



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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*The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation!*

1873-2024

151 Years of God's Grace

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

Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion  
1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &  
Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

# ✠ THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD ✠

*Easter Sunrise*

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

(In the Name of Jesus)

## **WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Welcome to Holy Cross and to this morning's worship service. We are glad that you are here. Today marks the Church's most joy-filled celebration—Christ is Risen! We invite you to come and worship with us again, especially if you do not currently have a home church. If you are interested in joining Holy Cross, please speak with our Pastor or one of our Elders.

## **SUGGESTED PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

## **A NOTE ON THIS MORNING'S SERVICE**

Very early on the first day of the week, before the sun had risen, a few women drew near to the tomb of their Lord, Jesus. The events of the past three days were etched into their memory, their cheeks were likely stained from grief. But now the Sabbath had ended. Now it was time to return to the place in which they had seen His lifeless body laid. They would properly anoint His corpse for burial, all part of the grieving process in the first century.

## THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### WELCOME

**HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*

*Hymn 192, sts. 1-4*

*Please stand.*

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 51:15, 70:1*

- P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.  
**C** **♪** And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.  
**C** **♪** Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

### THE INVITATORY AND VENITE

*Psalm 95:1-7*

- P** Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:  
**C** **♪** For He is our Maker.  
**♪** Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:  
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great King above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth:  
the strength of the hills is His also.  
The sea is His, and He made it:  
and His hands formed the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.  
For He is our God:  
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

PSALMODY

*Psalm 118:15-29; antiphon: v. 1*

*Cantor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.*

**Congregation: Refrain**

**Refrain:**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His  
stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er

*Psalm Tone:*

*Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the | righteous:\**

*“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,*

**the right hand of the | LORD exalts,\***

**the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”**

*I shall not die, but | I shall live,\**

*and recount the deeds | of the LORD.*

**The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,\***

**but he has not given me o- | ver to death.**

**Refrain**

*Open to me the gates of | righteousness,\**

*that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.*

**This is the gate | of the LORD;\***

**the righteous shall enter | through it.**

*I thank you that you have | answered me\**

*and have become my sal- | vation.*

**The stone that the builders re- | jected\***

**has become the | cornerstone.**

*This is the LORD’s | doing;\**

*it is marvelous | in our eyes.*

**This is the day that the | LORD has made;\***

**let us rejoice and be | glad in it.**

**Refrain**

*Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\**

*O LORD, we pray, give | us success!*

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\***

**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

*The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\**

*Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!*

**You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\***

**you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.**

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\**

*for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son:\***

**and to the Holy | Spir - it;**

**as it was in the be - | gin - ing,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | A - men.**

**Refrain**

*Please sit.*

**OFFICE HYMN**

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

*Hymn 192, sts. 5-8*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 15:1-11*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise Him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.

The LORD is a man of war;  
the LORD is His name.

“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host He cast into the sea,  
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow Your adversaries;  
You send out Your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

At the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up;

the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'  
You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
"Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### HOLY GOSPEL READING

*John 20:1-18*

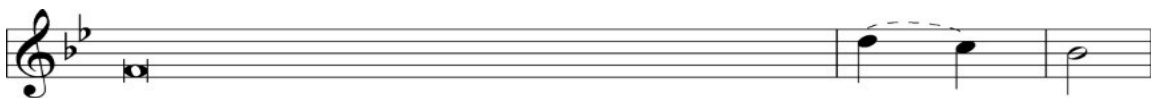
Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look

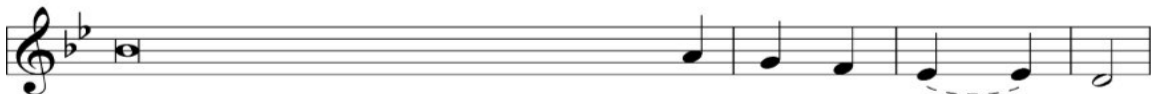


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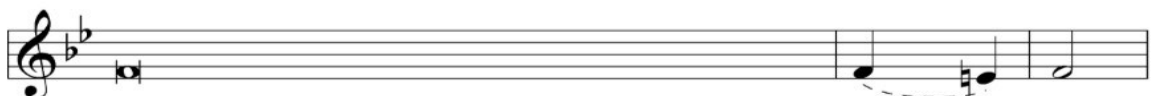
Rev. 7:9-17, Phil. 2:5-11; Ps. 89:26



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



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



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



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



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

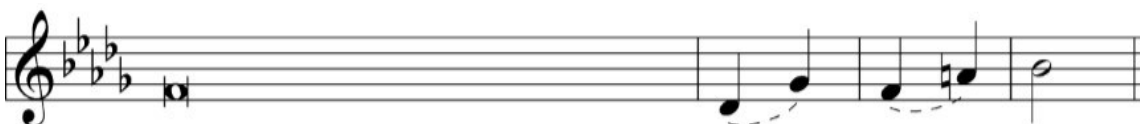


5 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 In the glory - - - - - of the Fa - ther.  
7 whom Thou hast redeem - ed - - - with Thy pre - cious blood.

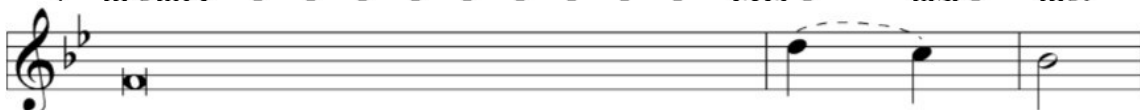




5 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - sharp-ness of death.  
6 We believe that - - - - - Thou shalt come  
7 Make them to be number-ed - - - - with Thy saints



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



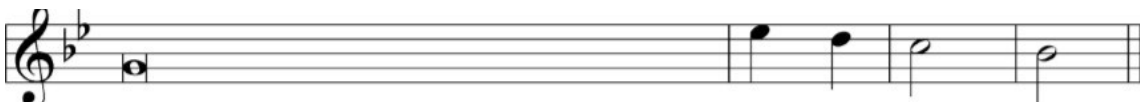
8 O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine - her - i - tage.  
9 Vouchesafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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



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



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

*Please sit.*

**RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS** - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

### **PAUSE TO PONDER**

John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for our risen and glorious Lord, Whose sacrificial death has given us forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; and all pastors, that God would keep them faithful to deliver to His people the apostolic Gospel of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that by God’s Spirit we would hold fast to the Word preached to us and, receiving it with joy, take our stand in it and be saved by it; and that God would hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, granting us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws, that God would frustrate the forces of evil and not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals; and for our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad, that they would serve with honor and integrity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those in any need, especially Frances, Pastor Al, Thelma, Charles, Clayton, August, Anthony, Louise, and all those we name on our hearts and minds, that the dawning light of the new creation in Christ would sustain them in faith, and that, according to God’s will, they would be granted renewed health as a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For joy in Christ’s great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar, and that He would overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life through the eating and drinking of His true body and blood in faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the faithful, that at the resurrection of all flesh we might awaken in joy to the Lord’s presence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, 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 KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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*

## THE SALUTATION

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P**    The Lord be with you.

**C**    **♪ And with thy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P**    Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**    **♪ Amen.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

*[Psalm 103:1]; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

**P**    Bless we the Lord.

**C**    **♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

**C**    **♪ Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*Hymn 204*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Easter!** NO Bible Class or Sunday School today. We'll resume next week.

**Easter Pictures** - This morning, there is an Easter themed backdrop set up in the fellowship hall for you to take family pictures. Join the youth for breakfast and take a couple family photos. Just something fun and new for our families to do!

**Spring Cleaning:** Help is needed to spruce up planting beds for all who visit Holy Cross and in support of the work of the Board of Trustees. If you can help, a work session can be arranged on your schedule, subject to daylight, weather and Church activities. Please call Carolyn Lehmann at 242-3336 for more information, if you can help or if you have suggestions. Everyone is welcome to participate!

**Socks and Undies Collection** - The Ladies Aid is collecting new socks and underwear to support the work of Orphan Grain Train. Men's, women's, boy's and girl's—all sizes of new socks and undies are needed. A collection bin has been placed in the hallway next to the AMEN box to place these items. Any questions? Call Cindy Heselmeyer at 713-628-1056.

**The Warda Bunch Show Fund** (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$10.50/lb. 16oz. cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders only by signing up on the page on the bulletin board or by calling Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372 or the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

**The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund** is holding two Spring raffles. The first is for an Ultimate Hill Country Experience for 2 people. This includes a 2 night stay at Carter Creek Resort and Spa, spa treatment, wine and beer tastings from Carter Creek, Pecan Street Brewing, Lost Draw Wines, William Chris Vineyards, Untamed Wine Estates, Inwood Estates, and Alstadt Brewery, restaurant gift certificates from Untamed, Pecan Street Brewing, and Carter Creek, chocolate/wine pairing from Hill Country Chocolates, and gift certificate from Yee Haw Ranch Outfitters. Total package is valued at \$1700. Tickets for this raffle are limited and will sell for \$100 each. One winner will be drawn.

For the second drawing, we will raffle off 12 items to 12 winners. The prizes in this raffle include Fishing trip for up to 2 people out of Port O'Connor and a 110 qt Igloo cooler, a Ruger .243 rifle, a Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol, wooden two-seat

rocker with gift basket, 2 wooden adirondack chairs with gift basket, fried fish and gumbo meal for 25 people, Yeti tundra 13.8 gal wheeled cooler, Yeti tundra 48 qt cooler, 1 night stay at a cabin at Busted Oaks with charcuterie board and 6 wine tastings, \$100 gift card to Los Patrones with gift basket, \$50 gift card to Reba's with gift basket, and a hand-crafted Diamond Art picture with custom frame. These tickets will sell for \$20 each.

Tickets for both raffles are on sale now with drawings held in May and June. All money raised will go toward a full scholarship awarded to an incoming freshman at Faith Lutheran High School. Tickets can be purchased from Ron and Cyndy Zoch, Cory Knox, Megan Lamont or the church office.



**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is **TODAY, March 31, 2024.**

**Busy Night? Dinner's On Us:** FLHS Booster's Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, La Grange, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by Monday, April 8th. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

**New Student Registration:** Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Five new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

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

**7th Annual Golf Tournament:** Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 31st at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM with the possibility of an afternoon flight also. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

*Thank you to all who provided the beautiful Easter Flowers this morning.  
Flowers may be picked up after the 9 a.m. Festival Service.*

**Lilies**

In memory of Amanda (Zoch) Knox by the Zoch, Knox, and Lamont families

In memory of loved ones by Danny and Judy Jurk

In memory of my grandmother, Ruth Granberry, by Karen Stephenson

In memory of Alfred and Ruby Bohot by their children and grandchildren

In memory of David Schramm and Larry and Marie Moerbe by Kory and Amber Moerbe

In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Ralph Bamsch

In memory of Elmo & Helen Pietsch and Daniel Pietsch by Dennis and Diann Pietsch

In memory of Elmo and Adele Schulze and Kenneth Wiederhold by Dennis and Diann Pietsch

In memory of Otto and Alice Kunze and Glenn Kunze by Mark and Karen Gerdes, Charles Kunze, and Allen Kunze

In memory of Jimmie Lehmann, Willie and Ruby Lehmann, Billy and JoAnn Lange, and John and Renata Teinert by Kevin, Sandra, Alexa and Raina Lange

In memory of George and Eunice Dunk and Freddie Zoch by Daryl and Patty Schulze and Eric

In memory of Roy and Ruth Lehmann by Roland and Betsy Guettler

In memory of Buddy Whited, Harold and Irene Kasper, and Ralph Kasper by Margie Whited

In memory of Ted Tonn by LaVerne Tonn and family

In memory of our dad and papa, Paul Schramm and all our family members that are now in the arms of Jesus by Ryan, Tiffany, Ty, and Abigail Noack, Kiersten Namken, and Kason Bayer

In memory of Robert and Della Mae Lehmann, Arnold and Marie Kilian, Alvin Herzog and Stanley Herzog by Doug and Lorie Lehmann

In memory of Elmo and Helen Pietsch, Daniel Pietsch, and Edward and Hattie Kieschnick by Curtis and Elaine Kieschnick

To the glory of God by Raymond and Sandra Matthijetz

## Easter Hydrangeas

In memory of June and Nancy Pietsch by Gary and Diane Becker

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Gray, undergoing chemo treatments

Rev. Al Gallmeier, undergoing treatment for Meniere's disease

Thelma Kieschnik, mom of Carol Schramm, recovering from a broken leg

Charles Kunze, diagnosed with a medical condition

Clayton Wolf, son of Allen & Dolores Wolf and brother of Melissa Alford, undergoing treatments at MD Anderson

August Detering, Anthony Ontiveros, and Louise Savage, all friends of Wendy Wagner with various health issues and illnesses

Our sympathy to Debbie Knox and Cory Knox and their family on the death of Debbie's brother, Wesley Cervenka, on March 25th. Funeral services were pending.

*Those who serve today: March 31, 2024 Easter Sunrise Service*

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mrs. Carol Schramm  
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth  
Emeree Townsend

Pastor  
Organist  
Audio/Video System  
Acolyte

Elders on Duty  
Mr. Cory Knox and Mr. David Weishuhn

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

TODAY	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast by the Youth
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Pietsch Endowment Fund Board
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group



*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)