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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
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Sunday, August 18, 2024

Thirteenth 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 Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

IN TODAY'S READINGS:

Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh

Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh "for the life of the world," not only as a sacrifice for sin but as "the living bread" from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54–57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. "Arise from the dead" and live in Him, because you are "light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart" (Eph. 5:18–19). Fear, love and trust in Him, "and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness" (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you "out of the house of slavery" by His cross and resurrection, and now He does "great signs" in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast and set His table; He bids you to recline and eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1–5).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

LSB Hymn 712

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

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia!

[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 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear Him;
He remembers His covenant forever.

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is His name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

GLORIA PATRI

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☐ ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

☐ ♪ **Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the**

Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **♪ And with thy spirit.**

P Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **♪ Amen.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **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

Ephesians 5:6-21

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

VERSE

John 6:68

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”


⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever

feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One 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

Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church. Bless all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant wisdom to Joseph, our president; Greg, our governor; our judges; those in law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to Your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow Your power of healing upon the sick, especially Shirley, Frances, Carolyn, Robbie, Cami, Dana, Clayton, and all those on our hearts and minds today. that in accordance with Your will, they may give thanks to Your name. Give Your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones. Strengthen their faith and assure them of Your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. 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 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>O God, Thou Faithful God</i>	<i>Hymn 395</i>
<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread</i>	<i>Hymn 312</i>
<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	<i>Hymn 40</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.

☐ Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

☐ 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

☐ 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

☐ 🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone

Hymn 355

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: John 6:51-69: Jesus told the grumbling Jews that their fathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on the true Bread of Life will live forever. May we proclaim boldly that Jesus is the one and only Bread of Life who wants to satisfy the spiritual hunger of people.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, our lessons take us into the topic of "lip-service worship." What happens when people forget about God for the sake of their traditions? Is this an invitation for us to reject *our* traditions? Join us as we hear Jesus' words about this important topic! Readings are Isaiah 29:11-19; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revelation! Join us in adult Bible class to talk about trumpets and angels, witnesses and incense, a dragon, The Lamb, and lots more in the book of Revelation! Ultimately, you'll find hope and comfort in the midst of this often misunderstood and misapplied book. We meet in the fellowship hall; refreshments are available.

Door Offering - On Sunday, August 18th, the Ladies Aid will collect a door offering for school supplies for St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin. Please consider supporting their efforts. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Ladies Aid.

Youth Group activities will be starting back up on SEPTEMBER 8! Be sure to join us at the Church Picnic! ***BEFORE that though, there will be a National Youth Gathering info meeting NEXT Sunday, August 25th at 11am in the Youth Room! This is for all youth in 8th grade through high school AND their parents!*** NYG is July 19-23, 2025!

Church Pictorial Directory - Lee Heselmeyer and Cyndy Zoch have taken on the responsibility of helping finish up our church photo directory. If you did not previously take a photo, or you need an updated photo, the backdrop will be up in the new Narthex today and the next two Sunday's. Also, please be sure and verify your address and phone number are listed correctly. Group photos (Ladies Aid, Couple's Club, Youth, etc. also need to be sent over to Lee at leehesel@yahoo.com. Please help Lee and Cyndy so they can move forward with getting this book finished before the end of 2024!

NEW VIDEO SYSTEM - At the Voter's meeting on July 29th, the voters assembly approved the purchase of a new VIDEO SYSTEM for the church sanctuary. Donations are currently being taken for the Audio Visual fund to help offset the cost of this project. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and note Audio Visual fund in the memo line. We look forward to getting this up and going and once again being able to record and broadcast our services!

The Wednesday night Bible study group will begin their Fall study on 1st & 2nd Kings on Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:30pm in the Family Room. This 12-week study will take us through King Solomon's reign and the fall and captivity of both Israel and Judah. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com by August 25th to get a copy of the study guide. New members are always welcome!

GriefShare - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings started a new GriefShare session on August 15th. It meets from 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall (300 N. Grimes St. Giddings) on Thursday evenings. This session will be 14 weeks and will conclude on November 14. Please contact Kathy Bartels, (512) 461-5442 or by email at monniebartels@gmail.com for more information about the program.

GEMS Ice Cream Social: School may be starting, but summer weather is not over! Join us for an ice cream social to cool off and enjoy fellowship time with other young ladies from churches around the area. All girls 5th grade through high school are welcome to join us as we kick off a new school year. We will meet on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda. If you've considered attending a GEMS meeting in the past, now is a great time to find out more! We will explain what GEMS is (Girls Embracing Mission Service), discuss service project options for the coming months, and have an ice cream social! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

Fried Chicken Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 2nd. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

Financial Peace University: Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University during the months of September and October. Financial Peace University is a comprehensive financial education program designed to help individuals and families create a plan for getting out of debt, managing their money, and building wealth. This nine-week course will meet every Wednesday in September and October at Saint Michael's Park. A meal will be served at 6:00pm and the class itself will run from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost for the course is \$79 but anyone who has previously taken the class can participate again for free. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Nate Hill at pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org or at 979-966-8036.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday School Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 25th. All Sunday School children are asked to be here and be recognized for their participation this past year. Several of them will be promoted to the next class. Teachers, please plan to be here as well as you are recognized for your years of service. We look forward to seeing you all on the 25th!

*Also, a reminder to parents receiving tuition assistance for our parochial schools, 50% attendance at both Church and Sunday School/Youth Bible Class is a requirement to continue to receive assistance. Attendance tracking for the 2024/2025 Fall semester started August 11th; there are 21 Sunday's in the Fall semester.

TEACHERS

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers. You can serve on a regular, rotating basis or just as a substitute we can call on when needed. If you are willing to help out or would like more info., please call Patty Schulze at 512-914-5748 or talk to any member of the Board of Ed.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

The ***wood, pit cleaning, and preparation*** group will meet at the picnic grounds this Friday, August 23rd, starting at 5:30pm to get things ready for the picnic. This group includes **ALL BBQ Cookers** plus David Lehmann, J.C. Schramm, Lance Schramm, Layne Schramm, Bobby Hentschel, Ryan Hentschel, Tommy Swearingen, Daniel Bamsch, Phillip Wagner, Wayne Brugger, Calvin Mersiovsky, David Weishuhn, Brandon Weishuhn, Randy Schramm, Darrell Schubert, Darrick Schubert, and Curtis Kieschnick.

In addition, the ***Young Adult Fellowship group*** and anyone else who is interested and willing is asked to come and help on Friday at 5:30 and get things set up for the picnic. Benches will be set up and pressure washed, the patio area cleaned up and washed, and the inside of the picnic hall cleaned.

Everyone should bring their own refreshments and anyone interested in bringing snacks to share when the work is done is welcome to do so. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served following the work. If you will come help, **please RSVP to the church office or Scott Schramm by Tuesday so we will be sure and have enough food.** We are looking forward to a great picnic and hope to see everyone there!

The ***Ladies Aid*** will once again be taking **pre-orders for sides** for the picnic. Sides include noodles, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw. They are pint size containers for \$4.00 each. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can call the church office at 242-3333 to place your order. Deadline is noon on Friday, Aug. 30th.

The ***Ladies Aid*** booth always has people looking to buy **home canned/preserved items**. Since we are in the midst of canning season, we would like to ask any congregation members that do canning to consider setting aside an extra jar or two of home canned items to donate to the Ladies Aid booth. We would also appreciate plants, quality handcrafted items, and items for our silent auction. If you have any questions, you can contact Gale Mersiovsky or any of the Ladies Aid members.

The ***Picnic Auction Committee*** members are Brian Varner, Shirley Varner, Nichole Varner, Elaine Kieschnick, Carol Schramm, Cyndy Zoch, Howard Konetzke, Natalie Canada, Kristy Hentschel, Lisa Gay, Kathy Steglich-Smith, Brenda Woelfel, Jonathan Kueck, Cindy Heselmeyer, Grace Walker, Doug Lehmann, Lorie Lehmann, and Carolyn J. Lehmann. Please **be on the lookout for items you may be able to donate** to the picnic auction. Handmade items and crafts are always popular! If you have any questions about what type of items may be donated or to have an item picked up before the picnic, please call Chris Kovar at (318) 458-8558, or

Brian Varner at (979) 966-3761. Items can be brought to the church office anytime this month.

NEW THIS YEAR - ALL auction items must be on the list by Friday, August 30th at noon, to be included in the auction on Sunday. It's OK to bring your item that weekend, but it must be on the list by Friday at noon. Put it on the list by calling the church office, Brian Varner, or any of the auction committee members listed above. NO NEW ITEMS will be added to the list after 12PM on Friday. Thank you!!

At the April voters assembly meeting, the **picnic proceeds** were designated as follows: ½ of the auction proceeds toward the Parochial School Tuition Assistance Fund. All remaining picnic proceeds will go to the picnic fund to be used for future projects.



Opening Service

Please join this afternoon at 3 pm as we will officially open our eighth academic school year. “Self-less” based on Philippians 2:3 is the theme for 2024-2025. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have begun another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Great Start to the School Year

We have had a great start to the school year! We love having our students back on campus and pray that their education and faith may grow abundantly this year! Registration remains on-going. Call us today - (979) 242-2889!

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Save the Date!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 28th. New this year will be **The Battle of the Vines**, in addition to **The Battle of the Brew** - both are home brew competitions, so start planning your brews now. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun

2024 - 2025 Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, English, Spanish

Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion

Mr. Gary Himmeler - Part-time Science, Math

Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.

Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math

Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology

Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Library

Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

Altar Flowers



Altar flowers are given the glory of God in honor of Wendy Wagner's 10 years of teaching Sunday School by Patty Schulze.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Shirley Going, under hospice care

Frances Gray, undergoing treatment for cancer

Carolyn Jurk, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

Robbie Lange, brother of Patrick & Kevin Lange and nephew of Dee Herbert, undergoing treatments for cancer

Cami Butler, niece of Dee Herbert, undergoing tests

Dana Herzog Srubar, niece of Lorie Lehmann, cancer has returned

Clayton, brother-in-law of Debbie Knox, recovering from open heart surgery

Those who serve today: August 18, 2024

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Brenda Woelfel	Greeter
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Scarlett Landry & Ben Jurk	Acolytes

Elders on Duty
Mr. Jonathan Kueck
Mr. Calvin Mersiovsky

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.	FLHS Opening Worship
TUESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Beck/Organists
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel led by Mr. Kueck
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation - 2nd yr.
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation - 1st yr.
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	5:30 p.m.	Picnic Grounds Clean-Up
Next Sunday		Sunday School Promotion Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Youth/Parent Mtg. re: National Youth Gathering (current 8th graders thru High School)
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group in the Fellowship Hall

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)