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And who is my neighbor?



You go, and do likewise.

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149 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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

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

C: ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit: Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

and rescued us from our foes,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

he who gives food to all flesh,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Gloria Patri

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♪ 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.

The Kyrie

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

The 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.

The Salutation & The Collect for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18 (ESV)

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C: and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the in-

heritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[please rise and face the Pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

Verse: Luke 10:27

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

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

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB Hymn 845



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
6. For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

The Sermon

“A Merciful Response”

[we stand]

The Offertory

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Receipt of Offerings

Pause to Ponder

Luke 10:25b – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do* to *inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

Hymn:

“Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone”

Hymn 355

The Prayers of the Day

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father in heaven, we confess that apart from Christ we have no righteousness. Yet we rejoice that, because Your Son has died and risen for us, You promise that our righteousness exceeds even that of the scribes and Pharisees. Because we know the hope that You have laid up for us in heaven, let others see in us a confident faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a caring love for all those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, by Your grace we have died to sin, yet sin continues to overpower us. Bless all those who celebrate baptismal birthdays among us, and fill us all with a repentant faith that knows we have been buried with Christ through Baptism into His death. Fill us with the Samaritan’s joy in helping those in need no matter what the cost to ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, as You grant the length of days to many in our families and communities, You bless us with their wisdom and grant us the opportunity to live out Your love for them. Help us to rightly treasure them, and as they grow in weakness and need, deepen their trust in Your strength to bear and Your power to save. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, as You have granted us to live in a nation where Your people may still gather without fear, bless our leaders with Your wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land, that Your Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, as the scorched land around us cries out for water, our faith is being tested. We trust in Your promise to provide all things in due season. Just as You have assured us that You have forgiven our sins, so also give us this same assurance that You will bring water. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have commanded that special attention and care be paid to the fatherless and widows. Abide with all who are lonely or grieving the loss of loved ones. Use us to visit the homebound and those in care facilities, those who require ongoing care and those in hospice. Remember our brothers and sisters in this congregation and all who are on our hearts and minds who are in need of our mercy and visitation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

The Collect for the Word/Church

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P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Benediction

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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.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

“Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

Hymn 225

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Luke 10:25-37: The Parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that in loving our neighbors, we care not just for their physical needs, but also for their spiritual needs. What a joy it will be in eternity to have a “neighbor” come up to us and thank us for sharing the Good News of salvation found in Jesus alone.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class - Join us in studying the Minor Prophet book of Amos! This fiery book introduces us to the themes of God's judgment in the Old Testament, the depths of Israel's sin (and ours!) and how even a few brief words of comfort can bind up our broken consciences and can point us to Jesus, Who alone can restore us to life!

Personal Care Kits - The Ladies Aid is collecting items for personal care health kits that will be assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief. We are needing light weight dark colored bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), bath size bars of soap in original wrapping and individually wrapped tooth brushes. These items may be left in the hallway by the food pantry items for the next few weeks. Thank you!

Door Offering - The Ladies Aid will be collecting a door offering on Sunday's, July 17 and August 7. The money collected will go to Faith Lutheran High School. This will be in place of our school supply drive. Faith will be able to use the funds for whatever supplies or needs they choose for the upcoming school year.

Our church picnic will be here before we know it! The Picnic Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Picnic Grounds. 2021 committee chairman and representatives from the Ladies Aid, Couple's Club, and Youth/Sunday School are asked to attend.

Now is a great time to be on the lookout for items you may be able to donate to the picnic auction. Handmade items and crafts are always popular! If you have any questions about what type of items may be donated or to have an item picked up before the picnic, please call Chris Kovar at (318) 458-8558, or Brian Varner at (979) 966-3761. Picnic and auction profits were designated as 50% to the 150th anniversary celebration and 50% to the picnic fund.

The ladies booth always has people looking to buy home canned/preserved items. Since we are in the midst of canning season, we would like to ask any congregation members that do canning to consider setting aside an extra jar or two of home canned items to donate to the Ladies Aid booth. We would also appreciate plants, quality handcrafted items, and items for our silent auction. If you have any questions, you can contact Lisa Gay or any of the Ladies Aid members.

Pictures are still being collected for the 150th anniversary celebration next April. If you have pictures of church activities that would be fun to share, please bring them by the church office for Christine to scan or email them to holycrosswarda@gmail.com so they can be included in the memory book being prepared for that event.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

Amazon Smile

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

Commuting from Bastrop?

FLHS has some students in the Bastrop and surrounding community who would benefit from carpooling to Faith during the school year. Are you already coming this direction? Please call Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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 for our back to school activities!

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.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Paul and Jeanette Schramm in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8th.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and other illness

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Kenneth Moore who passed away on June 30th. His funeral was here at Holy Cross on Friday.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Linda (Kappler) Tate who passed away unexpectedly on July 2nd. Her funeral was Thursday at St. Paul, Serbin.

Congratulations to Kenny and Melissa Alford on the birth of their grandson, Noah Milon Alford, born to Jared and Carolyn Alford on June 29th. Excited to welcome Noah home is his big brother, Nathan, and his great-grandparents, Allen and Dolores Wolf.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 10, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Jane Chapman	Greeter
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk	Audio/Video System
Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch	Elders on Duty
Eleanor Carey	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday		<i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 141 Bible Class: 58

Sunday School: 15