



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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*is the one who trusts*  
*in the* LORD.

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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**  
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Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sixth 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 Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

**IN TODAY'S READINGS:**

***Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection***

*"Cursed is the man who trusts in man,"* for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he *"shall mourn and weep"* in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But *"the man who trusts in the LORD"* is blessed with all that he needs, *"like a tree planted by water."* When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians *"rejoice"* and *"leap for joy"* (Luke 6:21–23). *"If Christ has not been raised,"* our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as *"Christ died for our sins,"* so has He also *"been raised from the dead"* (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

**PRELUDE - Selected**

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

*Hymn 18*

*[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.**

*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 and 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 119: 1-2, 4-5; antiphon v. 7*

I will praise You with an upright heart,

**when I learn Your just and righteous decrees.**

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

**who walk in the law of the LORD!**

Blessèd are those who keep His testimonies,

who seek Him with their whole heart.  
You have commanded Your precepts  
to be kept diligently.  
Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping Your statutes!  
I will praise You with an upright heart,  
when I learn Your just and righteous decrees.

## 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.

☐ O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory 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.

☐ ♪ Amen.

*[Please sit]*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## EPISTLE READING

*I Corinthians 15:1-20*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then



our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**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 6:23a*

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

**P** Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 6:17-26*

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

**C** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.


<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*

*Hymn 276*

## SERMON

“Jesus, Source of Blessing”

*[Please stand]*

## OFFERTORY

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**C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Psalm 51:10-12*

*[Please sit]*

**RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS** - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** Luke 6:20–21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you’re poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

*[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.

Heavenly Father, Your kingdom has been made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ. Gather together a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea’s remnant, that many may know Wisdom come in our flesh. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that Your people may always hold fast to the Word that has been preached to them and not believe it in vain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth and dwell in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve us from the ways of the wicked, and prosper us in Your paths. We commend to You all who bear office in our land and ask You to make them a blessing to those they serve. Grant to us every joy in the calling You have given to us, that we would render service to You in our works of love toward our neighbor. Remember those in need of honest labor and daily bread, and give them gainful employment according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear our prayer for those who are troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need Your healing especially David, Courtney, Eugene, Linda, Kimberly, Stacey, Joan, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Send forth Your power in the name of Christ Jesus, that they would hear Your Word and be cured. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Bless all who trust in You and come to eat the holy body and precious blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son is risen from the dead and has promised that He is the firstfruits from among those who sleep. Preserve us in Christ Jesus with hope beyond this life. Comfort those who mourn with the certainty of Christ's resurrection, and grant us to live in confident expectation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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### PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**C** **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

*[Psalm 136]*

**C** **♪ It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. And now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fullness of Thy glory. 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

*Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way*

*Hymn 383*

*Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

*Hymn 416*

*I Know My Faith is Founded*

*Hymn 381*

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

*Hymn 398*

*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

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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

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

*Hymn 52*

## POSTLUDE

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Luke 6:17-26: Jesus preached and ministered to a great multitude of people in Luke 6, and He continues to do so today through His Word. We, as His disciples, have been given the awesome task and responsibility to share

His Word. As we do, we can take joy and comfort in the power of His Word to create and strengthen faith in us and others.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next week, we hear more of Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Plain. These words should come with a disclaimer: they are difficult to hear. Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors, do not judge, be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful. Wow. The Old Testament lesson comes from Genesis, when Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. He had every reason to punish his brothers, yet he showed mercy—and even greater mercy is ours in Christ's death and resurrection! Texts are Genesis 45:3-15; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38.

## 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!

**Rabbs Creek Wildlife Association** is scheduled to meet again this afternoon at the picnic grounds. Social will start at 4PM, meeting at 5PM with meal to follow. See you there!

**Valentine Dinner** - ***TOMORROW is the deadline for tickets*** for the Youth Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 22nd. Join us as we transform the Fellowship Hall into "Cupid's Cafe" where you will enjoy an evening being served by our amazing Youth! The meal for the evening will begin with our famous Mocktails and Charcuterie-on-a-Stick. This will be followed by delicious Hamburger steak with brown gravy and options of browned onions, green peppers and mushrooms, creamy mashed potatoes, delicious green beans and fresh garden salad. Dessert will be a scrumptious banana pudding. Seating will begin at 6 PM with dinner service at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 per person and available from any youth group member or the church office until TOMORROW. We hope to see you there!

**South Lee County VFD** will have BBQ Chickens next Sunday, February 23rd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Chickens are \$12 each and 16oz cups of sauce, potato salad, pinto beans, and noodles are \$3.00 each. Order forms are on the

usher stand in the narthex and are due **by TOMORROW**. You can turn them in to Holy Cross church office or Serbin church office.

**Trail Life Troop 143** will have their annual hamburger fundraiser on Monday, March 3rd. Drive-thru at the KC Hall in Giddings from 5:00-7:00. All meals include a hamburger, chips, water and homemade dessert. PreSale only tickets are \$10 each and available from the Beck or Kueck boys by **TOMORROW**. Proceeds go to the boys accounts to help them pay for camps, camping equipment, uniforms, etc. Thank you!

**NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY** - Last Wednesday, we finished *Has American Christianity Failed* (highly recommended reading!). This Wednesday at 11:30am, we'll start another deep dive Bible study in the book of **GALATIANS**. Join us as we unpack the beautiful truth that faith in Christ—and not works—is sufficient to save us *and* to sanctify us!

**February Game Day** is this Thursday, February 20th, from 12PM-2PM in the fellowship hall with lunch provided. Come join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting! If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it. Come out and enjoy some time with friends, and help spread the word. Everyone is invited!

**GEMS February Meeting:** All girls 5th grade through high school are invited to attend the GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting next Sunday, February 23, at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. We will be making jump ropes from T-shirts to add to our shoebox project for Operation Christmas Child in the fall! This will be a fun activity and snacks are provided as always! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

**The Ladies Aid** would like to THANK everyone who supported the SUPER-BOWL SNACK & BAKE SALE. We hope you enjoyed your goodies! We appreciate your support of our group and helping our ladies go to convention. ONCE AGAIN -THANK YOU!

The Ladies Aid invites all ladies to join us for Bunco Night on Tuesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Never played Bunco? No worries - it's easy to learn! Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other church friends. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call or text Cindy Heselmeyer at (713) 628-1056.

**The Youth Group** annual pork steak fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 9th. Drive thru only at the picnic grounds from 10:00-12:30. Plates are \$15 each and include: pork steak, green beans, noodles, and corn. This meal is presale only **by Thursday, February 27th**. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Chevron in LaGrange, First National Bank of Giddings, or

from any youth group member. There will also be a bake sale with homemade items (donations gladly accepted, please reach out to Chelsea if you'd like to bring a dessert) for a freewill donation.

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Spring Raffle**

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 3-7, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year and 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 7, 2025 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! 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 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.



# Altar Flowers



**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Evelyn Buscha's birthday today by Bobby Buscha, Sr. and family.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



David Lehmann, recovering from back surgery  
Courtney Wagner, waiting on test results  
Eugene Zoch, under hospice care  
Linda Lehmann, recovering from a procedure  
Kimberly Davis, daughter of Glenda (Walther) Davis, in Dell Seton Hospital  
Stacey Stastny, friend of Katy Kasper, recovering from successful surgery to remove a tumor  
Joan Miertschin, cousin of Dee Herbert & Danny Jurk, hospitalized in Seton Austin

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes during my recent hospitalizations and rehab. I am thankful to be back at home and taking things a day at a time. God's blessings to all of you! *Jeanette Schramm*

### Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>2/2/25</u>	<u>2/9/25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 7,950	\$ 3,265
Short/Over	\$ 2,445	\$ (2,240)

*Those who serve today: February 16, 2025*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Lisa Gay	Greeter
Mr. John Gay	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Bryn Henderson	Acolyte

Elders on Duty

Mr. Jonathan Kueck & Mr. Calvin Mersiovsky

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	4:00 p.m.	Rabbs Creek Wildlife Mtg.
TUESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study - Book of Galatians
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day
SATURDAY	6:00 p.m.	Youth Valentine Dinner
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group Here

### **Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 144 Bible Class: 48 Sunday School: 22

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)