



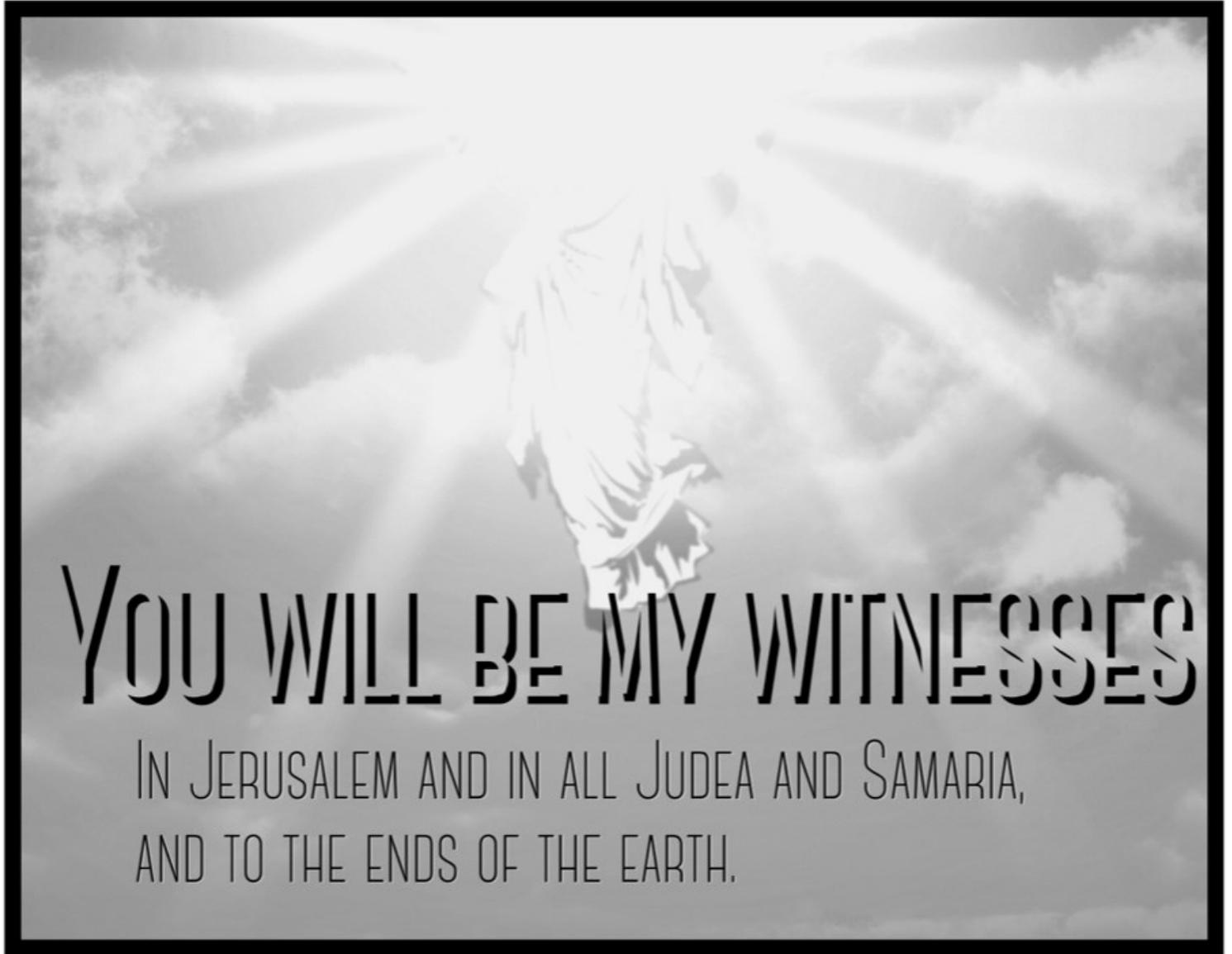
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YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA,
AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

1873-2022

149 Years of God's Grace

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

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &
Sunday School
10:15 a.m.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Introit: Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool.”

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The 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.

The Kyrie

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

The 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.**

The Salutation & The Collect for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

P: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C: he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[please rise and face the Pastor in the center of the nave, a sign of Christ's presence among His people]

Verse: Matthew 28:20b

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witness-

es of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostle’s Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn:

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

Hymn 222

The Sermon

“Christ’s Ascension Matters”

[we stand]

The 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.

Receipt of Offerings

Pause to Ponder

Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we prioritize our lives.

Reception of New Members

Kenny & Melissa Alford

Mark & Sunny Woelfel and their children, Sydni, Paige, Layna, Jay & Rayli

The Prayers of the Day

O Lord, since Your Son has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet, ascended in triumph and is seated at Your right hand, so open our lips to sing praises to our King, rejoicing and living in the truth of His victory for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son has commanded us to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Bless the proclamation of Your Church, that many may believe, be baptized and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, preserve Your Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world. Give steadfast faith to all Christians by the preaching of Your Word and through the Holy Sacraments, and send laborers into Your harvest. Enliven the love of Your saints to bear one another’s burdens and to show mercy toward those outside of the Church. Quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, You raised Your only begotten Son from the dead and established Him at Your right hand so that we might be part of Your household forever. Bless our homes as we await our day of resurrection. Be the companion and consolation of those who live in solitude, strengthen husbands and wives so that their love exemplifies the love between Christ and His Church, and bless parents and children as they gather around Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, since Your Son will shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, keep all of our leaders from acting in ways that will earn them His wrath. Bless them with wisdom to govern us in accord with Your righteous ways. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, as believers in Your Son’s name, we call on You to deliver Karen Al, Larry, Bernice, Joyce, Wesley, Margaret, Diane, Erick, Steve, and all those we name in our hearts or who suffer in our midst from sickness of body and mind and every other power of the enemy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for the Word/Church

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P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Benediction

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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.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

“On Christ's Ascension I Now Build”

Hymn 216

Postlude

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class - Join us in studying the Minor Prophet book of Amos! This fiery book introduces us to the themes of God's judgment in the Old Testament, the depths of Israel's sin (and ours!) and how even a few brief words of comfort can bind up our broken consciences and can point us to Jesus, Who alone can restore us to life!

“Superheroes of the Bible” VBS will be held June 20-22 from 5:30-8:00 in the evenings. Registration is open online at www.holycrosswarda.com.

Volunteers are needed to help with lessons, crafts, games, setup/cleanup, etc. If you are willing to help out, please contact Sherrie Halpain, Chelsea Beck, or call the church office.

The Sewing Circle continues to meet weekly on Thursday mornings from 9:00-noon in the old parish hall. They cut squares, sew and tie quilts, trim stamps, and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship. All ladies are invited! No experience is necessary and you do not have to be a member of Holy Cross to join them!

Come Meet Your Old Friends And Make New Ones at the annual **Serbin Picnic** TODAY at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. They'll have Barbecue sold by the pound only from 9:00 A.M. until sold out. The Ladies Aid stand will have Potato Salad, Beans, Noodles, and pastries of all kinds as well as their annual silent auction. Other activities include the baseball game at 2PM, school children's program, children's booths & games, barrel train rides for the kids and entertainment by the Czech Melody Masters. The youth league hamburger stand will be open from 4:00-7:30. The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum will be open from 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to come out and have some good, old-fashioned fun!

BBQ Pork Steak Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 19th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$12.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 13th . All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered during this academic year. It's hard to believe another school year is complete! We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers and support, as preparations are made for next year and the future. God continues to bless our ministry and YOU do as well. Thank you!

New Student Registration

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

Youth Camps

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

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

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

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING! (3-5 is FULL!)

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

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

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15 LIMITED SPACE REMAINING!

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

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!

Amazon Smile and Wish List

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation.

FLHS has also created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran High School in honor of the 2022 graduating class.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Karen Schubert, undergoing treatments for breast cancer

Al Jurk, recovering from neck surgery

Larry Gay, brother of John Gay, battling ALS

Bernice Guettler, mom of Roland Guettler, recovering from hip surgery following a fall

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

Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, undergoing cancer treatments

Margaret Menzies, friend of Wendy Wagner, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Diane Elguermai, friend of John & Lisa Gay, fighting breast cancer

Erick Ponthieux, friend of John & Lisa Gay, diagnosed with cancer

Steve Hillman, friend of Wayne and Jane Chapman and family, undergoing cancer treatments

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

For Robb Elementary and the families in Uvalde struggling with this weeks tragedy

Congratulations to Lance and Kristal Schramm on the birth of their baby boy, Koda Houston Schramm, on May 25th. Proud grandparents are J.C. & Carol Schramm. We pray God's blessings on little Koda and his parents.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

May 29, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Oranell Dunk	Greeter
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch	Elders on Duty
Vernon Smith	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY		Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	8:30 a.m.	FLHS Frog Dissection Camp
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study - last for this study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	<i>Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 154 Bible Class: 37

Sunday School: 13