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one who is
faithful in a
very little

is also faithful in much.

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152 Years of God's Grace

Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!

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, September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠
(In the Name of Jesus)

GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

OUR COMMUNION POLICY: Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elders before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

IN TODAY'S READINGS: The Lord Is Rich in His Grace and Mercy

Because God, our Savior, "*desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*" (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges "*that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people*" (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray "*without anger or quarreling,*" but "*adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control*" (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget "*the poor of the land*" (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. "*For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God*" (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves "*before men,*" God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are "*not strong enough to dig,*" and we are "*ashamed to beg*" (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His "*eternal dwellings*" (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even "*the sons of this world*" (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

[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 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 119: 137-140, 142; antiphon v. 144*

Your testimonies are righteous forever;

give me understanding that I may live.

Righteous are you, O Lord,

and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness

and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,

because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,
 and your servant loves it.
Your righteousness is righteous forever,
 and your law is true.
Your testimonies are righteous forever;
 give me understanding that I may live.

GLORIA PATRI

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C **♪** 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

C **♪** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. *Mark 10:47*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C **♪** 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

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C **♪** And with thy spirit.
P O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **♪** Amen.

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt

Fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ 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

1 Timothy 2:5-6a

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

P For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15

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

C ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of 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 *Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way*

Hymn 383

SERMON “Jesus, the Faithful Steward”

[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.

Psalms 51:10-12

[Please sit]

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

PAUSE TO PONDER: Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to manage should be managed for God’s purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society?

[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.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, guide Your Holy Church here and everywhere, that those who have been called to serve as her pastors and church workers and those preparing for and considering full-time church work may be guarded against the assaults of the evil one, encouraged in their callings, and prepared to serve faithfully for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our Savior, uphold Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours especially Courtney, Carol, Brock, Wayne, Nelson, and all those on our hearts and minds. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Bridegroom, grant that as we commune this day upon Your body and blood, our hearts would be moved to repentance and faith, and that the fruits of this Sacrament would be borne in lives of holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You provide us with daily bread and with everything we need for this body and life. Free us from greed and covetousness, that we might be content with Your blessing and glad to share with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, our God, whose mercies are new every morning, we give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us, and we pray You to grant us the will and de-

sire to worship You joyfully, to serve You faithfully and to proclaim boldly Your mighty acts of deliverance through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we offer to You these prayers, and in whom we trust for all things; to You alone be glory, honor, worship and praise, O Lord, Father, Son and 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. 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>Lord of Glory, who hast Bought Us</i>	<i>Hymn 442</i>
<i>Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode</i>	<i>Hymn 437</i>
<i>Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth</i>	<i>Hymn 438</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 O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C *♪ Amen.*

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C *♪ And with Thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C *♪ Thanks be to God.*

P The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee *✠* and give Thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C *♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Seek Ye First

LSB Hymn 712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of the Lord.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Luke 16:1-15: When it comes to using our finances, most times we don't think of it in an evangelism sense. The Lord uses a parable to teach His disciples about being shrewd in the age in which we live. What if the world

knew that your finances were dedicated to the sharing of the Gospel? How shrewd would that be? Jesus talks more about money in His parables than any other medium because He knows that money can get between us and Him. Knowing this, the Good News should be applied to our money. We are to be devoted to God rather than to money. Our priority is to be right with God. We cannot serve two masters. Our “shrewdness” can be best applied to the world as they see us live the good News in how we apply it to the use of our money. Isn’t it wonderful that we can proclaim the Good News and use our money at the same time?! Thanks be to God for all the riches He has given to us.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, Jesus shares the account of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man experienced good in this life; Lazarus experienced hardship. As the story unfolds, they both die and it becomes apparent that the rich man's "god" was success, importance, wealth. Lazarus' God is the Lord. The texts next week have a recurring theme of fleeing from idols and gods that can't save, especially mammon (the "stuff" of this world). Readings for next week are: Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

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!

Attention all Parents: Please fill out the Christmas Eve program form (s) for your children that was in your church mailbox last month, and return them to either Sunny Woelfel or Shirley Varner. Please note the sections of the solo’s, instruments or special parts. As we are adding extra parts to the program, the information provided from these forms will enable us to help your child become more comfortable with their performance. If you have miss-placed the form, please let us know and we will provide you with another one. Thank you! Sunny 979-716-0002, Shirley 979-966-3231

Matching Funds Opportunity: The Couple's Club has pledged \$5,000 in matching funds to the Picnic Hall Renovation Fund. It is our hope that this will encourage others to contribute to this fund also. The Club will match your donation dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. Checks should be made to Holy Cross and noted Picnic Hall Renovation in the memo line. They can be put in the offering plate or brought by the church office. Thank you for your consideration!

The "After Picnic Meeting" has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, at 6:00PM at the picnic grounds. All committee chairman are asked to attend as we review this year's picnic and make notes for next year.

ButterBraids - St. Paul ECC annual Butter Braid & Cookie Dough fundraiser is going on now thru October 8th. Place your order for these delicious pastries or cookies by using the QR code shown here or contacting the families of Makenzie & Landry Moerbe, Rylen Lange, or Caisley Schubert.



WENDISH FEST: The 37th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society next Sunday, September 28, 2025 in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Pastor Roland Ziegler, Pastor John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Pastor Christopher Ahlman (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptači Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the museum or Katy Kasper. For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org.

Dessert Booth Donations: We will be looking for homemade desserts for the Dessert Booth at Wendish Fest! If you would like to donate, please bring your desserts on the mornings of the festival. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to help make this event a success!

LWML Fall Rally - The Post Oak Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held on Sunday, October 5th, at St. John Lutheran-Lincoln. Registration begins at 1:30 pm and the rally starts at 2:00 pm. Patricia Fick from GO MISSION of Concordia University will be the guest speaker. A monetary ingathering for GO MISSIONS is appreciated. Participants are encouraged to enjoy fellowship and a light meal following the rally.

The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund is selling tickets for a fried chicken dinner to be held on Sunday, October 5th. The meal consists of 3 pieces of fried chicken, noodles, green beans, and coleslaw. Tickets are \$15, presale only. Plates can be picked up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10am to noon. Only 250 tickets will be sold so get yours today! Tickets will be available every Sunday after church or you can contact Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166 or cyndy.zoch@gmail.com

A BBQ Plate Fundraiser will held on Sunday, October 12th, benefitting Immanuel member, Tammie (Thoene) Shugart, to help raise funds for a double lung transplant. Tickets are \$20 each and include 1/2 BBQ chicken, sausage, BBQ sauce, potato salad, and pinto beans. Desserts will be available for a free will donatin. Pick up from 10:30—1PM at the Fireman's Park west of Giddings. Tickets are pre-sale only by September 28th and can be bought from Christine in the church office or at the Immanuel Lutheran church office in Giddings.

The Winchester Show Fund will have a drive—thru BBQ dinner on Sunday, October 19th. Plates are \$15 and include BBQ pork, tortillas, beans and cole slaw. Pick up from 10:30-12:30 at St. Michael's Park in Winchester. PreSale only tickets until October 12th from any Winchester 4H member or at St. Michael's church office in Winchester.

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Volleyball Season Underway

The Falcons volleyball team is 2-1 on the season. Our next game is Monday, September 22nd, at 6:00pm at Lifegate Christian (395 Lifegate Ln, Seguin, TX 78155). We also have one more home game on FRIDAY, September 26th at 6pm. This game will be played at Immanuel's gym. The full volleyball schedule is available on our website.

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only by October 14th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. It is going to be a great day - you aren't going to want to miss this! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

Battle of the... Competition !

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

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

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



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ronald Schnell in remembrance of his birthday on September 21st and wedding anniversary on September 24th from his loving family.



Courtney Wagner

Carol Schramm, recovering from surgery on Friday

Brock Seger, friend of Calvin Mersiovsky, health issues

Wayne Wessels, friend of Lee Heselmeyer, recovering from surgery on Monday

Nelson Zoch, cousin of Ann Bamsch, various health issues

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 143 Bible Class: 41 Sunday School: 24

Those who serve today: September 21, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Diann Pietsch	Greeter
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Rayli Woelfel & Karly Hentschel	Acolytes

Elders on Duty
Mr. Cory Knox
Mr. David Weishuhn

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group
	4:00 p.m.	Rabbs Creek Wildlife
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:05 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth & Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
		Wendish Fest All Afternoon

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>Sept. 7</u>	<u>Sept. 14</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 7,369	\$ 4,970
Short/Over	\$ 1,864	\$ (535)

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)