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Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

✠ 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: *That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name*
On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "*the firstborn of the dead*" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "*the keys of Death and Hades*" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "*sharp two-edged sword*" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,*" that by such faith "*you may have life in his name*" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "*to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*" (Acts 5:31).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB Hymn 482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -




ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

[Please stand]

OPENING SENTENCES


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P O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C  And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Psalm 51:15

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C  Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

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

INVITATORY AND VENITE

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

[Hebrews 10:22]

C ♪ For He is our Maker.

Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God:
and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it:
and His hands formed the dry land.
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God:
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

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

PSALMODY

PSALM OF THE DAY - *Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

[Please sit]

OFFICE HYMN

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

Hymn 208, v. 1-5

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now

when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

C 🎵 Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs

of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

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

C **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

C **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King* *Hymn 208, v. 6-10*

SERMON "Jesus, Our Lord and Our God"

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY *pg. 22*

☛  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.

[Please sit]

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

[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.

Glorious Lord, You have worked the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Give strength to our praise, and let our hearts and mouths be filled with the joy of Your wondrous works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification. By His holy wounds, bless us with the forgiveness of sins, and bless those sent to serve us in Your name, that Your Church would be built up in our time and in the ages to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to Your promises, work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for Your unending grace and steadfast love, that they might return to the faith and delight in Your Son, crucified and raised for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You sent Your angel to free the apostles from prison, that they would speak of the life of Christ. Send Your holy angels to minister to those imprisoned on account of the testimony of Jesus, and embolden Your whole Church to give a faithful and loving witness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray You to lead and guide Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Greg, our governor; the legislature of Texas; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, You open Your hand to supply the needs for all of creation according to Your gracious will. Look with favor upon this land and send rain to water the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Great Physician, even the shadows of Your apostles brought healing to the afflicted people of Jerusalem. As we rest under the shadow of Your wings, heal Your afflicted servants, especially Frances, Courtney, Linda, Al, Layne, and Christine, that they would rejoice in Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us, and gladden our hearts as He comes to us in His body and blood with forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Alpha and Omega, almighty God, who was and is and is to come, with You all the souls of the faithful rest in safety and in the assurance of the resurrection of all flesh. Make safe our way to join them, and bring us with John and all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

☐ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ ♪ **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. But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS

C **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Matthew 6:9-13

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

John 20:19

C **♪ Amen.**

If you are unable to climb the chancel steps without assistance, please come forward at this time.

C **♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

John 1:29

Silent Prayer before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul at the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense</i>	Hymn 206
<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Again</i>	Hymn 190
<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared</i>	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.



[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.** 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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Hymn 47

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: John 20:19-31: On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to His disciples when Thomas was absent. In joy, the disciples told Thomas: “We have seen the Lord!” Their witness was true, even though Thomas doubted at first. Just because someone does not believe our witness to Jesus as our Lord and Savior should not discourage us from sharing our faith. Sharing is both our challenge and our privilege. Changing hearts is God’s work. And thanks be to God, we have a patient and compassionate Savior who welcomes and encourages us in our doubts to “poke and prod” and says, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!”

LOOKING AHEAD: Next Sunday, the church continues to rejoice in the joys of Christ's resurrection from the dead! He appears to seven of His disciples next to the Sea of Tiberius, where He transforms their unproductive night of fishing into a miraculous catch! In Acts, we see Saul converted on the road to Damascus to witness to the faith he once tried to destroy. And in Revelation, we see a glimpse into the throne-room of God and the Lamb! Readings are Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-14.

Attendance Last Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service: 70

Easter Festival Service: 226

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 plastic eggs that were used for the Easter egg hunt last week can be returned to be used again. Please return them to the box in the hallway marked Easter Eggs. Thanks!!!

The Voters Assembly will meet again on Monday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Meeting packets were put in voting members mailboxes.

The Ladies Aid invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, May 6th, at 6PM as they welcome Rebecca Bartelt, LCMS missionary in Taiwan, for a presentation and update on her work as a sacred music educator. Becky was last in the area in October 2022. We look forward to hearing more about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and her efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!

The Wednesday night Bible Study group has resumed their study on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. in the family room. For more information about this study, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event this afternoon, at 2:00 here at Holy Cross. This will be our final meeting until fall! Please join us for some devotional time, a fun activity, snacks, and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Amanda Knox Scholarship Fund Raffle LAST DAY for tickets ! We are raffling off two halves of an Angus/Wagyu calf including processing. Only 100 tickets will be sold and 2 tickets will be drawn from that group. Tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds benefit the Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used to pay the tuition for an incoming Faith Lutheran High School student. Another scholarship will be awarded this May. The raffle drawing will be held TODAY with processing of the calf set for the end of May. Thank you for your support! Contact Ron and Cyndy Zoch, Cory Knox, Megan Lamont, Nikki Kueck, Rhonda and Bobby Hentschel, or Gale and Calvin Mersiovsky for more information or for tickets.

The Couples Club will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mothers Day, May 11th. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:30 to 12:00. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may also place your order by calling J.C. & Carol Schramm at 242-3232, Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, or Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky at 968-5032 *by Monday, May 5th*. Proceeds have been designated toward remodeling the inside of the picnic hall.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

Track Season

Track Season is winding down, but not quite yet! We had 5 students participate in the TAPPS 1A Regional Meet on Friday, April 11! Our students did awesome that day, many with PR's. Kaylee ran well enough to qualify for state in the 800m and 1600m. The state track meet is Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3rd. Good luck, Kaylee!!

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 27 to May 29 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 2-3 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

June 9-11 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 16-18 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 23-25 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

8th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 30th at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM and 1 PM. 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.

New Student Registration

Registration for 2025-2026 is underway. 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.

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Accreditation Visit

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on March 30 to April 1. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS. The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.
- The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.
- The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.
- The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.
- FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.
- FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.
- Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Gray, undergoing chemo and radiation
 Courtney Wagner, undergoing chemo
 Linda Hobratschk, scheduled to start treatments this week
 Al Jurk
 Layne Huenefeld
 Christine Hunt, recovering from heart valve repair on Thursday

Those who serve today: April 27, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Jane Chapman	Greeter
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk	Audio/Video System
Bryn Henderson	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.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & S.S.
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS
MONDAY—WEDNESDAY		Christine Out of Office
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & S.S.

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)