



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

1873-2022

149 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.

✠ EASTER SUNRISE ✠

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Welcome to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The salvation of our God seems to come when we least expect it, when we fear that all has been for naught, and when it seems as if God has abandoned us. For Israel, fleeing from their slave masters in Egypt, the great Red Sea meant sure death. For Mary Magdalene, as well as the disciples, they knew that Jesus couldn't possibly overcome death and the grave—and yet, He sprang forth from the tomb, with life everlasting for all who believe in His name. We're glad that you've chosen to worship with us this morning. May God bless you with the joy of Easter today and forever!

SUGGESTED PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

A NOTE ON THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Our Redeemer Lives!

In Adam, all die because all sin. The children of that first gardener have been driven out of Paradise and return to the dust whence they were taken. But now another Gardener has come, who has made His bed in the dust of the earth, and in His resurrection He has opened paradise for all the children of Adam. For “*death is swallowed up in victory*” (1 Cor. 15:54), and God “*gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor. 15:57). So we each confess that “*my Redeemer lives*” and “*in my flesh I shall see God*” (Job 19:25, 26). As He has called us out of darkness into light and wiped away our tears, we behold Him now by faith and recognize His voice in the Gospel. We enter His tomb by the death of Holy Baptism, and we also share His resurrection. For as surely as He has risen, so we also one day “*must rise from the dead*” (John 20:9).

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunrise

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Hymn 192

Please stand.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 51:15, 70:1

P O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C  And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C  Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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. Hallelujah!

THE INVITATORY AND VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

C  For He is our Maker.

 Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it:

and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God:

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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.

PSALMODY

Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

**“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the LORD’s doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

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.**

Please sit.

Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb!

Hymn 203

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23–27

“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 20:1–18

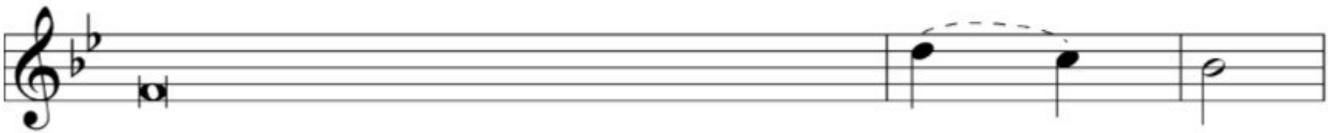
Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the



5 When Thou hadst overcome the - - - sharp-ness of death.
 6 We believe that - - - - - Thou shalt come
 7 Make them to be number-ed - - - - with Thy saints



5 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all be - live - ers.
 6 to - - - - - be our Judge.
 7 in glory - - - - - ever - last - ing.



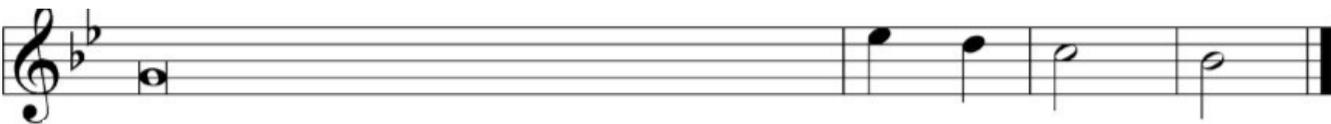
8 O Lord, save Thy people and bless thine - her - i - tage.
 9 Vouchesafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



8 Govern them and lift - - them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



8 Day by day we - - - - - magni - fy Thee.
 9 O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.



8 And we worship thy name ever - - - world with - out end
 9 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Please sit.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend Curtis, Al, Carolyn, Wally, Lori, Jane, Allen, Rev. Al, Lee, Joyce, Wesley, Clara, and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

C  Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And with thy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **♪ Amen.**

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

[Psalm 103:1]; 2 Corinthians 13:14

P Bless we the Lord.

C **♪ Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C **♪ Amen.**

He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

Hymn 198



*Mary Magdalene went and announced
to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study - Beginning this **Wednesday, April 20th**, the group will do a short 6-week, book study based on the book *How Happiness Happens* by Max Lucado. They will meet back on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in the church library. If you would like to join them, please contact Cyndy Zoch if you would like a book. Cost of the book is approximately \$15.

The Voters Assembly will meet again on Monday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Meeting packets are in voting members boxes this morning.

BBQ Chickens - The Holy Cross Couples Club will have their annual BBQ Chickens -to-go on Mothers Day, May 8th, at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Whole chickens are \$12.00 and sauce is \$2.50. Pick-up will be from 10:30 to 12:00. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may also place your order by calling Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, J.C. & Carol Schramm at 242-3232, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky at 968-5032, Robert & Joyce Hinze at 366-2398 or the church office at 242-3333. Advance orders only. ***Deadline to order is Monday, May 2nd.***

Sunday School - Volunteer Opportunity! We are looking for a few new volunteers who would be willing to step in as needed and teach our kiddos on Sunday mornings. This would not be every Sunday, but on an as-needed basis. For more information or to volunteer, contact Patty Schulze at (512) 914-5748 or the church office at (979) 242-3333.

The Warda Local Farm Bureau will meet on Thursday, April 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Plans for the family night will be discussed. Members may bring snacks to share. Drinks will be available.

Grace Lutheran LWML in Smithville invites all ladies to join them for their spring rally on Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. The theme for the day is Great is Thy Faithfulness with guest speaker, Frances Molitor. A light meal will be served after the rally. All are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage.

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2022 semester. 2022-2023 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 19th online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, 2022. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. In 2021, a total of \$15,000 was awarded in scholarships to thirteen students. **Thanks for your support!**

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year! Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply, but science, social studies, English, or electives are sought after skills. Applicants may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 1 - Frog Dissection - Grade 6 to 8 - \$15

June 6-8 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 20-22 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 27-29 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

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 Roy and Ruth Lehmann by Roland and Betsy Guettler

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

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

In memory of Myrtle "Myrt" Vanek, Monroe and Gertrude Mersiovsky, and Anita Vanek by their families

In memory of Lawrence, Edline, Kathleen and Joyce Weishuhn by David, Ingrid, Brandon and Kelsey Weishuhn

In memory of Brenda, Rosie, and Bernice Heinrich by Lawrince Heinrich

In memory of Evelyn Buscha, Barbara Buscha, and Steven Reedy by Bobby Buscha, Sr. and family

In memory of Gus Sr. and Hildegard Schramm and Walter Kieschnik and in honor of Thelma Kieschnik by J.C. and Carol Schramm

In memory of Gerald Sledge by the Gerald Sledge family

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

In memory of Larry Joe and Mary Jane Briscoe and in honor of Harry and Patricia Lehmann by Tucker, Leann, Alyssa and Jolee Briscoe

In memory of George and Eunice Dunk by Daryl and Patty Schulze

In memory of Donald and Hazel Tabbert by Mike, Dustin, Camden, Jamey, Brianna and Karleigh Tabbert, Lori and Spencer Ingram

In memory of Jimmie Lehmann by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

In memory of Billy and JoAnn Lange by Kevin and Sandra Lange, Alexa and Raina

In memory of loved ones gone before me by Mary Ann Rucker

To the glory of God by Gary, Diane and Sophie Becker

To the glory of God and in honor of our church family and in appreciation for their love, support, and prayers by J.C. and Carol Schramm

To the glory of God and in thankfulness for His many blessings by James and Nancy Teinert and RyLee Van Hale

Hydrangeas

In memory of August and Theresa Pietsch, Walter and Hattie Schramm, Clarence and Adeline Pietsch, Raymond and Lillian Zingelmann by June and Nancy Pietsch



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Curtis Moerbe, in St. David's South, recovering from multiple surgeries

Al Jurk, scheduled for neck surgery on April 19th

Allen Wolf, scheduled for surgery on April 18th

Carolyn Bamsch, doing well following back surgery

Wally Lehmann, back at home

Lori Green, recovering from a heart ablation

Jane Chapman, recovering from shoulder surgery

Rev. Al Gallmeier, recovering from surgery on April 11th

Lee Heselmeyer, recovering from eye procedure on April 11th

Joyce Bise, sister of Jerrell Dunk, now in Oakland Manor under hospice care

Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, undergoing cancer treatments

Clara Damerow, friend of Linda Lehmann, in rehab following a fall and broken hip

All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and other illness

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunrise Service

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Brenda Woelfel	Greeter
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Jonathan Kueck, Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm	Elders on Duty
Barrett Kay	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
 WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
 THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	6:30 p.m.	Warda Farm Bureau
 Next Sunday	<i>1st Sunday of Easter</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	LWML Post Oak Zone Rally in Smithville

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 129 Bible Class: 38 Sunday School: 11

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>April 3</u>	<u>April 10</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610
Offering Received	\$ 6,355	\$ 2,502
Short/Over	\$ 1,745	\$ (2,108)
Offerings received through e-giving April 1-14: \$525.21		