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Divine Service with
Holy Communion
9:00am

Bible Class and
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sunday, September 7, 2025

Thirteenth 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:

Christ Jesus Has Paid the Cost of Discipleship for You

A disciple of Jesus Christ will "*bear his own cross*" (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with "*all that he has*" (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows "*his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life*" (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as "*life and good, death and evil*" (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to "*choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him*" (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, "*that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord*" (Philemon 14).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

Hymn 421

[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.**

Psalm 124:8

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

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

Psalm 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 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.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Psalm 119: 28-32; antiphon v. 27

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!

Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

I set your just decrees before me.
I cling to your testimonies, O Lord;
let me not be put to shame!
I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!
Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

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.

KYRIE

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

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. *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

☩ The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
☩ **♪** And with thy spirit.
☩ O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us
all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☩ **♪** Amen.

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 3:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but

now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Galatians 6:14

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with

ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 54

SERMON

“Jesus, Our Life”

[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 14:33 – “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God’s purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It’s not “ours,” it’s His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.

[Please stand]

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Becky Boswell, Debbie Frederick, Joshua & Apryle Gussman & family, Ricky & Mildred Nietzsche, Dylan Schautschick, Pat & Tammy Slaughter

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.

You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod; Matthew, our Synod president; Jon, our district president; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ’s Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this

state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us especially Tasha, Wayne, and all those on our hearts and minds. Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **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

Just as I Am, without One Plea

Hymn 388

Beautiful Savior

Hymn 657

Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

Hymn 451

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

Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Hymn 416

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 14:25-35: In His teaching, Jesus said that salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? Jesus taught that we, as His followers, are like salt on Earth to season and preserve good things. Witnessing to Jesus is the best way that we can be like salt to this world

LOOKING AHEAD: Looking Ahead: Next Sunday, we turn our attention to the theme of sheep and their shepherd. Think of next Sunday as a "little" Good Shepherd Sunday. We won't hear Jesus' words from John 10 about being the Good Shepherd and the Door for the sheep, but we will hear His words concerning sheep who have wandered from the fold. How will the shepherd respond to such a situation? Well, that's what makes Him so very GOOD! Join us next Sunday to hear more! Readings are Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:5-17; Luke 15:1-10.

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!

A special called Voters meeting will be held next Sunday, September 14th, immediately following our worship service to discuss and vote on roofing bids received by the Trustees for the church and new building.

The Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 pm in the Library. They'll be making plans for Neighbors Night Out, scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend! More details coming soon!

Attention all Parents: Please fill out the Christmas Eve program form (s) on your children that was in your church mailbox last month, and return them to either Sunny Woelfel or Shirley Varner. Please note the sections of the solo's, instruments or special parts. As we are adding extra parts to the program, the information provided from these forms will enable us to help your child become more comfortable with their performance. If you have miss-placed the form, please let us know and we will provide you with another one. Thank you! Sunny 979-716-0002, Shirley 979-966-3231

Game Day - Our monthly game days have been a big hit for everyone who has joined us! Our next one will be Thursday, September 18, from noon-2PM with a light lunch provided. Invite a friend to join us for a fun afternoon!

Lee County 4H Annual Fried Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 21st. Drive-thru only at the Lincoln Community Center from 10AM-12:30PM. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased from Dylan, Weston, or Hank Beck by September 16th.

WENDISH FEST: The 37th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 28, 2025 in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Pastor Roland Ziegler, Pastor John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Pastor Christopher Ahlman (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptači Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the museum or Katy Kasper. For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org

Wendish Fest Help Needed- We are looking for a few fill in volunteers for this year's Wendish Fest on Sept 28th. We have an urgent need for meal ticket sales from 9:30-12pm. If you would like to help this year, in any area, please let us know by calling the museum 979-366-2441, Katy 832-721-7283 or emailing museum@texaswendish.org. The most up to date worklist is available at the museum or on the bulletin board.

The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund is selling tickets for a fried chicken dinner to be held on Sunday, October 5th. The meal consists of 3 pieces of fried chicken, noodles, green beans, and coleslaw. Tickets are \$15, presale only. Plates can be picked up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10am to noon. Only 250 tickets will be sold so get yours today! Tickets will be available every Sunday after church or you can contact Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166 or cyndy.zoch@gmail.com.



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 beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 25th

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. **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). Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, live music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event!

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.

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 sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (flhstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tasha Singh, home following hospitalization for an infection
Wayne Wessels, friend of Lee Heselmeyer, having health issues

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped clean up before picnic. Over 70 people showed up that night and that made for a few hours of work and more hours of fellowship! Thanks again!

Thank you to each and everyone that contributed to another record breaking church picnic! Your contributions ensure that our children get the opportunity to attend schools where Christ is the central focus of their education. Thanks to everyone that bought and donated items to our various organizations, and most importantly thank you for donating your time and talents to make this such a successful event. Lord willing, we'll do this again next year! *Chris Kovar, Picnic Chairman*

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 70
No Bible Class or Sunday School due to picnic

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>8/17</u>	<u>8/24</u>	<u>8/31</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 5,835	\$ 5,360	\$ 3,135
Short/Over	\$ 330	\$ (145)	\$ (2,370)

Those who serve today: September 7, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Cindy Heselmeyer	Greeter
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Presley Landry & Kennedy Mrozek	Acolytes

Elders on Duty
Mr. Cory Knox
Mr. David Weishuhn

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 (1st yr.)
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Constitution Committee
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Circuit Mtg. in La Grange
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Group
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:05 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation (2nd yr.)
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

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)