



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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**JERUSALEM,  
JERUSALEM,  
THE CITY  
THAT KILLS  
THE PROPHETS  
AND STONES  
THOSE WHO  
ARE SENT TO IT.**

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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**  
WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

✠ 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:**

***Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven***

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached "*all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people*" (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord's judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus "*comes in the name of the Lord*" (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, "*as a hen gathers her brood under her wings*" (Luke 13:34), for "*our citizenship is in heaven*" (Phil. 3:20).

**PRELUDE - *Selected***

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

*Hymn 145*

*[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 74:1-3; antiphon Psalm 69:9*

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

**Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have

redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

**the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

## 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*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

*Hymn 179*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**☩** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**☩** **♪** **And with thy spirit.**

**☩** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 26:8-15*

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?”” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL

*Hebrews 12:2*

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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


**C** Thanks be to God.

*[Please stand and face the pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]*

## HOLY GOSPEL


*Luke 13:31-35*

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

**C**  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

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

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

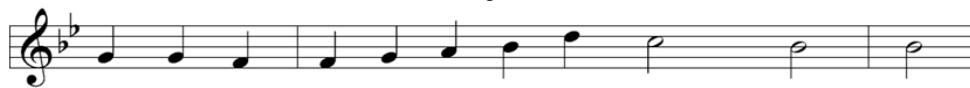
## NICENE CREED

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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.**



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



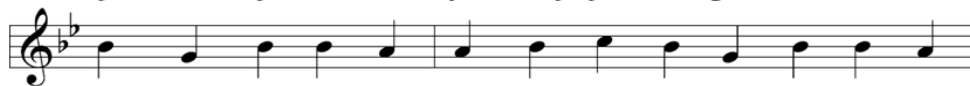
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



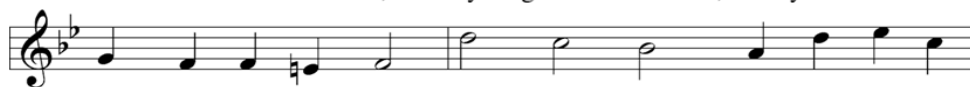
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

## SERMON

“Jesus, He Comes in the Name of the Lord”

*[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:** Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

*[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.

Remember the congregations of Your Church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Strengthen and defend all pastors and church workers, giving them every good gift as they attend to Your people. Cause us rightly to fear Your anger and rejoice in Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory



in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord especially Courtney, Kimberly, Shaunna, and all those on our hearts and minds. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember this household of faith, O Lord, and gather us together at Your altar as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Unite us in true confession of Your Word, sincere repentance for our sins, and joyful confidence in Your Son's body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and declare Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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. Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

## SANCTUS

- C** **♪** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. *Matthew 6:9-13*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI AND AGNUS DEI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always! *John 20:19*  
**C** **♪** Amen.

*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>How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord</i>	<i>Hymn 427</i>
<i>What is the World to Me</i>	<i>Hymn 430</i>
<i>Jesus Grant that Balm and Healing</i>	<i>Hymn 144</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.**
- 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  $\text{✠}$  and give Thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*  
**C**  Amen. Amen. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Glory Be to Jesus*

*Hymn 158*

## POSTLUDE

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Luke 13:31-35: Jesus wept over the people of Jerusalem because of their unbelief and the fact that they had turned away from God. Do we have tears like Jesus when we see those who are living around us that do not have saving faith in Jesus? May God's Holy Spirit give us a renewed passion for the lost!

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next week, Jesus has a hard-to-hear word to deliver...and it's about repentance. It's easy for us to see things falling apart around us and to place blame on folks who experience the brokenness of the world. Jesus uses two recent tragedies, not to point people toward the sins that may or may not have led to such suffering--but as a warning to YOU to repent. Join us to hear Jesus' words that invite us to repent of our sins and to trust in Him for salvation! Readings are Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

### **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!

**Wood Splitting** - All picnic BBQ cookers are asked to grab your favorite chain saw and gloves and join us at the picnic grounds at 3PM TODAY to cut and split wood for the picnic. Please bring your own beverages and/or snacks. Any questions? Call Scott Schramm at 966-2394.

**Extra Dishes** - Are you missing some dishes at home? Perhaps you brought it for serving at a funeral or event and it was left in the kitchen. All the extra platters, bowls, and containers that have been left from recent events are on a table in the hallway this morning. Please stop by and see if one of them is yours.

**Texas Wendish Heritage Society** is having their drive thru fish fry meal TODAY. Don't forget to come to the Serbin Picnic grounds to pick up your plate of freshly fried fish, hush puppies, potato salad, coleslaw & pinto beans from 10:00am to 12:00pm today. Plates are \$15 each. Don't forget to grab a bag of noodles and freshly baked desserts!

**The annual BBQ chicken fundraiser** benefiting the Manheim Parish Renovation Fund is TODAY at the Lincoln Community Center. It is drive-thru only. Cost: whole chicken \$15; pint of noodles \$4; pint of beans \$3; and cup of sauce \$2.

**March Game Day** will be held this Thursday, March 20th, from 12PM-2PM in the fellowship hall with a light lunch provided. Come join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting with friends!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** in Giddings invites everyone to join them for the Laudamus 2025 Tour! Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under the direction of Dr. Samuel Eatherton, kantor and the Kreft Professor for Music Arts, the choir delights in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Each year, the choir schedules tours to LCMS churches and schools throughout the country. They will be singing at the 12:10PM Lent service this week Wednesday, March 19th at Immanuel. Everyone is invited!

**GEMS March Meeting:** All girls 5th grade through high school are welcome to attend the GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting next Sunday, March 23, at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. We will finish the T-shirt jump rope project we started last time and need your help! Come enjoy some fellowship, devotional time, and snacks with us! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

**The Warda Bunch Show Fund** (supporters of Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have their BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 5th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$12.00/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders only by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board or by texting Larry Teinert at (979) 542-8372, Larry Woelfel at (979) 540-8730, or calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 (leave a message) by Wednesday, March 26. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

The **Post Oak Zone LWML spring rally** will be hosted by Mt. Calvary, La Grange, here at Holy Cross on Sunday, March 30th. Registration begins at 1:30 with the rally starting at 2:00. The guest speaker for the day will be Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, CEO of Camp Lone Star. The ingathering will be monetary donation for Camp Lone Star—Tomball Campus as they prepare for their first summer camp sessions this summer. All ladies are invited to come out and spend the day!

**Easter Lilies** - If you would like to give an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one or as a living tribute for the Easter season, please fill out a form from the table in the narthex and return it to the church office. Cost is \$16.00. Payment of flowers must accompany form. Deadline for ordering is Monday, April 7. *Please note, a set amount of flowers are preordered and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Be sure and order yours early.*

**Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau** will have a Sunday School Tuition Benefit Fish Fry on Friday, April 4th, starting at 5PM. Drive thru at the church grounds at 4654 CR 114. Tickets are \$15ea. for fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, hushpuppies and tartar sauce. Presale only by March 25th by calling Crystal Fritsche at 979-716-8052 or stopping by the Nitsche Group in Giddings.

**The LA Grange FFA** will have a fish fry fundraiser on Friday, April 4th. Drive-thru at the La Grange High School Ag building from 4:30-6:30. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Avery Henderson or any other FFA member. Meal will include freshly fried fish, butter and onion potatoes, coleslaw, pinto beans and hush puppies.

**Amanda Knox Scholarship Fund Raffle** tickets for sale! We are raffling off two halves of an Angus/Wagyu calf including processing. Only 100 tickets will be sold and 2 tickets will be drawn from that group. Tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds benefit the Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund and will be used to pay the tuition for an incoming Faith Lutheran High School student. Another scholarship will be awarded this May. The raffle drawing will be held April 27th with processing of the calf set for the end of May. We will sell out so be sure to get your tickets today! Thank you for your support! Contact Ron and Cyndy Zoch, Cory Knox, Megan Lamont, Nikki Kueck, Rhonda and Bobby Hentschel, or Gale and Calvin Mersiovsky for more information or for tickets.

### Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 122 Bible Class: 29 Sunday School: 11 Lent: 40

### Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>3/2/25</u>	<u>3/9/25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 7,135	\$ 2,740
Short/Over	\$ 1,630	\$ (2,765)



### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2025-2026 is underway. New students have already enrolled and we are looking to add **more** students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **Spring Raffle Success**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!! This year's ticket sales totaled over \$38,000!! Thank you for your support!!

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2024 is **March 31, 2025**.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**



Courtney Wagner, recovering from surgery on Wednesday  
Kimberly Davis, daughter of Glenda (Walther) Davis, now in rehab  
Stacey Stastny, friend of Katy Kasper, thankful for a positive outcome from surgery  
Shaunna Keilberg, friend of Brooke & Chris Kovar, recovering from surgery for breast cancer

*Those who serve today: March 16, 2025*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Lisa Gay	Greeter
Mr. John Gay	Lector
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Dylan Beck	Acolyte

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.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.	Wood Splitting at the Picnic Grounds
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Lent Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation—both classes
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Worship
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)