



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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# THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU.

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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, January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

✠ 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 Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ***

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was "*the first of his signs*" by which He "*manifested his glory*" (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming "*hour*," when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them "*as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride*" (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that "*Jesus is Lord*," and they return thanks to Him "*in the Holy Spirit*" (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

**PRELUDE - *Selected***

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

*Hymn 300, v. 1-4*

### THE BAPTISM OF LANDRY LADONNA MOERBE

### OPENING HYMN

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

*Hymn 300, v. 5*

*[Please stand]*

## 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  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

**C** *♪ Amen.*

*[John 20:19-23]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** - *Psalm 36:5-9; antiphon Song of Solomon 2:4*

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,  
**and his banner over me was love.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

**your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

They feast on the abundance of your house,

**and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;

**in your light do we see light.**

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,

**and his banner over me was love.**

## 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.**

**☩** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**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

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**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

*Reading*

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

**P** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 2:1-11*

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

**C** **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**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.

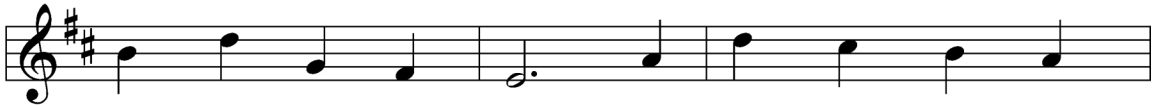
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come, Join In Cana's Feast*

*LSB Hymn 408*



1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where  
 2 The old wine now is gone From  
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids  
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here  
 Δ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who  
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it  
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty  
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both  
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.  
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

**SERMON**

“Jesus, the Bridegroom”

*[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** - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

*[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, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ’s blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You gather Your Church and bring her to Your banquet, both now in Your Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come. Spread the banner of Christ’s steadfast love over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness may be constant and that patient love may mark our lives also. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, uphold our nation. Bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice. Watch over and guide all military personnel. Thwart every effort to de-



stroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine. By Your Spirit, give us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others. Support especially Jeanette, Al, Lana, Courtney, Lawrince, Cheryl, and Peggy. Comfort also the lonely, the depressed, the mentally ill and any who feel abandoned. Let them know You and Your Son, who rejoices over them as a bridegroom over his bride. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, making bread and wine Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and making us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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

<i>Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord</i>	<i>Hymn 307</i>
<i>O God of God, O Light of Light</i>	<i>Hymn 132</i>
<i>Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness</i>	<i>Hymn 305</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.**
- 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.

*Psalm 107:1*

## 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  $\dagger$  and give Thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
**C**  Amen. Amen. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

*Hymn 134*

## POSTLUDE

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** John 2:1-11: Jesus' first miracle was done to meet a need: the wedding feast had run out of wine. How has Jesus met a need of yours? We all have a story to tell about how Jesus has and continues to meet our needs. Your own unique story can share Christ with someone and give witness to others about how Jesus meets their needs through His life, death, and resurrection.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next week, our lessons remind us of the wonder and awe that is appropriate when we hear God's Word. We hear Ezra as he reads the Word of God for the people, as they stand in awe, even moved to tears. The Gospel is Jesus' first recorded sermon in St. Luke's Gospel...and the people in His hometown want nothing to do with it! Why is God's Word received with joy by some and rejected by others? Join us next week! Readings are: Nehemiah 8:1-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:16-30.

## **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!

**Our new church directories** are in and available for pickup in the church office weekdays between 8:30 & 2:00 (except Wednesday's).

**The Voters Assembly** will meet again on Monday, January 27th, at 7PM in the church sanctuary. Meeting packets are in voting members mailboxes this morning.

**GriefShare** meets on Thursdays from 6-8 PM in the Welcome Center of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 N. Grimes, Giddings. You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Please contact leader, Kathy Bartels at (512)461-5442 or email at [monniebartels@gmail.com](mailto:monniebartels@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

**The Wendish Society** will have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on Sunday, January 26th, at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year the menu will again be grilled pork steaks. Noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$15. **Pre-sale only by Tuesday, January 21st.** Advance tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-

2441 or emailing Museum@TexasWendish.org. Tickets may be purchased from a museum staff member. Drive thru/to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:30pm at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHHS Scholarship Program. In 2024, there were twenty four Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients totaling \$21,000 being awarded! We thank you for supporting our Wendish students!

**Manheim Youth Supporters** annual stew supper and auction will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at the Manheim Parish Hall. Social hour and stew to-go starts at 5PM. Stew is served inside starting at 5:30 and the auction starts at 6:00. \$12 for stew, dessert, and a drink. Raffle tickets will also be for sale at \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a delicious bowl of stew and a great evening!

**GEMS January Meeting:** All girls 5th grade through high school are invited to attend the GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting on Sunday, January 26, at 2:00 here at Holy Cross. We will be planning our activities for the next few months and doing a winter-themed craft while sharing refreshments and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 for more info. We'd love to see you there!

**Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up:** The 6th annual Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up is just around the corner! Please plan to attend this year's event at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, January 31, from 9:00-2:00. Joining us this year are authors Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Rev. Brian Kachelmeier, Ruth Meyer, Texas District President Rev. Michael Newman, Martha Van Buskirk (new to the event!), and Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. President Newman will start the day by leading an opening devotion at 9:00, and students will go from classroom to classroom for writing workshops with the authors, while the adults get one-on-one time with each of the authors as well. Sessions for the adults include "Time and Manure" by Christina Hergenrader, "Writing, Reading, Learning, and Repetition in Isaiah" by Rev. Kachelmeier, "Fitting Fiction Into History" by Sarah Baughman, a Bible study by President Newman on "Courage in the Cultural Furnace," and more. Lunch is provided for all who attend. This is an event you won't want to miss!

**Valentine Dinner** - The Youth Group will have their annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 15th. 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. Tickets are available until Monday, February 10th. We hope to see you there!

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **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).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Athletic Schedule**

This week's schedule includes:

Tuesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran School. Basketball game vs. Valor Kyle

Friday, January 24th, 4pm at Fayetteville. Basketball game vs. Fayetteville.

You can visit our website to see all our athletic schedules. Come cheer on our Falcons!

### **Accreditation Survey**

FLHS is currently working through the NLSA re-Accreditation process. As part of this process, we are conducting a survey from all supporters to evaluate how we are doing, and in what areas we could continue to grow. We would appreciate your participation in the survey. It can be found on our website, Facebook page, or scan the QR code. Thank you for your feedback as FLHS continues to grow our ministry!



### **Thank you!**

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# Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Landry LaDonna Moerbe by her parents.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Jeanette Schramm, in Seton Hospital, Austin  
Al Jurk, home following hospital stay and tests  
Lana Swearingen, recovering from back surgery on Tuesday  
Courtney Wagner, undergoing treatments for cancer  
Lawrin Heinrich, home following hospital stay  
Cheryl Jurk, friend of Sunny Woelfel, diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer  
Peggy Darsey, neighbor of Lee & Cindy Heselmeyer, recovering from hip surgery

This morning, we welcome Landry LaDonna Moerbe to God's family through the waters of holy baptism. Landry is the daughter of Ryan and Alicia Moerbe and was born on November 11, 2024. Her sponsors and witnesses are Ross and Amanda Anderson.

Our sympathy to Lorie and Doug Lehmann on the death of Lorie's aunt † Edna Kessel †, on January 10.

Our sympathy to LaVerne Tonn and family on the death of her aunt, † Leona Panas †, on January 13.

Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes following by recent procedure! I had a good report and am healing well. God's blessings! *Wayne Kappler*

*Those who serve today: January 19, 2025*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann BAmsch	Organist
Mrs. Brenda Woelfel	Greeter
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Avery Henderson	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.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Pick Up Knox Scholarship Taco Dinners
TUESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
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	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Group
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)