER, "HE DID  
NOT MAKE ME?"

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*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**  
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Sunday, August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

(In the Name of Jesus)

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

**OUR COMMUNION POLICY:** Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

**IN TODAY'S READINGS:**

*The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior*

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "[reject] the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth" and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear" and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He "gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:25–26).

**PRELUDE - Selected**

# THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN**      *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*      *Hymn 371*

*[Please stand]*

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *pg. 32ff.*

**P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C** ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**      *Psalm 51:15*

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

**C** ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**      *Psalm 70:1*

**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!**

## INVITATORY AND VENITE

**P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:      *[Hebrews 10:22]*

**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.      Psalm 95:1-7**

**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.**

## PSALMODY

**PSALM OF THE DAY** - *Psalm 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*

O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house  
**and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
**and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
**test my heart and my mind.**

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,  
**proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.**

**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.**

O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house  
**and the place where Your glory dwells.**

*[Please sit]*

**OFFICE HYMN**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

*Hymn 16*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 29:11-19*

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." <sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me";

or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?  
17Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful  
yield, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? 18In that day the deaf  
shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of  
the blind shall see. 19The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor  
among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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

**C** **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 5:22-33*

22Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23For the husband is the  
head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its  
Savior. 24Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in every-  
thing to their husbands.

25Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for  
her, 26that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with  
the word, 27so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot  
or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28In the  
same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his  
wife loves himself. 29For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherish-  
es it, just as Christ does the church, 30because we are members of his body.

31“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and  
the two shall become one flesh.” 32This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it  
refers to Christ and the church. 33However, let each one of you love his wife as him-  
self, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

**C** **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:1-13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

1When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had  
come from Jerusalem, 2they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were  
defiled, that is, unwashed. 3(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they  
wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, 4and when they come from  
the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other tradi-  
tions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels

and dining couches.)<sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”<sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written

“‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’  
<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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

**C** *♪* Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

*Hymn 288*

**SERMON**      “Oh Lord, Open Our Hearts”

*[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.

*Psalms 51:10-12*

*[Please sit]*

## RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** Mark 7:11 – “But you say, ‘if a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church and in society, has a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be

supportive of our families, our churches and our communities each in the proper proportion.

*[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.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, grant us a true faith, that we would honor You not only with our lips, but serve You faithfully with all our heart, mind and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You call men into the Office of the Ministry to be shepherds to Your sheep. Grant Your wisdom to those who guide Your Church: Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; Nate, our circuit visitor; our pastors; and all servants of the Church. Keep them steadfast in the faith, so that they do not set forth as divine truth those things that are only human tradition, but rather teach Your Word with honesty and clarity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve us from rejecting Your commandments for the doctrines of men. By Your Spirit's aid, lead all Christians to keep Your commandments in thought, word and deed, honoring You in all that we do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve Your estate of marriage. Grant that wives would submit to their husbands as to the Lord, and that husbands would love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, hear our prayers for our nation and its leaders, for all civil servants, and for those whose work imperils them for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in His earthly ministry Your Son healed the sick and comforted the hurting. Grant healing and peace to those taking treatments, to the ill or injured, to the lonely and the imprisoned, and to all in need of our prayers, including Frances, Carolyn, Dana, Clayton, and all those on our hearts and minds this morning, that in meekness each hurting heart would obtain fresh joy in Your Son and exult in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, strengthen the faith and sustain to life everlasting all who partake in the fellowship of this altar and receive Christ's body and blood this day in the Holy Communion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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### PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
- C** **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
- C** **♪ It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. 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>Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink</i>	<i>Hymn 396</i>
<i>Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower</i>	<i>Hymn 399</i>
<i>From God Shall Naught Divide Me</i>	<i>Hymn 393</i>
<i>Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth</i>	<i>Hymn 296</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.

**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.*

## **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 *✠* and give Thee peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** *♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

*Hymn 53*

## **POSTLUDE**

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Mark 7: 1-13: Too many people, like the Pharisees, worship God in vain because they follow human rules and regulations before God's Word. Only those who believe in and worship Jesus as the Son of God and the one who can save them from sin, death and the power of the devil will be saved. How can we who have been saved by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit keep silent while others are pursuing false, man-made beliefs or religions? At times, even our lengthiest conversations can seem to get nowhere. The same objections and questions continue to be raised. One way to determine the root of the issue is to simply ask: "Is there anything you're afraid you'd have to change or give up if you were to become a Christian?" See how God uses this question to give you an opportunity to respond to the real issue that keeps them from believing in Jesus - and then offer to pray about it.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Looking Ahead: Next week, Jesus continues to deliver words of rebuke against the Pharisees and scribes who taught that eating unclean food (according to Leviticus) would result in a life of sin. Jesus corrects them and suggests that sinful desire begins in our hearts. They had added to the Word of God instead of cherishing it and handing it down to their children. Next week's readings are Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Revelation!** Join us in adult Bible class to talk about trumpets and angels, witnesses and incense, a dragon, The Lamb, and lots more in the book of Revelation! Ultimately, you'll find hope and comfort in the midst of this often misunderstood and misapplied book. We meet in the fellowship hall; refreshments are available.

**Youth Group** activities will be starting back up on SEPTEMBER 8! Be sure to join us at the Church Picnic! ***BEFORE that though, there will be a National Youth Gathering info meeting TODAY at 11am in the Youth Room! This is for all youth in 8th grade through high school AND their parents!*** NYG is July 19-23, 2025!

**Church Pictorial Directory** - TODAY is the last day to take - or retake - your family picture for our church directory. If you did not previously take a photo, or you need an updated photo, the backdrop is up in the new Narthex this morning. IF you have a family photo you would like to use rather than taking one here, or have a family member who is unable to come to church, please email those photos to [holycrosswarda@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosswarda@gmail.com) by Friday, September 6th. Also, please be sure and verify your address and phone number are listed correctly. Lee Heselmeyer has taken on the responsibility of helping finish up our church photo directory. Group photos (Ladies Aid, Couple's Club, Youth, etc. also need to be sent over to Lee at [lee-hesel@yahoo.com](mailto:lee-hesel@yahoo.com). Deadline for all photos to be included is Friday, Sept. 6th.

**Sunday School** - We are in need of volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers. You can serve on a regular, rotating basis or just as a substitute we can call on when needed. If you are willing to help out or would like more info., please call Patty Schulze at 512-914-5748 or talk to any member of the Board of Ed.

**Due to a significant increase** in the church insurance policy, our weekly giving need is also being increased from \$5,220 to \$5,505. Please contact a Trustee if you have any questions.

**NEW VIDEO SYSTEM** - At the Voter's meeting on July 29th, the voters assembly approved the purchase of a new VIDEO SYSTEM for the church sanctuary. Donations are currently being taken for the Audio Visual fund to help offset the cost of this project. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and note Audio Visual fund in the memo line. We look forward to getting this up and going and once again being able to record and broadcast our services!

**The Wednesday night Bible study group** will begin their Fall study on 1st & 2nd Kings this week Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:30pm in the Family Room. This 12-week study will take us through King Solomon's reign and the fall and captivity of both Israel and Judah. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cyndy Zoch at [cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) by August 25th to get a copy of the study guide. New members are always welcome!

**GEMS Ice Cream Social:** School may be starting, but summer weather is not over! Join us for an ice cream social to cool off and enjoy fellowship time with other young ladies from churches around the area. All girls 5th grade through high school are welcome to join us as we kick off a new school year. We will meet this afternoon at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. If you've considered attending a GEMS meeting in the past, now is a great time to find out more! We will explain what GEMS is (Girls Embracing Mission Service), discuss service project options for the coming months, and have an ice cream social! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

**Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27<sup>th</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go 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 2nd. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

**Financial Peace University:** Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University during the months of September and October. Financial Peace University is a comprehensive financial education program designed to help individuals and families create a plan for getting out of debt, managing their money, and building wealth. This nine-week course will meet every Wednesday in September and October at Saint Michael's Park. A meal will be served at 6:00pm and the class itself will run from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost for the course is \$79 but anyone who has previously taken the class can participate again for free. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Nate Hill at [pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org](mailto:pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org) or at 979-966-8036.

**Camp Lone Star Family Fun Nights** are back starting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 at Camp Lone Star. Join us at our **La Grange Campus** one Tuesday a month during the school year from 5:30-7:30pm for an evening of family fun! For our next event on Sept. 10 — join us for a FREE night of FAMILY FUN with dinner, an outdoor movie (*The Prince of Egypt*), popcorn, and more! We'll have benches available, but feel free to bring your own blankets and lawn chairs for extra comfort. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors — everyone is welcome!

## HOLY CROSS CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic is NEXT Sunday!

Have an auction item or need to order your sides from the Ladies Aid? Call the church office this week at 242-3333 to take care of both **BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY**.

The **Ladies Aid** will have sides including noodles, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw. They are pint size containers for \$4.00 each. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can call the church office at 242-3333 to place your order. **Deadline is noon on Friday**.

The **Ladies Aid** booth always has people looking to buy **home canned/preserved items**. We would also appreciate plants, quality handcrafted items, and items for our silent auction. If you have any questions, you can contact Gale Mersiovsky or any of the Ladies Aid members.

**NEW THIS YEAR - ALL auction items must be on the list by Friday, August 30th at noon, to be included in the auction on Sunday. It's OK to bring your item on Friday or Saturday, but it must be on the list by Friday at noon. Put it on the list by calling the church office, Brian Varner, or any of the auction committee members listed above. NO NEW ITEMS will be added to the list after 12PM on Friday. Thank you!!** Items can be brought to the church office anytime this week.

At the April voters assembly meeting, the **picnic proceeds** were designated as follows: ½ of the auction proceeds toward the Parochial School Tuition Assistance Fund. All remaining picnic proceeds will go to the picnic fund to be used for future projects.

### Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 160 Bible Class: 50 Sunday School: 23

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION 2024

### Little Lambs Class: Ages 2 & 3

Teacher: Nikki Kueck

Recognition: Isabelle Kueck      Mackenzie Moerbe

### Beginner Class: Pre-K Through 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

Teachers: Wendy Wagner & Gale Mersiovsky

Promoted: Gabriel Kueck      Kortlynd Schramm

Recognition: Josiah Kueck      Hadlee Hentschel      Rayden Lange  
Jett Lamont      Sayble Burgess

### Middle Class: 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE through 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Teachers: LaVerne Tonn & Patricia Schulze

Promoted: Benjamin Kueck      Styne Schramm      Sawyer Burgess

Recognition: Emma Knox      Rylee Hentschel      Katrina Kueck  
Brenna Schramm      Harrison "Hank" Beck  
Jolee Briscoe      Slayde Burgess      Kash Lehmann

### Upper Class: 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE through 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Teachers: Alicia Moerbe & Calvin Mersiovsky

Promoted: Elijah Kueck      Lexi Ahrens      Callie Wagner  
Carter Mrozek      Emeree Townsend

Recognition: Dylan Beck      Hailey Bamsch      Scarlett Landry  
Brayden Schramm      Bryn Henderson      Rayli Woelfel  
Presley Landry      Weston Beck      Karly Hentschel  
RyLee Van Hale      Kennedy Mrozek      Aidan Halpain

### Teachers Years of Service:

Calvin Mersiovsky - 1 Year

Jonathan Kueck - 1 Year (Youth Bible Class)

Chelsea Beck - 4 Years Sunday School, 1 Year Youth Bible Class, 4 Years VBS

Nikki Kueck - 5 Years

Gale Mersiovsky - 8 Years

Alicia Moerbe - 9 Years

Wendy Wagner - 10 Years

Carol Schramm - 13 Years Christmas Eve Program & 7 Years Music Ministry

Patricia Schulze - 23 Years

LaVerne Tonn - 30 Years

**Substitute Teachers:** Sherry Schramm, Shirley Varner, Wayne Kappler, Julia Kappler

**Outstanding Attendance Recognition Medal: 6 or fewer Sundays missed:**

Dylan Beck, Weston Beck, Harrison Beck, Elijah Kueck, Benjamin Kueck, Katrina Kueck, Gabriel Kueck, Josiah Kueck, Emma Knox, Brenna Schramm, and Brayden Schramm

**Excellent Attendance Recognition Certificate: 12 or fewer Sundays missed:**

Rayli Woelfel and Jolee Briscoe

**Welcome:** Shirley Varner & Sunny Woelfel who will be leading the Children's Christmas Eve Program this year.

**FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Thank You!**

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have begun another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

**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.

**Save the Date!**

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun

# Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of LaVerne Tonn and her 30 years of teaching Sunday School by Patty Schulze.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Gray, undergoing treatment for cancer  
Carolyn Jurk, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease  
Dana Herzog Srubar, niece of Lorie Lehmann, cancer has returned  
Clayton, brother-in-law of Debbie Knox, recovering from open heart surgery

*Those who serve today: August 25, 2024*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mrs. Melissa Alford	Greeter
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Avery Henderson & Bryn Henderson	Acolytes
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
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation - 2nd Yr.
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation - 1st Yr.
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid @ the Picnic Grounds
FRIDAY	12:00p.m.	DEADLINE FOR AUCTION ITEMS
		AND TO PREORDER SIDES FROM THE LADIES AID
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
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