



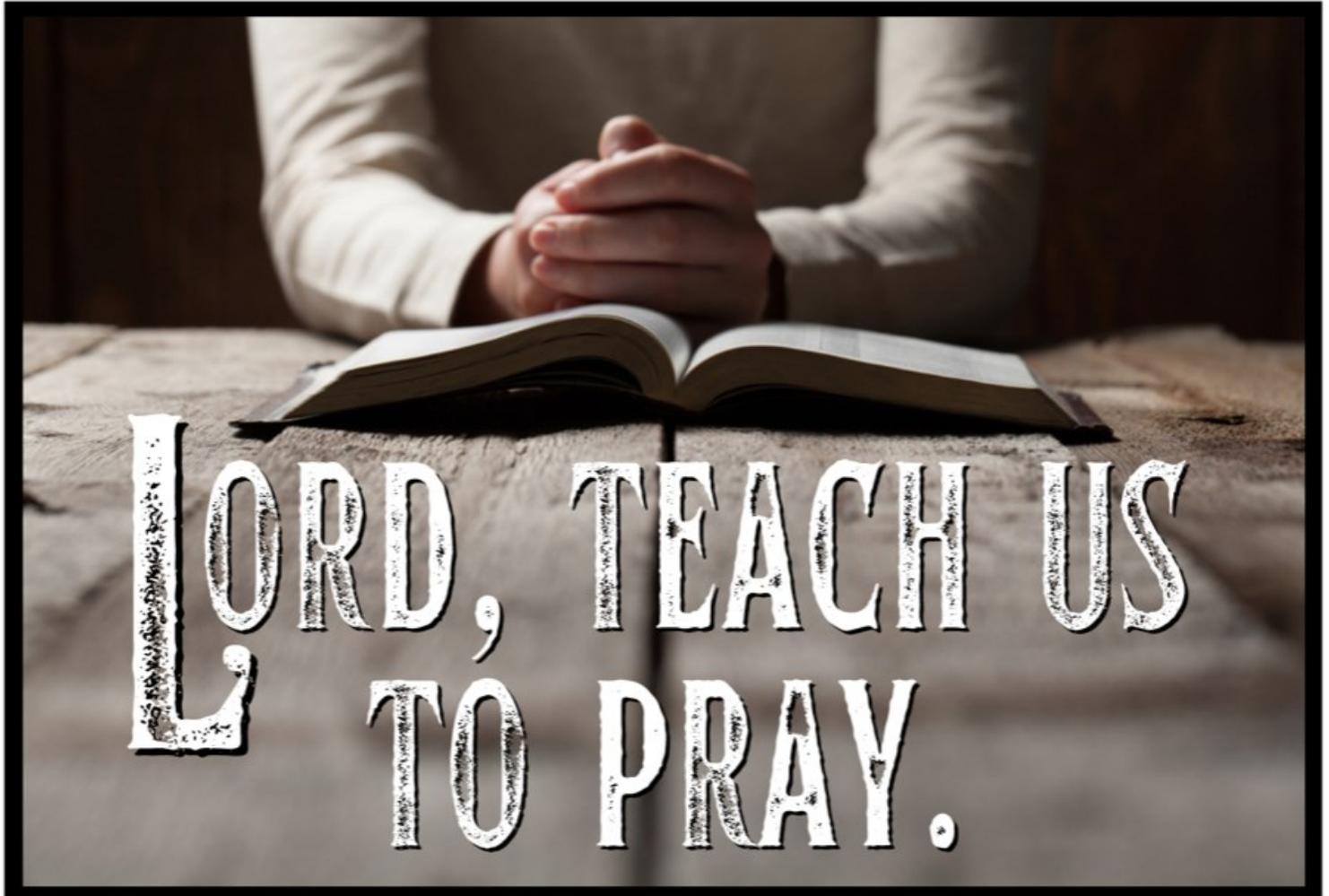
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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149 Years of God's Grace
Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

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

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. BOX 69 WARD, TX 78960

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you"* (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, *"how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him"* (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would *"surely become a great and mighty nation"* (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus' name, we also hold *"fast to the Head"* (Col. 2:19), *"rooted and built up in him and established in the faith"* (Col. 2:6-7).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

Entrance Hymn: "Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender" Hymn 240

[please stand]

Opening Sentences

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P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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!**

The Invitatory and Venite

P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

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.
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.**

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

Call upon me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

**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.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

[be seated]

Hymn: “Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” Hymn 458, v. 1-5

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:17-33 (ESV)

¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

C: ♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6-19 (ESV)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

C: ♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

[please rise and face the Pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

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

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

C: ♪ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

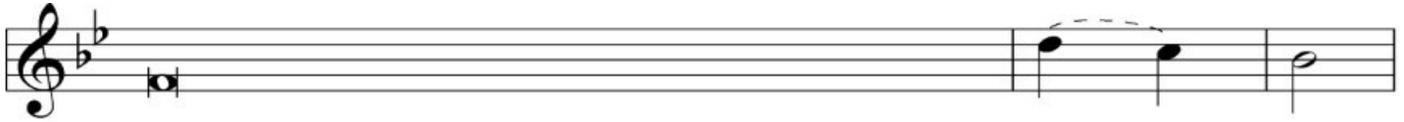
Children’s Message

Hymn:

“Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above” Hymn 458, v. 6-9

Sermon

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”



1 We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of - - - Sab - a - oth!
3 The noble army of martyrs - - - praise Thee;



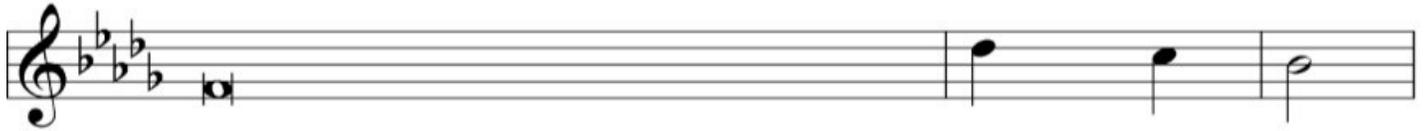
1 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father ev - er - last - ing.
2 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo - ry.
3 the holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee.



1 To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the - powers there - in;
2 The glorious company of the Apostles - - praise Thee;
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son,
4 Thou art the King of Glory, - - - O Christ.



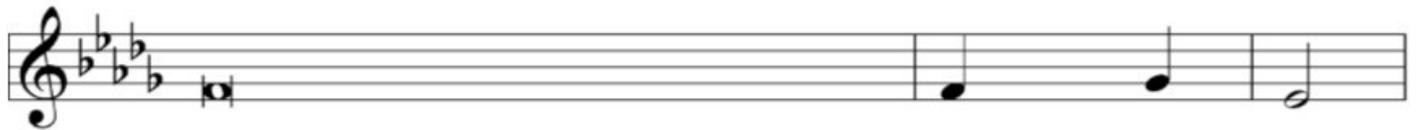
1 To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the - proph - ets praise Thee;
3 also the Holy - - - Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 Thou art the everlasting Son - of the Fa - ther.



5 When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - - liv - er man,
6 Thou sittest at the right - - - - hand of God
7 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy - - serv - ants,



5 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 In the glory - - - - of the Fa - ther.
7 whom Thou hast redeem-ed - - with Thy pre-cious blood.



5 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - sharp-ness of death.
6 We believe that - - - - Thou shalt come
7 Make them to be number-ed - - - with Thy saints



5 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - live - ers.
6 to - - - - be our Judge.
7 in glory - - - - ever - last - ing.



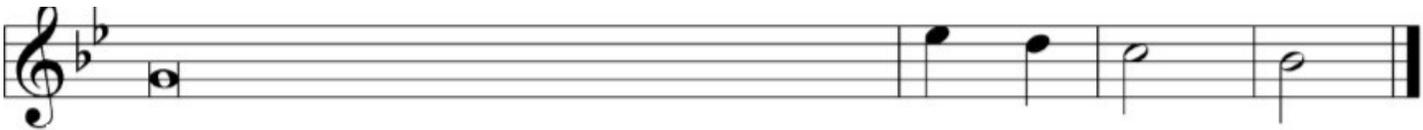
8 O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine - her - i - tage.
9 Vouchesafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



8 Govern them and lift - - them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



8 Day by day we - - - - magni - fy Thee.
9 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



8 And we worship thy name ever - - - world with - out end
9 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

The Receipt of Gifts and Offerings

Pause to Ponder

Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?” A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

The Prayers of the Day

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us to pray that Your name would be hallowed and Your kingdom come, and for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us trusting hearts that turn to You in all joy and sorrow, finding in Your fatherly goodness and will all that we ask, seek, need or desire. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You give us all good things in due season. Today, we pray for rain, Lord. The fields are withering, ponds are drying up, and our land is scorched. We ask that you please open the heavens and bring the waters down from above. Bring down nourishing rains, that the land may be quenched and bring life back into this Earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, You have given all rule and authority to Jesus Christ, our Lord. May our homes be permeated by Your Word, that all families may dwell in the light of Your Son. Grant Your Holy Spirit to husbands and wives, parents and children, young and old, and all who live alone, that we may not be taken captive by the spirit of the world but rather built up into Him who is the Head. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You judge the sinful deeds of man in righteousness. Grant us civil leaders who serve in accordance with Your will, condemning what is evil and approving what is good. May all nations be brought to see the wisdom and glory of Your Son and dwell together in peace and humility. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, You give good gifts to Your children. Grant Your Holy Spirit to all those who suffer in body, mind and soul, that confident in Your mercy, they may look to You for comfort and peace in their afflictions. Grant them healing according to Your will and patience to bear their crosses. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; 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 Kyrie

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♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in His promise, we are bold to pray:

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

The Salutation & The Collect for Grace

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy Spirit.

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen

The Benedicamus and Benediction

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P: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymn 457

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Luke 11:1-13: How often have you stood before a full table or before a gathering of people and everyone looks at each other but no one wants to be the one to pray? Prayer is not a natural inclination of those who are sinful by nature and sinful in thought, word and deed. We need to be taught how to pray because prayer is so often seen as only an emergency measure, or a desperate attempt to get a higher power to act on our behalf when we're in trouble. One of the best ways we can share the Good News is by demonstrating a prayer life that reflects an honest communication with God; the ability to, in times of celebration and in times of need, to speak with God as a child speaks to their dear father. That's what Jesus taught His disciples and that's what we can share when we openly pray throughout the day letting the whole world know that before we do anything, we talk to God first in prayer.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class - Join us in studying the Minor Prophet book of Amos! This fiery book introduces us to the themes of God's judgment in the Old Testament, the depths of Israel's sin (and ours!) and how even a few brief words of comfort can bind up our broken consciences and can point us to Jesus, Who alone can restore us to life!

The Voters Assembly will meet again tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Meeting packets were put in voting members mailboxes.

The Ladies Aid will meet on Tuesday August 2 at 7 pm for a fun trivia night. There will be teams competing and prizes given. If you've ever thought about joining this great group of ladies, this might be a good time to come and join in on the fun!

Personal Care Kits - The Ladies Aid is collecting items for personal care health kits that will be assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief. We are currently needing light weight dark colored bath towels (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), and bath size bars of soap in original wrapping. These items may be left in the hallway by the food pantry items for the next few weeks. Thank you!

Pictures are still being collected for the 150th anniversary celebration next April. If you have pictures of church activities that would be fun to share, please bring them by the church office for Christine to scan or email them to holycrosswarda@gmail.com so they can be included in the memory book being prepared for that event.

Camp Lone Star annual picnic will be held on Sunday, July 31st at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. The day includes music starting at 10:30 am, an outdoor worship service at 11:00, a barbecue meal at noon, and the benefit auction from 1-3 pm. The swimming pool will also be open from 1-2:30 pm for those wanting to enjoy the cool water. Each year Camp Lone Star serves over 11,000 individuals through their retreats, outdoor education, and of course our summer camp ministry. This annual event is a great opportunity to show support for Camp Lone Star and help it to continue the ministry into the future!

South Lee County VFD 42nd annual BBQ Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 13th, at the Serbin picnic grounds. BBQ by the pound will be available starting at 4:30. BBQ plates with all the trimmings will be available starting at 5PM. Plates are \$12.00 each. Music by the Lost Cause Band will go from 3:30—6:00. The live auction will begin at 6:30. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Limited Hours This Week

The FLHS office will have limited hours this week for staff vacations. Please call 979-242-2889 and leave a message or send an email to kueckn@flhstx.org if you need anything.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Help us clear our list! Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

Amazon Smile

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation. Thanks to you, our 1st quarter donation from Amazon was almost \$100!! Thank you!!

Commuting from Bastrop?

FLHS has some students in the Bastrop and surrounding community who would benefit from carpooling to Faith during the school year. Are you already coming this direction? Please call Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

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 currently looking to utilize Action Grants for our back to school activities!



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Delbert and Judy Zoch in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary on July 13th.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Healing for several others in the community with COVID

All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and various other illness

Our sympathy to Gale and Calvin Mersiovsky and family on the death of Gale's dad, Robert Vanek, on Thursday morning. Funeral services were pending on Friday morning.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

July 24, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Carol Schramm
Mrs. Oranell Dunk
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk
Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch
Andrew Davis

Pastor
Organist
Greeter
Audio/Video System
Elders on Duty
Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.	Ordination & Installation service for Gary Johnson at Zion Lutheran Church in Schulenburg
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid make Cole Slaw for Camp Lone Star
Next Sunday	<i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School Camp Lone Star Annual Picnic

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 131 Bible Class: 43

Sunday School: 10