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O LORD, YOU HAVE COMMANDED US TO PRAY AND HAVE PROMISED TO HEAR US.

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> Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

Welcome to

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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Sunday, October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

+ IN NOMINE JESU +

(In the Name of Jesus)

<u>GUESTS & VISITORS</u>: 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:

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary"" (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

PRELUDE - Selected

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

Hymn 447

[Please stand]

INVOCATION pg. 15ff

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

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 A Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- \square And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

- 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.
- [John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Psalm 74:18-19, 21, 20a, 22a, antiphon: v. 2a

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;

do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;

let the poor and needy praise your name.

Have regard for the covenant;

arise, O God, defend your cause.

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

GLORIA PATRI Pg. 16ff.

☐ ☐ 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

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **C And** with thy spirit.
- P O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into

myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- **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 18:8

- ☐ ☐ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?
- ☐ ☐ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- ☐ ☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED pg. 22

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 onlybegotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose

again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, My Soul, Thy Suite Prepare

Hymn 459

SERMON

"Jesus, He Fights for Us"

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY pg. 22

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: Genesis 32:26 – "Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day has broken.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me." The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

[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.

Jacob wrestled with You, O Lord, and would not depart without a blessing. Grant us the blessing of Your grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of Your Word. Give us patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give faithfulness to pastors, that they may bear witness to the appearing and kingdom of Christ, who will judge the living and the dead. Instill in them patience and sober-mindedness, that they may rebuke, reprove and exhort all sinners with sound teaching. Grant preachers and hearers a fervent desire for the truth of Your Word, that we may not be led astray by our passions. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, guide and protect all families. Grant that husbands and wives might live in faithfulness to each other. Bless mothers with child, all children and all who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy One, bless Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; Greg, our governor; and all elected and appointed officials of government. Guide them to promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people. Give them integrity, that they may serve the highest good with their abilities. Bless those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles including Lana, Carol, Layne, Lindsey, Kenneth, Mike, and all those on our hearts and minds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Unworthy though we are, we come, O Lord, at Your own invitation. Washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are the people of Your promise and the sheep of Your own flock. Grant us to receive with faith and in repentance the blessed food of Your Son's body and blood, and bring this Holy Communion to bear fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, teach us to pray with persistence because You love us, always provide for us and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but trusts that You remain in control. Do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C J We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

 \square It is meet and right so to do.

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

☐ ☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heavn'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 in the highest.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us 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.

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.

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

From God Shall Naught Divide Me	Hymn 393
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	Hymn 394
The Son of God Goes Forth to War	Hymn 452
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	Hymn 315

Silent Prayer after Communing:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

[Please stand]

NUNC DIMITTIS pg. 29ff

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

pg. 31

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

□ And with Thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

□ □ Thanks be to God.

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

Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Hymn 446

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 18:1-8: Persistence in prayer is something that Jesus taught many times. The widow in our reading for today received justice from an ungodly judge because of her persistence. Persistence with faith brings the Lord's blessing. Persistence in sharing the Good News of Jesus with unbelievers also bears fruit that will last into eternity. Won't it be great to have someone in eternity come up and thank us for our persistence in witnessing to Jesus and never giving up on them?!

LOOKING AHEAD: Two men went to worship the Lord. One brought his own works, his own goodness, and his own righteousness. The other came with empty hands but a heart that trusted solely in the goodness of God for all things. Next Sunday, our readings introduce us to 2 sets of such men. Cain and Abel and the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Join us as we ponder the beautiful nature of worship, what it is to live by faith, and how Jesus came into the world to save sinners (like us!) Readings are: Genesis 4:1-15; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-17.

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!

Lutheran Witness - It's time to renew our Lutheran Witness subscriptions for 2026. Cost for next year will remain at \$24.75 per subscription. If you are not receiving it and would like to, or want to change your address or cancel your subscription, please call the church office by October 20th. Payment for your subscription can be dropped in the offering plate or brought by the church office.

*UPDATED NOTE: The Texas District is considering no longer including the Texas Messenger in the Lutheran Witness. A decision will be made in the coming months. You can view it on their website at www.txlcms.org/texas-messenger

Matching Funds Opportunity: The Couple's Club has pledged \$5,000 in matching funds to the Picnic Hall Renovation Fund. It is our hope that this will encourage others to contribute to this fund also. The Club will match your donation dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Checks should be made to Holy Cross and noted Picnic Hall Renovation in the memo line. They can be put in the offering plate or brought by the church office. Thank you for your consideration!

Neighbors Night Out is this afternoon starting at 4PM at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Join us for a fun evening of community, good food and fellowship. Speakers will include Breck Powers from Bluff Creek Ranch (the first mountain bike ranch in Texas), Harold Atkinson speaking on oil and gas drilling/development in our area, Faith Lutheran High School speaking on the growth and progress of the school, and Frank Dawson for the Warda Watch Group. Pulled Pork Sandwiches, hot dogs and Blue Bell Ice Cream will be served. RSVP's are appreciated to 979.242.3333 or holycrosswarda@gmail.com by Oct. 13 so we'll be sure we have enough food. See you there!

The Voters Assembly will meet again on Monday, October 27, at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. Meeting packets are in voting members mailboxes this morning.

South Lee County VFD will have their annual fall BBQ Chickens on Sunday, October 26th. Chickens, sauce, potato salad, pinto beans and noodles will be available. Order sheets are on the right side usher stand and can be returned to our church office tomorrow or place your order by calling the number on the form.

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event next Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 at Holy Cross, Warda. This is our big meeting for fall: we're packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We can use as many helpers as possible, since our goal is to pack 40 boxes! If any congregation members would like to contribute toward supplies for this project, please consider donating an Amazon gift card to help defray the cost. We will pack both necessities and fun items for children in need. Any and all help is greatly appreciated! Contact Sunny Woelfel if you'd like to make a contribution, and girls, we'd love to see you there!

Trinity Lutheran in Old Dime Box invites you to join them for our final 125th Anniversary Service on Sunday, November 2nd, at 3PM. They will have a festival service giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for what he has done at this place over the decades. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Tab Ottmers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairview followed by a catered meal in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate on Nov. 2nd!

The Couples Club will once again be selling fried chicken plates Sunday, November 23rd and is looking for assistance with filling plates. Anyone interested in helping, please contact JC Schramm or Danny Jurk. Tickets will be available to purchase soon. Thank you!

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 144 Bible Class: 38 Sunday School: 17

Our Response to God's Blessings		
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need Offering Received Short/Over	Oct. 5 \$ 5,505 \$ 6,970 \$ 1,465	Oct. 12 \$ 5,505 \$ 6,365 \$ 860



Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

We have a <u>limited amount of meal tickets remaining</u>. Please call us today to reserve your plates. The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. <u>Plated meals</u> will be available on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each.

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. It is going to be a great day - you aren't going to want to miss this! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day! However, a quick run down of the day is below:

Plated meal - served 11am to 1 pm

LIVE POLKA Music - noon to 4 pm - from Pivo and Polka Band with Kelsey J. Lien Concessions and Beer stand open at noon

Homebrew Competition - Submissions at 1pm, Judging at 2:30 pm, People's Choice Tasting 4pm

42 Domino Tournament begins at 1:30 pm (registration starts at 1pm)

Cornhole Tournament begins at 2pm (registration starts at 1pm)

Kids Games and Activities including a Hay Ride - 2pm to 5 pm

Wear your Lederhosen and Dirndles competition and fun games - 5pm

Silent Auction - Closes at 5pm

Live Auction - Begins at 5:30 pm

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 7th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 7th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 1:30 pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Lana Swearingen, scheduled for back surgery on Wednesday
Carol Jurk, back at Jefferson Place
Layne Huenefeld
Lindsey Lavergne, great niece of Cindy Heselmeyer, on hospice care due to cancer
Kenneth DeYoung, dad of Michael DeYoung, in St. David's hospital
Mike Litton, cousin of Gale Mersiovsky, undergoing tests

Our sympathy to Zane Gray and family on the death of his brother, + Ernest Gray+, on October 14th. His funeral will be held on Wednesday at 10AM in Smithville.

Those who serve today: October 19, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Organist
Mrs. Jane Chapman
Greeter
Mr. Cory Knox
Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Kennedy Mrozek
Acolyte

Elders on Duty Mr. Brian Varner Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class & Sunday School Jr. Confirmation - 1st year class Neighbors Night Out
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. 11:05 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study FLHS Chapel w/Pastor Meyer Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	Church Office Closed	
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class & Sunday School GEMS Group

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)