



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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**'TIS GOOD  
LORD,  
TO BE HERE.**



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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**  
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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration

✠ 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:**

***The Glory of God Is Manifested in the Body of Christ***

*"Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant,"* but Christ Jesus *"has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses"* (Heb. 3:3, 5). A beloved and well-pleasing Son, faithful even to the point of death, Jesus' own body was raised up on the third day as the house of God, and He has brought us into that house through the waters of Holy Baptism (Heb. 3:6). Thus, it was not Moses, the lawgiver, but his successor, Joshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus), who led the people into the Promised Land (Deut. 34:1–4, 9). Now, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the New Testament Joshua appears in the glory that He is about to manifest by His *"departure"* (exodus) in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). Having entered the waters of the Jordan in His Baptism, He passed through those waters and entered into glory by His cross and Passion. What He thereby accomplished in His own flesh and blood, crucified and risen, He reveals and gives to His Body, the Church, by the means of His Word. Therefore, the Father declares from heaven, *"Listen to him!"* (Luke 9:35).

**PRELUDE - *Selected***

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*“See This Wonder in the Making”*

*LSB Hymn 593*

1. See this wonder in the making:  
God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.

3. Far more tender than a mother,  
Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place her,  
With Your love and peace embrace her.

2. Miracle each time it happens  
As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Beloved,  
Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

4. Here we bring a child of nature;  
Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter,  
Born again by Word and water.

## THE BAPTISM OF ELINOR LOUISE SMITH

*[Please stand]*

### 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 82:1-4, 9, 11; antiphon v. 4*

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,  
**ever singing Your praise!**

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
**O LORD of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
**my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Behold our shield, O God;  
**look on the face of Your anointed!**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
**No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**


Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,  
**ever singing Your praise!**

**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, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**  Amen.

*[Please sit]*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## EPISTLE READING

*Hebrews 3:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

**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

*Psalms 45:2a*

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

**P** You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL


*Luke 9:28-36*

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

**C** **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C**  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

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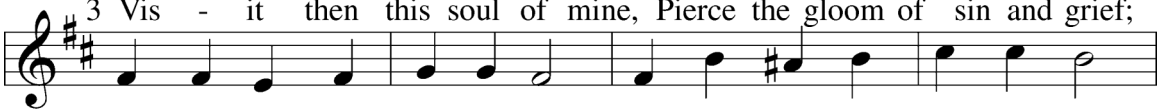
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

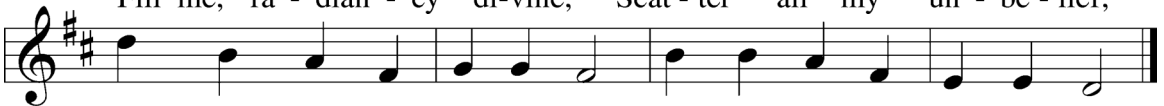
*LSB Hymn 873*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

## SERMON

“Jesus, God’s Chosen One”

*[Please stand]*

## 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.**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

*[Please sit]*

**RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS** - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** Luke 9:36 – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).

*[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.

Heavenly Father, in prayer Your Son, Jesus, revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. Grant that we, also gathered in prayer, would see Him by faith and receive from Him the redemption He has accomplished for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You bestow honor and favor on all who dwell in Your house and withhold no good thing from them. Give us faith in Your promises, that we who worship You here may come to dwell in Your heavenly house. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, as You appointed Moses of old to lead Your people, so You sent Your Son, Jesus, to found and lead Your Church. Sustain us from age to age, and grant us teachers of righteousness to guide us in the days to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, by the blood of Your Christ, He has purified His Bride, the Church. Strengthen her and give her unity of doctrine and piety. Bless this holy house, that



those who enter here may do so in faith, reverence and fear of You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, all authority is given by You and our times are in Your hands. Give wisdom to our president and those in public office, that they may govern according to Your good will. Bless the work of this congregation to reach the lost of this city. Grant favorable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and prosper all honorable vocations, businesses and industries. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most merciful God, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick and the dying especially Raymond, David, Courtney, Kimberly, Stacey, Joan, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we praise You, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Give us ears to hear Your voice speaking through Your Word, holy lips to receive Christ's blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, and holy awe at Your glory granted to us in the Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; 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

**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. And now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fullness of Thy glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the com-

pany 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

*O Gladsome Light, O Grace*

*Hymn 101*

O God of God, O Light of Light  
Renew Me, O Eternal Light  
Thy Table I Approach  
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 132  
Hymn 398  
Hymn 310  
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.

**POSTLUDE**

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Luke 9:28-36: Jesus was fully and truly human like you and me and each of the disciples. In many of their day to day situations, all that the disciples could see was that Jesus was human like them; they couldn't begin to comprehend that He was at the same time the perfect and holy Son of God. As His outward appearance changed (transfigured) before them, they were given a glimpse of the full glory of who Jesus is as both 100% God and 100% Man. We have not seen the transfigured Jesus with our human eyes, but we have seen Him with our eyes of faith, and that vision of a beautiful, powerful Savior helps us to share clearly and boldly the hope we have in Jesus.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Today is Transfiguration Sunday...and as the hymn "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" puts it, "we may not remain." From Transfiguration, the church has historically moved into Lent, the 40 days set aside to remember Jesus' road toward the cross. It starts with His temptation in the wilderness and the assaults of the devil. Join us next week to see Jesus, our Champion, fight the battles of temptation--and win! Readings are Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

**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 Ladies Aid** invites all ladies to join us for Bunco Night this Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Never played Bunco? No worries - it's easy to learn! Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other church friends. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call or text Cindy Heselmeyer at (713) 628-1056.

**The Wednesday night Bible Study group** will take a break during Lent. They will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30p.m.

**Wood Splitting** - All picnic BBQ cookers are asked to grab your favorite chain saw and gloves and join us at the picnic grounds at 3PM on Sunday, March 16th, to cut and split wood for the picnic. Please bring your own beverages and/or snacks. Any questions? Call Scott Schramm at 966-2394.

**The Warda Bunch Show Fund** (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have their BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 5th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$12.00/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders only by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board or by texting Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372, Larry Woelfel at (979) 540-8730, or calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 (leave a message) by Wednesday, March 26. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

**The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser meal on Sunday, March 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the Serbin Picnic grounds. The meal will consist of freshly fried fish, potato salad, brown beans, cole-slaw and hush puppies. The cost is \$15 per plate. Reservations will be taken at the museum by phone (979-366-2441) or email ([musem@texaswendish.org](mailto:musem@texaswendish.org)).

**The annual BBQ chicken fundraiser** benefiting the Manheim Parish Renovation Fund is Sunday, March 16 at the Lincoln Community Center. It is drive-thru only. Cost: whole chicken \$15; pint of noodles \$4; pint of beans \$3; and cup of sauce \$2.

<u><b>Our Response to God's Blessings</b></u>		
	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,090
Short/Over	\$ (2,005)	\$ (2,415)



### **National Lutheran Schools Week**

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Education. As we prepare to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, we are grateful for the opportunity to join with almost 2,000 Lutheran schools and pre-schools across the nation and world who share our mission of sharing the message of Christ with our students each day! Thank you for enabling and allowing us to do this great work for Him!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Two new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to **Friday, March 7, 2025** will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Spring Raffle**

TODAY is the LAST DAY to get tickets for the FLHS Spring Raffle!! They are \$20 each. Drawing will begin Monday, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year & 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

### **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.

## Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Elinor Louise Smith.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Raymond Matthijetz, back at home

David Lehmann, recovering from back surgery

Courtney Wagner, scheduled for surgery on March 12

Kimberly Davis, daughter of Glenda (Walther) Davis, in Dell Seton Hospital

Stacey Stastny, friend of Katy Kasper, recovering from successful surgery to remove a tumor

Joan Miertschin, cousin of Dee Herbert & Danny Jurk, in Monument Hill for rehab

This morning, we welcome Elinor Louise Smith to God's family through the waters of holy baptism. Elinor is the daughter of Matthew and Sami Smith and the granddaughter of Terry and Kathy (Steglich) Smith. She was born February 2, 2025. Her witnesses are Colin Richard Byrne and Augusta Faison-Lowe Bailey.

Congratulations to Mike Tabbert and Loni Ingram who were united in marriage yesterday in Giddings.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of † Eugene Zoch † who passed away on Tuesday, February 25th. His funeral was here at Holy Cross on Friday.

*Those who serve today: March 2, 2025*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Brenda Woelfel	Greeter
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Lector
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Hailey Bamsch	Acolyte

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.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	8:00 a.m.	Board of Ed
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid—Bunco Night!
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation—both classes
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00-12:00	Pick Up Youth Pork Steak Meals

### **Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 131 Bible Class: 43 Sunday School: 26

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)