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HE WILL
SWALLOW UP
DEATH
FOREVER.

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151 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.



Welcome to
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Festival Service

✠ 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 Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!* The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud “*that is spread over all nations*” and “*cast over all peoples*” (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to “*be glad and rejoice in his salvation*” (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast “*of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined*” (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, “*dressed in a white robe*” of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received “*by the grace of God*” is also “*delivered to you*” by the preaching of Christ, “*in which you stand, and by which you are being saved*” (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please stand and face the Processional Cross at the rear of the nave.]

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

Hymn 199

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]

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Exodus 15:1b, 2a, 6, 13, 17-18*

Choir: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain:



I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown in - to the sea.

The Lord is my strength | and my song,
and he has become my sal- | vation.*

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious | in power,
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the | enemy.*

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed,
you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.*

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,
the place, O Lord, which you have made for | your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.**

The Lord will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Refrain

KYRIE

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

Mark 10:47

HYMN OF PRAISE

He is Arisen! Glorious Word

Hymn 189

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **♪ And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through 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

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

2 Timothy 1:10b

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

P [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8


P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that He

is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

LSB Hymn 475

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|---|---|
| 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

SERMON

“The Wait is Over!”

[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.*

[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, You kept Your promise and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by His rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with Matthew, our Synod president; Michael, our district president; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on the sick and those in any need especially Frances, Rev. Al, Thelma, Charles, Clayton, August, Anthony, Louise, and those we name in our hearts today. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome

our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that You will not abandon us to Sheol but that, when we awake in the resurrection of all flesh, Your presence will give us joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

♪ **For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

John 20:19

C ♪ **Amen.**

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

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

John 1:29

Silent Prayer before Communing:

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

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Hymn 191

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Hymn 200

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Hymn 201

I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still

Hymn 196

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Hymn 206

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

The Day of Resurrection

Hymn 205

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Mark 16:1-8: The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus was, at first, hard for His followers to accept. But by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, their hearts were soon on fire for Jesus, and they eagerly shared this Good News. May the truth of the resurrection of Jesus set our hearts ablaze to share this Good News whenever we have the opportunity.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter! NO Bible Class or Sunday School today. We'll resume next week.

Easter Pictures - This morning, there is an Easter themed backdrop set up in the fellowship hall for you to take family pictures. Join the youth for breakfast and take a couple family photos. Just something fun and new for our families to do!

Spring Cleaning: Help is needed to spruce up planting beds for all who visit Holy Cross and in support of the work of the Board of Trustees. If you can help, a work session can be arranged on your schedule, subject to daylight, weather and Church activities. Please call Carolyn Lehmann at 242-3336 for more information, if you can help or if you have suggestions. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Socks and Undies Collection - The Ladies Aid is collecting new socks and underwear to support the work of Orphan Grain Train. Men's, women's, boy's and girl's—all sizes of new socks and undies are needed. A collection bin has been placed in the hallway next to the AMEN box to place these items. Any questions? Call Cindy Heselmeyer at 713-628-1056.

The Warda Bunch Show Fund (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have a BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$10.50/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 page on the bulletin board or by calling Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372 or the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 by WEDNESDAY APRIL 3rd. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund is holding two Spring raffles. The first is for an Ultimate Hill Country Experience for 2 people. This includes a 2 night stay at Carter Creek Resort and Spa, spa treatment, wine and beer tastings from Carter Creek, Pecan Street Brewing, Lost Draw Wines, William Chris Vineyards, Untamed Wine Estates, Inwood Estates, and Alstadt Brewery, restaurant gift certificates from Untamed, Pecan Street Brewing, and Carter Creek, chocolate/wine pairing from Hill Country Chocolates, and gift certificate from Yee Haw Ranch Outfitters. Total package is valued at \$1700. Tickets for this raffle are limited and will sell for \$100 each. One winner will be drawn.

For the second drawing, we will raffle off 12 items to 12 winners. The prizes in this raffle include Fishing trip for up to 2 people out of Port O'Connor and a 110 qt Igloo cooler, a Ruger .243 rifle, a Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol, wooden two-seat rocker with gift basket, 2 wooden adirondack chairs with gift basket, fried fish and

gumbo meal for 25 people, Yeti tundra 13.8 gal wheeled cooler, Yeti tundra 48 qt cooler, 1 night stay at a cabin at Busted Oaks with charcuterie board and 6 wine tastings, \$100 gift card to Los Patrones with gift basket, \$50 gift card to Reba's with gift basket, and a hand-crafted Diamond Art picture with custom frame. These tickets will sell for \$20 each.

Tickets for both raffles are on sale now with drawings held in May and June. All money raised will go toward a full scholarship awarded to an incoming freshman at Faith Lutheran High School. Tickets can be purchased from Ron and Cyndy Zoch, Cory Knox, Megan Lamont or the church office.



Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2023 is **TODAY, March 31, 2024.**

Busy Night? Dinner's On Us: FLHS Booster's Club is selling Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, La Grange, or Giddings on Monday, April 15th. Pre-order by Monday, April 8th. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

New Student Registration: Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Five new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

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 to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

7th Annual Golf Tournament: Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 31st at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM with the possibility of an afternoon flight also. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

*Thank you to all who provided the beautiful Easter Flowers this morning.
Flowers may be picked up after the 9 a.m. Festival Service.*

Lilies

In memory of Amanda (Zoch) Knox by the Zoch, Knox, and Lamont families

In memory of loved ones by Danny and Judy Jurk

In memory of my grandmother, Ruth Granberry, by Karen Stephenson

In memory of Alfred and Ruby Bohot by their children and grandchildren

In memory of David Schramm and Larry and Marie Moerbe by Kory and Amber Moerbe

In memory of Carolyn Bamsch by Ralph Bamsch

In memory of Elmo & Helen Pietsch and Daniel Pietsch by Dennis and Diann Pietsch

In memory of Elmo and Adele Schulze and Kenneth Wiederhold by Dennis and Diann Pietsch

In memory of Otto and Alice Kunze and Glenn Kunze by Mark and Karen Gerdes, Charles Kunze, and Allen Kunze

In memory of Jimmie Lehmann, Willie and Ruby Lehmann, Billy and JoAnn Lange, and John and Renata Teinert by Kevin, Sandra, Alexa and Raina Lange

In memory of George and Eunice Dunk and Freddie Zoch by Daryl and Patty Schulze and Eric

In memory of Roy and Ruth Lehmann by Roland and Betsy Guettler

In memory of Buddy Whited, Harold and Irene Kasper, and Ralph Kasper by Margie Whited

In memory of Ted Tonn by LaVerne Tonn and family

In memory of our dad and papa, Paul Schramm and all our family members that are now in the arms of Jesus by Ryan, Tiffany, Ty, and Abigail Noack, Kiersten Namken, and Kason Bayer

In memory of Robert and Della Mae Lehmann, Arnold and Marie Kilian, Alvin Herzog and Stanley Herzog by Doug and Lorie Lehmann

In memory of Elmo and Helen Pietsch, Daniel Pietsch, and Edward and Hattie Kieschnick by Curtis and Elaine Kieschnick

To the glory of God by Raymond and Sandra Matthijetz

Easter Hydrangeas

In memory of June and Nancy Pietsch by Gary and Diane Becker

PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Gray, undergoing chemo treatments

Rev. Al Gallmeier, undergoing treatment for Meniere's disease

Thelma Kieschnik, mom of Carol Schramm, recovering from a broken leg

Charles Kunze, diagnosed with a medical condition

Clayton Wolf, son of Allen & Dolores Wolf and brother of Melissa Alford, undergoing treatments at MD Anderson

August Detering, Anthony Ontiveros, and Louise Savage, all friends of Wendy Wagner with various health issues and illnesses

Our sympathy to Debbie Knox and Cory Knox and their family on the death of Debbie's brother, Wesley Cervenka, on March 25th. Funeral services are pending.

Those who serve today: March 31, 2024 Easter Festival Service

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Jane Chapman	Greeter
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Avery Henderson	Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Cory Knox and Mr. David Weishuhn

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast by the Youth
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Pietsch Endowment Fund Board
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group

Attendance Last Sunday - 174
NO Bible Class or Sunday School last Sunday

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,220
Offering Received	\$ 3,720	\$ 4,855
Short/Over	\$ (1,500)	\$ (365)

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)