



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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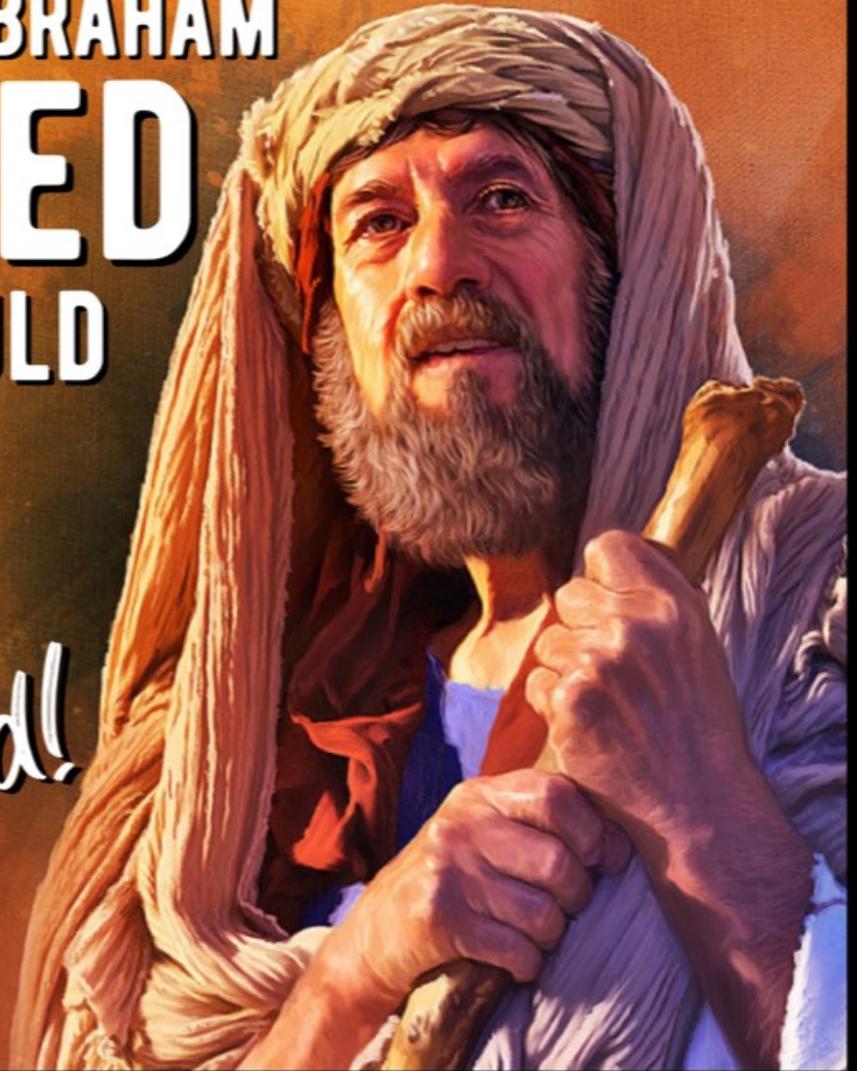
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**YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM  
REJOICED  
THAT HE WOULD  
SEE MY DAY.**

*He saw it  
and was glad!*



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: 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 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text  
Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

I have set the LORD always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**my flesh also dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

**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 and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

<sup>22</sup>“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman,

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Romans 10:8b, 10

P: The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,

**C: the word of faith that we proclaim.**

P: For with the heart one believes and is justified,

**C: and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

**Second Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

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

P: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

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

### Holy Gospel: John 8:48-59 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## The Athanasian Creed

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

C: **And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,**

P: neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

C: **For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

P: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

C: **Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**

P: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;  
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

C: **And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**

P: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

C: **In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;**

P: and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.

C: **So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**

P: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C: **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

- P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.  
And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;  
but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C: **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- P: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- P: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:  
perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;  
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C: **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;  
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.  
For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C: **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**  
**And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.**
- P: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

### *Children's Message*

The Sermon

“Before Abraham...”

*[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

From the Service of the Sacrament – **“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored.”** Three times the angels in Isaiah 6 cry out: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” It is an indication of the three-ness in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God’s family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family. We are to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind, and generous, so are we called to be.

Hymn:

*“We All Believe in One True God”*

*Hymn 252*

The Prayers of the Day

Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Comfort us with divine peace, and do not let our hearts be troubled or afraid. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as You once chose apostles to proclaim the resurrection, so open the mouths of Your pastors and people to declare His praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, sustain those who are mocked for believing and confessing the truth of Your Word, that they may remain faithful to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have poured out Your Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of might, preserve Your people from their enemies, bring peace to the nations and prosper the cause of life. Bless our leaders, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Give them a relentless pursuit of just laws for the common good of all, with a heart of mercy for the weak and vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of compassion, forget not the sick and the suffering. Grant them healing according to Your will especially do we name before You Willie, Apryle, Lisa, Karen, Larry, Bernice, Joyce, Wesley, Margaret, Diane, Erick, Steve, Ronnie, Mike, and all those we name in our hearts. Give them confidence that You know their need and will well supply them with all that they need to endure to the day of Your coming, when all affliction will end and You will grant the perfect consummation to us and to all who have loved Your appearing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You have never failed Your people. You always deliver in Your good timing and according to Your perfect knowledge. Give us peace and assurance that You will bring the needed rains and favorable weather upon Your earth. Help us to trust in You and find rest and assurance that You always provide. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace for us by His death — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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:**    *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*    *Hymn 246*

## **Postlude**

### **Outreach Thought**

John 8:48-59: In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus made the claim that He and the Father are One, and that the Father is the One who glorifies Him. This drew criticism from His enemies, but brings joy and confidence to those of us who honor Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to share the Good News of salvation in Jesus, our Lord and our God.

## 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](http://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.

**Cemetery flowers:** Please be sure that flowers on your loved ones gravesites are kept neat and tidy. Once they have faded and started deteriorating due to the wind/weather, please pick them up to prevent them from blowing around the property. Flowers should be placed in the vases or up against the headstone so as not to interfere with mowing and weeding. Thanks!

**The Warda local Farm Bureau** will have its annual family night on Friday, June 24th, starting at 6PM at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. BBQ beef and pork will be served. Member tickets are \$5 each and guests are \$10 each. Drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church** invites you to their annual picnic next Saturday, June 18th, at St. Michael's park in Winchester. Activities begin at 3PM with the washer tournament. A BBQ plate meal will be served from 5:00-6:30 for \$12/plate. The live auction will begin at 6:30. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the afternoon!

**BBQ Pork Steak Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner next 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 TOMORROW. 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](http://www.flhstx.org) for registration information.

### **Youth Camps**

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

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15 (ONLY 6th-8th HAS SPACE REMAINING)

All other camps are FULL!

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information!

### **Camp Donations Needed**

FLHS camp leaders are seeking donations of recyclable items. You may drop off items at FLHS or call (979) 242-2889 to have them picked up. Items needed include:

- Toilet paper/Paper Towel Rolls      Cardboard - big boxes are great
- Newspaper      2 liter bottles and water bottles
- Plastic circular lids (like yogurt or sour cream lids)      Yarn or Ribbon
- Small plastic containers - 16 ounces or smaller even like yogurt containers

### **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 in honor of Diane Becker's birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup> by her family.



### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY**

Apryle Kappler, recovering from emergency appendectomy on Tuesday  
Willie Wagner, recovering from knee replacement on Wednesday  
Lisa Brugger, scheduled for surgery on Monday and will start chemo again soon  
Karen Schubert, undergoing treatments for breast cancer  
Larry Gay, brother of John Gay, battling ALS  
Bernice Guettler, mom of Roland Guettler  
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 Hillhouse, friend of Wayne Chapman and family, undergoing cancer treatments  
Ronnie Peschke, son of Betty Duke, recovering from a broken vertebrae following a fall  
Mike Grafelman, friend of Curtis Wedgeworth, undergoing cancer treatments  
All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and other illness  
For the members and families of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn and the church member injured in the fire on Thursday

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

June 12, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Lorie Lehmann	Greeter
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Jonathan Kueck, Dennis Pietsch, Ron Zoch	Elders on Duty
Lilian Carey	Acolyte

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY		Pastor Beck to Summer Camp with Trail Life
THURSDAY-SATURDAY		Pastor Beck to LWML Convention in Houston
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	11:00 a.m.	Church Office Close
Next Sunday		<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service: 116 Bible Class: 42

Sunday School: 12