



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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*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.

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**P.O. BOX 69    WARD, TX 78960**

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**GUESTS AND 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.

**The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy**

Because God, our Savior, *"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges *"that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people"* (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray *"without anger or quarreling,"* but *"adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control"* (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget *"the poor of the land"* (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. *"For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God"* (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves *"before men,"* God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are *"not strong enough to dig,"* and we are *"ashamed to beg"* (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His *"eternal dwellings"* (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even *"the sons of this world"* (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

**Prelude - Selected**

**The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

Opening Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless" Hymn 373

*[please stand]*

The Invocation

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Confession of Sins & 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.

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.**

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit: Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous forever;

**give me understanding that I may live.**

Righteous are you, O LORD,

**and right are your just decrees.**

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness

**and in all faithfulness.**

My zeal consumes me,

**because my foes forget your words.**

Your promise is well tried,

**and your servant loves it.**

Your righteousness is righteous forever,  
**and your law is true.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
**give me understanding that I may live.**

### 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: O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Amos 8:4–7 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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:**

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

P: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

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

**Holy Gospel:** Luke 16:1-15 (ESV)

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

C: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance**

with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

*“What Is the World to Me”*

*Hymn 430*

The Sermon

“A Forgetful God”

*[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 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God’s purposes in roles He has given us to play in Church, home, and society?

The Prayers of the Day

The apostle Paul instructs us: “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” Rejoicing in Christ’s salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Savior, uphold our president; our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours. Today we pray especially for Freddie, Whitney, Robert, Loretta, Evelyn, Helen, JoAnn, SweetPea, and all those we name in our hearts. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Preface and The Proper Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**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:

**The 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.**

**The 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.**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Pax Domini & The Agnus Dei**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**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.**

### ***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.*

### **The Distribution**

#### **Distribution Hymns**

##### ***“Seek Ye First”***

***LSB 712***

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, Alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia!
3. Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia!

##### ***“Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth***

***Hymn 438***

##### ***“Jesus, Lead Thou On”***

***Hymn 410***

##### ***“Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee”***

***Hymn 407***

##### ***“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast Prepared”***

***Hymn 306***

### ***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.*

### **The Dismissal**

***[please stand]***

#### **The Nunc Dimittis**

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♪ 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.

## The Thanksgiving

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.**

## The Benedicamus - The Benediction

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with Thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn:

*“Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way”*

*Hymn 383*

## **Postlude**

### Outreach Thought

Luke 16:1-15: When it comes to using our finances, most times we don't think of it in an evangelism sense. The Lord uses a parable to teach His disciples about being shrewd in the age in which we live. What if the world knew that your finances were dedicated to the sharing of the Gospel? How shrewd would that be? Jesus talks more about money in His parables than any other medium because He knows that money can get between us and Him. Knowing this, the Good News should be applied to our money. We are to be devoted to God rather than to money. Our priority is to be right with God. We cannot serve two masters. Our “shrewdness” can be best applied to the world as they see us live the good News in how we apply it to the use of our money. Isn't it wonderful that we can proclaim the Good News and use our money at the same time?! Thanks be to God for all the riches He has given to us.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Class - WHAT IS WORSHIP?** It's the quintessential activity of Christians throughout history. It's a lens through which the entire Bible can be explored and understood. It's been the backdrop for some of the most beautiful music ever composed, and for some of the fiercest arguments ever fought...Join us as we delve into the **Scriptural basis** for worship; as we walk through the **history and tradition** that led to the views of worship espoused in the Lutheran Confessions; and as we study the ins and outs of our own liturgy **so that Sunday mornings will make more sense!** If anything about worship has ever made you scratch your head, join us! Answers (as well as coffee and snacks) are always free!

**150th Anniversary** T-shirts can be bought in the church office during regular office hours for \$15 ea. Stop by and get yours this week!

**Rabbs Creek Wildlife Assoc.** will meet again this afternoon at the picnic grounds. Social hour starts at 4PM, meeting with election of officers at 5PM, followed by a meal. All members are encouraged to attend!

**Wendish Fest:** The 34th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society next Sunday, September 25th at Serbin, Texas. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. The traditional Wendish noon meal will be available starting at 10:30 for \$12 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$12. Make plans to attend this annual event. For more information contact 979-366-2441 or [wendish@bluebon.net](mailto:wendish@bluebon.net) or [www.texaswendish.org](http://www.texaswendish.org).

**The Holy Cross Ladies Aid** invites you to join them for the Post Oak Zone LWML Fall Rally to be held here at Holy Cross on Sunday, October 2nd. Registration starts at 1:30 and the rally will start at 2PM. The theme for the day is "Here Am I, Send Me" with guest speakers Nikki Kueck from Faith Lutheran High School and Barbara Hoffman with Epiphany Lutheran Church in Bastrop. A monetary ingathering will be collected and divided between FLHS and Epiphany. All ladies are invited to join us for a fun afternoon! Bring a friend!!

**Mission Festival Sunday** - This year's Mission Festival Sunday will be on October 9. Our speaker will be Pastor Karim Baidaoui, the Mission Director for Disciples of the Way. It's been several years since Pastor Baidaoui visited Holy Cross, so make plans to join us for worship and Bible class to hear how Disciples of the Way has been sharing the Gospel for over a decade!

**Missionary Visiting Warda** - In addition to our Mission Festival, Holy Cross was approached about the opportunity to welcome another missionary to present the details of her mission to Taiwan. Miss Rebecca Bartelt will be joining us during the mid-week Bible Study on Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans to attend and hear about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and Miss Bartelt's efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!

**Lutheran Witness** - It's time to renew our Lutheran Witness subscriptions for 2023. Cost for next year is \$14.50 per subscription. If you are not receiving it and would like to, or want to change your address or cancel you subscription, please call the church office by October 12th. Thanks!

## FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### 8th Grade Visit Day

8th grade students from our area private schools will be joining us on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 21st. This annual visit event is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. If you have an 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday.. Pastor Jason Kaspar of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church will be leading us this week. This week, due to 8th grade visit day, chapel will begin at 11:30.

### Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 22nd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. **New this year will be - The Battle of the Brew** - a home brew competition. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, and lots of fun! More details will be coming very soon!!!

### Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available. Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meal will be available on Saturday, October 22 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$12 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board member or delegate, or stop by the Holy Cross church office today!!

### 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 Nikki Kueck to learn more.

### 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 you can share them with your friends!



**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by David, Linda, Doug and Lorie Lehmann in memory of Robert Lehmann and in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of David and Linda on September 27th and Doug and Lorie on September 22nd.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

Freddie Zoch, in Encompass Rehab for physical therapy

Whitney Swearingen, daughter-in-law of Tommy & Lana Swearingen, approved for a kidney transplant, waiting on a suitable donor match

Robert Grimm, dad of Matthew Grimm, doing well, recovering from major surgery

Loretta Brugger, mom of Wayne Brugger, undergoing treatments for cancer

Evelyn Cervenka, mother of Debbie Knox, recovering from foot surgery following an auto accident, now in physical therapy

Helen Schlotterbeck, mother of Karen Schubert, undergoing treatments for cancer

Jo Ann Fehrle, friend of Lawrine Heinrich, undergoing treatments for bladder cancer

Sweetpea Brown, cousin of Howard Konetzke, under hospice care

# THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

September 18, 2022

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. Dustin Beck                   | Pastor             |
| Mrs. Carol Schramm                 | Organist           |
| Mrs. Dolores Wolf                  | Greeter            |
| Mr. Jonathan Kueck                 | Lector             |
| Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth              | Audio/Video System |
| Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch | Elders on Duty     |
| Eleanor Carey & Callie Wagner      | Acolytes           |

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

|                     |            |  |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| TODAY               | 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Service w/Holy Communion          |
|                     | 10:15 a.m. | Bible Class & Sunday School              |
|                     | 4:00 p.m.  | Rabbs Creek Wildlife                     |
| <br>WEDNESDAY       | 10:30 a.m. | FLHS Chapel with Pastor Kaspar           |
|                     | 5:30 p.m.  | Nominating Committee (rescheduled)       |
|                     | 6:00 p.m.  | Jr. Confirmation                         |
|                     | 6:30 p.m.  | Bible Study                              |
| <br>THURSDAY        | 9:00 a.m.  | Sewing Circle                            |
| <br>FRIDAY—SATURDAY |            | Pastor’s Wives Retreat at Camp Lone Star |
| <br>Next Sunday     |            | <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>  |
|                     | 9:00 a.m.  | Divine Service                           |
|                     | 10:15 a.m. | Bible Class & Sunday School              |
|                     |            | Wendish Fest                             |

### Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 149    Bible Class: 42  
Sunday School: 18

### Our Response to God’s Blessings

|   | <u>September 4</u> | <u>September 11</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Estimated General Fund Weekly Need                  | \$ 4,610           | \$ 4,610            |
| Offering Received                                   | \$ 3,010           | \$ 6,245            |
| Short/Over  | \$ (1,600)         | \$ 1,635            |
| Offerings received through e-giving September 1-15: | \$621.64           |                     |