



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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

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

*Welcome to*  
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Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

✠ 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 Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross***  
The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "*sitting on a donkey's colt,*" yet as the King of Israel "*in the name of the Lord*" (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out "*the ruler of this world*" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to "*rejoice greatly,*" because her King comes with salvation, and "*he shall speak peace to the nations*" (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed "*beforehand for burial*" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "*the King of the Jews*" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes "*as it is written of him,*" wherefore "*you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power*" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has "*highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name*" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

**PRELUDE - *Selected***

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## PROCESSION OF PALMS

*[Please stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the nave.]*

### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:12–19*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

- P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C** in the name of the Lord.

## OPENING HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Hymn 160*

## GREETING

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**C** Hosanna in the highest.

## 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]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** - *Psalm 24:7-10; Antiphon Psalm 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

## 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*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**☩** **♪** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩** **♪** **Amen.**

*[Please sit]*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,  
**thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

He sent redemption to his people;

**he has commanded his covenant forever.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**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]*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:20-43*

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

**C** **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip

went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:


“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart,  
and turn, and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Oh that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

*Hymn 416*

**SERMON**

“Your King is Coming to You!”

*[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:** Zechariah 9:9 – “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.



**RITE OF CONFIRMATION:** Lexi Ahrens, Elijah Kueck, Carter Mrozek, Emeree Townsend, and Callie Wagner

*[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.

Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix our faith upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of the Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God Almighty, our Lord Jesus did not count His equality with You something to be grasped, but humbled Himself. Grant us a mind like His to spurn all worldly equality and, humbling ourselves, to find Your greater portion in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, Your Son came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world especially Frances, Thelma, Wesley, Charles, Clayton, August, Anthony, Louise, and all those on our hearts and minds today. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, as Your Son once entered humbly into Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so send Him to us according to His promise in the Holy Sacrament, that we may eat His body and drink His blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 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*
- 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. Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom 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.**
- 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

<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	<i>Hymn 161</i>
<i>Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray</i>	<i>Hymn 314</i>
<i>Let Me Be Thine Forever</i>	<i>Hymn 334</i>
<i>Blessed Savior, Who hast Taught Me</i>	<i>Hymn 333</i>
<i>Thine Forever, God of Love</i>	<i>Hymn 338</i>
<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	<i>Hymn 315</i>

### 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**

*Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*

*Hymn 162*

## **POSTLUDE**

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** John 12:12-19: Hosanna, save us now! Our cry for help is the same as those on the first Palm Sunday. Our Lord has not only heard our cries, but has answered them with His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection. As ones who have already been saved by Christ's life and death, we have the opportunity to share that very same saving rescue with others in our daily lives.

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO Bible Class or Sunday School** this morning or next Sunday, March 31st. We'll resume on April 7th.

**Our Holy Week schedule** of services this week is as follows:

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil Worship w/Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday!

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Festival Worship w/Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

\*We will not have Bible Class or Sunday School next Sunday.

**Easter Picture BackDrop** - Next Sunday, there will be 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** - During the month of March, 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.

**Serbin 4-H Fried Chicken Dinner** will be held Sunday, April 7th. Drive-thru from 10:30-Noon at the Serbin picnic grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and can be bought at the church office - TOMORROW is the last day. All proceeds go to benefit Serbin 4-H Youth Scholarships.

**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 will go on sale the week of March 25th 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.



### **FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale**

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on March 29th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

**\*BAKERS ARE NEEDED!\*** We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

**\*DROP OFF LOCATIONS!\*** You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27th and 28th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

### **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 **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 Mon-

day, April 8th. A 9X13 is \$35 and an 8X8 is \$20. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS or the church office 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](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2024. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2024.



**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Confirmation of Lexi Ahrens, Elijah Kueck, Carter Mrozek, Emeree Townsend, and Callie Wagner by their parents.



Frances Gray, undergoing chemo treatments  
Thelma Kieschnik, mom of Carol Schramm, recovering from surgery following a broken leg  
Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, under hospice care  
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  
Lexi Ahrens, Elijah Kueck, Carter Mrozek, Emeree Townsend, and Callie Wagner as they are Confirmed this morning

*Those who serve today: March 24, 2024*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm	Acolyte

Elders on Duty  
Mr. Cory Knox  
Mr. David Weishuhn

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Jr. Confirmation and Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion
FRIDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Worship w/Communion
Next Sunday	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
	10:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

**Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 124 Bible Class: 29  
Sunday School: 14

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)