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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
WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
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Sunday, October 5, 2025

Seventeenth 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:

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by "*destruction and violence*" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "*is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth*" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "*the righteous shall live by his faith*" (Hab. 2:4). "*Temptations to sin are sure to come*" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "*increase our faith*" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "*unworthy servants*" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "*by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "*life and immortality to light*" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "*follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,*" by which He guards you "*in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 1:13).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymn 359

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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

C ♪ Amen.

Matthew 28:20

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

C ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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 and 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.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalms 119: 162, 164-165, 167; antiphon v. 166*

I hope for your salvation, O Lord,
and I do your commandments.

I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.

Seven times a day I praise you

for your just and righteous decrees.
Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.
My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.
I hope for your salvation, O Lord,
and I do your commandments.

GLORIA PATRI

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

KYRIE

C **♪** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have
mercy upon us. *Mark 10:47*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C **♪** Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we
give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King. God
the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the
Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. Amen. *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **♪** And with thy spirit.
P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear
the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we
may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
C **♪** Amen.

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1-2; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own pur-

pose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

VERSE

Luke 17:3b

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know My Faith is Founded

Hymn 381

SERMON

“Jesus, Teach Us to Live by Faith”

[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.

Psalm 51:10-12

[Please sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 17:10 – “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’” We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance

with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the church. And what a blessing it is to give to the church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in our community.

[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.

Father in heaven, You give to Your people a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control. Bless Your people with winsomeness and wisdom, that they might confidently speak Your Word in faith and love to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, remember our pastors whom You have called to a holy calling. Embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus, and strengthen them by Your power to suffer courageously for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other, and strengthen them in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that orphans may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, hear us on behalf of those who exercise authority over us, who order us according to our laws, who execute justice and who defend us against our enemies. Bless our president; Congress; governor; legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Rock, grant faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing to those who are suffering from the effects of sin in their bodies or minds especially Carol, Courtney, Layne, Nelson, and all those on our hearts and minds. Be their refuge so they are not shaken even in times of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This day we rejoice that our sins are forgiven in the washing of Baptism, the declaration of absolution, and the eating and drinking of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continually strengthen our faith through Your Word, and prepare our hearts to faithfully receive this divine gift, which brings the immortal body and blood of Jesus to our very lips. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, strengthen us against all temptation and guard our steps, that in our weakness or in our liberty, we do not cause others to sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You. Comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on Your appointed day and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **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

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

Hymn 373

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Hymn 370

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 315

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.* *Psalm 107:1*

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB Hymn 850

**printed on following page*

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 17:1-10: Every Sunday we pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” As we heed these words and forgive as we have been forgiven, we are giving a tremendous witness to the love of God found in Jesus Christ. May our forgiving lead others to the ultimate forgiveness given through the cross.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next Sunday, our readings take us into the book of Ruth, in which a young, Moabite widow, boldly refuses to return to her people and their gods. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a group of lepers and one of them, a Samaritan, returns, giving Him thanks. In both cases, the faithful want to be where Jesus is! Join us next week to hear more! Readings are: Ruth 1:1-19; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19.



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 113 Bible Class: 28 Sunday School: 10

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASS - If you've ever looked closely at the engraved stone on the outside wall of our church, you may have noticed the letters "U.A.C." carved just below the congregation's name. U.A.C. refers to the "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." What does this mean? I'm glad you asked! We are studying the Augsburg Confession, one of the Lutheran Church's foundational documents. First presented on June 24, 1530, this confession demonstrated the Reformers' adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints and also called into question those teachings of Medieval Roman Catholicism that were contrary to the Word of God. Join us as continue our study of history, doctrine, and of course, Scripture!

The LWML Zone Rally is this afternoon in Lincoln. Any ladies that would like to car pool from church should be here no later than 1:15 to catch a ride.

Matching Funds Opportunity: The Couple's Club has pledged \$5,000 in matching funds to the Picnic Hall Renovation Fund. It is our hope that this will encourage others to contribute to this fund also. The Club will match your donation dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Checks should be made to Holy Cross and noted Picnic Hall Renovation in the memo line. They can be put in the offering plate or brought by the church office. Thank you for your consideration!

The "After Picnic Meeting" will be held this Wednesday, October 8th, at 6:00PM at the picnic grounds. All committee chairman are asked to attend as we review this year's picnic and make notes for next year.

Game Day - Everyone is invited to join us for Game Day on Thursday, October 16, from noon-2PM in the fellowship hall. A light lunch is provided followed by games and fellowship. Invite a friend and come join us for a fun afternoon!

St. James Roast Beef Dinner: You are invited to the LWML Roast Beef Dinner next Sunday, October 12, at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. Serving begins at 11:00, drive thru only, and plates are \$15 each. Plates include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, and dessert. This is our annual fundraiser for the LWML, and all proceeds go directly to missions. Please come and support our mission projects while enjoying some great food!

Family Fun Night at Camp Lone Star: Join us on Tuesday, October 14, from 5:30-7:30 for a Great Pumpkin Party with dinner, pumpkin carving, and a movie. Register by October 7 at www.camplonestar.org.

The Warda Farm Bureau will meet again on Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 at 610 Giese Lane.

The Winchester Show Fund will have a drive—thru BBQ dinner on Sunday, October 19th. Plates are \$15 and include BBQ pork, tortillas, beans and cole slaw. Pick up from 10:30-12:30 at St. Michael's Park in Winchester. PreSale only tickets by today from any Winchester 4H member or at St. Michael's church office in Winchester.

Neighbors Night Out will be held on Sunday, October 19th, starting at 4PM at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Join us for a fun evening of community, good food and fellowship. Speakers will include Breck Powers from Bluff Creek Ranch (the first mountain bike ranch in Texas), Harold Atkinson speaking on oil and gas drilling/development in our area, Faith Lutheran High School speaking on the growth and progress of the school, and Frank Dawson for the Warda Watch Group. Pulled Pork Sandwiches, hot dogs and Blue Bell Ice Cream will be served. RSVP's are appreciated to 979.242.3333 or holycrosswarda@gmail.com by Oct. 13 so we'll be sure we have enough food. See you there!

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event on Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This is our big meeting for fall: we're packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We can use as many helpers as possible, since our goal is to pack 40 boxes! If any congregation members would like to contribute toward supplies for this project, please consider donating an Amazon gift card to help defray the cost. We will pack both necessities and fun items for children in need. Any and all help is greatly appreciated! Contact Sunny Woelfel if you'd like to make a contribution, and girls, we'd love to see you there!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only by October 14th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. It is going to be a great day - you aren't going to want to miss this! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

Battle of the... Competition !

The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions, are back so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below).

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

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

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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League by the Holy Cross Ladies Aid.



Carol Jurk, in PAM Rehab in Luling for physical therapy

Courtney Wagner

Layne Huenefeld

Nelson Zoch, cousin of Ann Bamsch, various health issues

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society & Museum would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers to make the 37th Annual Wendish Fest a success! Without your generous support and the support of our amazing community, our beloved festival would not be possible. TWHS greatly appreciates everyone who supported, volunteered, brought their family and friends out or participated in any capacity! We look forward to seeing everyone next year on September 27, 2026!

Those who serve today: October 5, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Ben Jurk

Pastor
Organist
Audio/Video System
Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Brian Varner & Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Confirmation
MONDAY	8:00 a.m.	Board of Ed
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Pastors Circuit Mtg. in Lexington
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:05 a.m.	FLHS Chapel led by Mr. Justin Fierro
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:00 p.m.	After-Picnic Meeting
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Couple's Club
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Group

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>9/21/25</u>	<u>9/28/25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 3,720	\$ 5,205
Short/Over	\$ (1,785)	\$ (300)

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)