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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
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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ninth 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:

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "*the word of the LORD came to him*" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "*believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness*" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "*descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore*" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "*to give you the kingdom*" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "*do not be anxious about your life,*" but instead "*seek his kingdom*" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "*Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming*" (Luke 12:35, 40).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Hymn 446

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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

C **♪ Amen.**

Matthew 28:20

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **♪ Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

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

C **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy up on and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **♪ Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalms 147: 8-11, antiphon v. 7*

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

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.
☐ Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who
offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in
the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☐ **♪** Amen.

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

[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

Hebrews 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward

to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

VERSE

Luke 12:32

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-40

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


C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Hymn 263


SERMON

“Jesus, the Basis of Christian Courage”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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G  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 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

[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.

Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy especially Jeanette, Bryn, Dennis, and all those on our hearts and minds. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, grant Your Holy Spirit unto Your servants who recline at Your table this day. Enlighten them by Your Word as a lamp unto their feet, that they would be dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as He girds Himself to serve them with His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; 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. 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

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord

Hymn 427

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Hymn 91

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Hymn 518

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Hymn 305

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 O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 54

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 12:22-34: Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will also be. Jesus is our “Priceless Treasure” who helps us to seek

the most important things in life, like a saving faith in Jesus. Our witness to the Good News of salvation in Jesus is one of the richest possessions we can share. May we share our faith and hope with joy and excitement. Who can you make rich today by sharing Christ with them? God's grace has made you overflowing in riches to share with others today with the Good News of salvation.

LOOKING AHEAD: One of the amazing things about the Word of God is that it actually DOES things! It gives light, life, hope, and salvation! It comforts us when we grieve. It shows us Jesus. But one of the things we don't often think about God's Word doing will be the topic of our readings next Sunday. The Word of God divides. In our Gospel, Jesus will tell the disciples that He came, "not to bring peace, but division." These are hard words to hear, but they're necessary. Jesus comes to cast out darkness, evil, and the lies of the devil. Join us next week to hear more! Readings are Jeremiah 23:16-29; Hebrews 11:17-12:3; Luke 12:49-56.

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!

Game Day - Our monthly game days have been a big hit for everyone who has joined us! Our next one will be Thursday, August 21st, from noon-2PM with a light lunch provided. Invite a friend to join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting.

La Grange FFA - Join us TODAY for the Back to School Bingo Bash, hosted by La Grange FFA Booster Club at the Ellinger Community Hall. Tickets are \$25 for ages 5 and up which include a meal, tea or water and bingo cards or \$5 for ages 4 and under (only includes meal). You can pre purchase tickets online or in person with cash. We will have bucket raffle games, card games and 50/50 raffle. Join us for an afternoon of family fun! Let Katy Kasper know if you have any questions (or would like to make a raffle item donation).

Lincoln VFD annual picnic and fundraiser will be held next Saturday and Sunday, August 16 & 17, at the Lincoln Community Center in Lincoln. Saturday starts at 1PM with 42 Domino and Washer tournaments. Music by the Michael Craig Music Machine starts at 3PM. Hamburgers will be available starting at 5PM. The live auction will start at 6:30PM. Sunday is their famous fried chicken dinner with serving starting at 11AM until sold out! Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the weekend!

GEMS Ice Cream Social: We are excited to start up again for a new school year! All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday, August 24, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda, for our annual back-to-school ice cream social! Come find out more about GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) and our mission, make some new friends, and enjoy ice cream! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. See you there!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Be a Falcon! It's not too late to register for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics and numerous activities and athletics. If you know of a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! We would love to share more about Faith! Contact us by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

***Any newly enrolled student at FLHS will receive \$1,000 off of their first semester tuition - Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck for more information about this.**

First Day of School: Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 13th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Help us clear our 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. Thank you for your generous support as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

Thank You! Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support.

2025 - 2026 Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, English, Spanish
Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion
Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math, History
Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

The **Ladies Aid** will once again be taking **pre-orders for sides** for the picnic. Sides include noodles, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw. They are pint size containers for \$4.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you can call Cindy Heselmeyer at (713) 628-1056, Judy Wagner at (979) 540-0547, or Gale Mersiovsky at (979) 966-9791. All preorders must be picked up by 12PM. **When picking up your order, PLEASE state if you have a pre-order.**

The **Ladies Aid** booth always has people looking to buy **home canned/preserved items**. We would like to ask any congregation members that do canning to consider setting aside an extra jar or two of home canned items to donate to the Ladies Aid booth. We would also appreciate plants, quality handcrafted items, and items for our silent auction. If you have any questions, you can contact Gale Mersiovsky, Cindy Heselmeyer, or any of the Ladies Aid members.

Now is a great time to **be on the lookout for items you may be able to donate** to the picnic auction. Handmade items and crafts are always popular! If you have any questions about what type of items may be donated or to have an item picked up before the picnic, please call Chris Kovar at (318) 458-8558, or Brian Varner at (979) 966-3761. Items can be brought to the church office anytime this month.

REMINDER - ALL auction items must be on the list by Friday, August 29th at noon, to be included in the auction on Sunday. It's OK to bring your item that weekend, but it must be on the list by Friday at noon. Put it on the list by calling the church office, Brian Varner, or any of the auction committee members. NO NEW ITEMS will be added to the list after 12PM on Friday. Thank you!!

At the April voters assembly meeting, the **picnic proceeds** were designated with 1/2 of the auction proceeds toward the Parochial School Tuition Assistance Fund. All remaining picnic proceeds will go to the picnic fund to be used for future projects.

The ***wood, pit cleaning, and preparation*** group will meet at the picnic grounds on Friday evening, August 23rd, starting at 5:30pm to get things ready for the picnic. This group includes **ALL BBQ Cookers** plus David Lehmann, J.C. Schramm, Lance Schramm, Layne Schramm, Bobby Hentschel, Ryan Hentschel, Tommy Swearingen, Daniel Bamsch, Phillip Wagner, Wayne Brugger, Calvin Mersiovsky, David Weishuhn, Brandon Weishuhn, Randy Schramm, Darrell Schubert, Darrick Schubert, and Curtis Kieschnick.

In addition, the ***Young Adult Fellowship group*** and anyone else who is interested and willing is asked to come and help on the 22nd at 5:30 and get things set up for the picnic. Benches will be set up and pressure washed, the patio area cleaned up and washed, and the inside of the picnic hall cleaned. Everyone should bring their own refreshments and anyone interested in bringing snacks to share when the work is done is welcome to do so. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served following the work. If you will come help, please RSVP to the church office or Scott Schramm so we will be sure and have enough food. We are looking forward to a great picnic and hope to see everyone there!



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Willie and Judy Wagner's birthdays by their family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeanette Schramm, home following a brief hospital stay
Bryn Henderson, recovering from surgery to remove her tonsils
Dennis Pietsch, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Congratulations to Wayne and Julia Kappler on the birth of their 3rd grandchild, Kaitlyn Rose Gussman, born on August 4th to Joshua and Apryle (Kappler) Gussman. Excited to welcome Kaitlyn home are her siblings, Joseph and Annabelle, and her great-grandma, Annie Mae Kappler.

Those who serve today: August 10, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Ms. Karen Stephenson	Greeter
Mrs. Linda Hobratschk	Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm & Rylee Van Hale	Acolytes

Elders on Duty
Mr. Jonathan Kueck & Mr. Calvin Mersiovsky

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Jr. Confirmation Meeting

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 108 Bible Class: 26 Sunday School: 12

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)