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Divine Service with
Holy Communion
9:00am

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 12, 2025

Eighteenth 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 Elders before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

IN TODAY'S READINGS:

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "*Go and show yourselves to the priests,*" for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "*at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks*" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "*find rest, each of you in the house of her husband*" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "*visited his people and given them food*" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead*" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "*the word of God is not bound*" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "*to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also*" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "*may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Hymn 19

[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 - *Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a*

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

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.

P Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy 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.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if any-

thing but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

[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 2:1-13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

[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 5:15

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

P Now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **♪ 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB Hymn 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

SERMON

“Jesus, Lord of the Nations”

[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

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 17:19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

[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.

Gracious Lord, give us thankful hearts that we may not forget Your kindness nor presume Your mercy. Bestow on us a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy and, with new and contrite hearts, love You above all and love our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the pastors who speak to us in Your name and administer Your Sacraments to us; those preparing for this ministry; those who are considering church-work vocations; and the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, Your servant Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi in her solitude and later years. Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, You accompanied Ruth and placed her in a blessed union with Boaz. Remember Your people who are single and desire marriage. Be their companion in their solitude, and provide them a godly spouse and family according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You provide all that we need for this body and life, including health and order. Watch over all who exercise authority in our nation, giving them integrity, justice and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all help, You hear the cries of the righteous and deliver them from their troubles and fears. Remember all who cry to You for mercy, especially Carol, Layne, Lindsey, Nelson, Kenneth, Mike, and all those on our hearts and minds and help them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, bestow on us the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament. Grant true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever. **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

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness
Savior, I Follow On*

*Hymn 349
Hymn 305
Hymn 422*

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.**

Psalms 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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Hymn 409

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 17:11-19: Leprosy was a dreadful disease in Bible times. Lepers were outcasts who were isolated from other people. Jesus healed the ten lepers who asked Him for pity. All ten were healed from their physical leprosy, but only one gave evidence that he was also healed from the leprosy of sin. We are like cleansed lepers who can help others find true healing for both body and soul in Christ alone.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, we're looking at the topic of prayer. Some may describe prayer as talking with God; for others, prayer is an act of worship...in our texts next Sunday, prayer is described as wrestling and as the kind of persistence that never loses heart. How would you describe your prayer life? Readings are: Genesis 32:22-30; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

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.

**NOTE: Starting January 1st, the Texas Messenger section will no longer be included in the Lutheran Witness.*

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!

Game Day - Everyone is invited to join us for Game Day this Thursday, October 16, from noon-2PM in the fellowship hall. A light lunch is provided followed by games and fellowship. Invite a friend and come join us for a fun afternoon!

St. James Roast Beef Dinner: You are invited to the LWML Roast Beef Dinner today at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. Serving begins at 11:00, drive thru only, and plates are \$15 each. Plates include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, and dessert. This is our annual fundraiser for the LWML, and all proceeds go directly to missions. Please come and support our mission projects while enjoying some great food!

The Warda Farm Bureau will meet again on Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 at 610 Giese Lane.

The annual Texas Wendish Heritage Society Membership Meeting is on Sunday, October 19, from 10am-2:30pm at the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum! We require guests to register for this event by contacting museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441. This is a family friendly event and there will be door prizes, games, and activities for the kids! The noon meal is similar to the lunch we serve at Wendish Fest which consists of sausage, noodles, sauerkraut, beets, and green beans. We hope to see you and your family at the Membership Meeting and Olde Tyme Wendish Sunday!

Neighbors Night Out will be held on Sunday, October 19th, 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!

GEMS: All girls 5th-12th grade are invited to attend our monthly GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) event on 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!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals 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 and available for pre-sale only by October 16th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

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!

Battle of the... Competition !

The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions, are back so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below).

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. **KEEP NO RECORD!** The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.

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.



Carol Jurk, back at Jefferson Place

Layne Huenefeld

Nelson Zoch, cousin of Ann Bamsch, various health issues

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

Those who serve today: October 12, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Mrs. Cindy Heselmeyer
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth
Presley Landry

Pastor
Organist
Greeter
Audio/Video System
Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Brian Varner & Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Group
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:05 a.m.	FLHS Chapel w/Pastor Schmidt
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day
	6:30 p.m.	Warda Farm Bureau on Giese Lane
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	4:00 p.m.	Neighbors Night Out

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 148 Bible Class: 39 Sunday School: 19

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)