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and Saul asked,
“WHO ARE YOU, LORD?”



He said,

I AM JESUS.

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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
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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

✠ 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: *The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs*

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain" (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has *"ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation"* (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He *"was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead"* (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15-17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name *"before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel"* (Acts 9:15).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

[Please stand]

INVOCATION

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C **♪ Amen.**

Matthew 28:20

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **♪ Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

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

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

Psalm 32:5

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C **♪ Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - *Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is good to all,

and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your saints shall bless you!

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

☩ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☩ **♪** And with thy spirit.

☩ O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ **♪** Amen.

[Please sit]

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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

Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:1-14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God

from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,

and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A 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

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

C *♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

C *♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C *♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB Hymn 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set
 ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

SERMON

“Conversion!”

[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

PAUSE TO PONDER: John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won’t the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before — when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMATION REUNION CLASSES

[Those celebrating milestone Confirmation anniversaries are invited to stand.]

- ☐** Brothers and sisters in Christ, at your confirmation, you renounced the devil and confessed your faith in the Holy Trinity. Our Lord has sustained you in the faith and brought you to this day. Joyfully give answer to this, the final question asked in the rite of Confirmation: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- ☐** **I do, by the grace of God.**

☐ We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

☑ **Amen.**

[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.

Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of Your people. For You have sent Your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by His blood and make us to be a kingdom of priests in Your service. Bless Your Church, that all we endeavor to do in Your name may be in accord with Your will. Accomplish Your holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever-living God, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all *[including all missionaries]* who suffer for the Gospel, and continue to confound its enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all nations, You provided a miraculous catch of fish to the apostles and, much more, blessed their efforts as fishers of men. Continue to bless the Church as she spreads the Gospel and gathers in as many as would be saved. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare Your mighty acts to the generation to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord enthroned in heaven, You have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set Your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our governor, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. By Your provision, grant us faithful and peaceful governance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us,

especially Ralph, Charles, Frances, Courtney, Linda, Al, Layne, and Christine, that they would know the fullness of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; 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 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. 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

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Hymn 195

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Hymn 207

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 315

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 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.

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 \dagger and give Thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
C *♪* Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O God of God, O Light of Light

Hymn 132

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: John 21:1-14 (15-19): Easter changes everything. Dead to alive; persecution to mission; enemies to priests; denial to proclamation - these are the changes made by the Word of the Risen Christ. In one of the most amazing fishing stories ever told, we hear the life-changing difference that can be made with 153 fish in a net and one resurrected Savior. When you find someone who doesn't know or who has forgotten this truth, tell them today's Good News.

LOOKING AHEAD: Next Sunday is commonly referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year, we hear the familiar theme that Jesus truly is our Good Shepherd who loves us and has laid down and taken back up His life for us! Join us as we continue celebrating Jesus' victory over the grave...and the goodness and mercy that follow us every day of our lives, even as we dwell in the Lord's house forever! Readings are Acts 20:17-35; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASS - Everyone is invited to join Pastor Jacobs for Bible class this morning in the fellowship hall.

The plastic eggs that were used for the Easter egg hunt can be returned to be used again. Please return them to the box in the hallway marked Easter Eggs. Thanks!!!

The Ladies Aid invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, May 6th, at 6PM as they welcome Rebecca Bartelt, LCMS missionary in Taiwan, for a presentation and update on her work as a sacred music educator. Becky was last in the area in October 2022. We look forward to hearing more about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and her efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!

May Game Day will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 12PM in the fellowship hall with a light lunch provided. Come join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting with friends!

The Wednesday night Bible Study group has resumed their study on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m in the family room. For more information about this study, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

The Couples Club will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mothers Day, May 11th. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:30 to 12:00. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may also place your order by calling J.C. & Carol Schramm at 242-3232, Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, or Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky at 968-5032 **by Monday, May 5th**. Proceeds have been designated toward remodeling the inside of the picnic hall.

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 148 Bible Class: 45 Sunday School: 21

CONFIRMATION REUNION

Welcome to all who came today to celebrate the anniversary of your Confirmation! We are glad you are here and hope that you are doing well! The following Confirmation classes are being recognized today:

No classes in 2015, 2005, 1985 or 1975 so no 10, 20, 40 or 50 year anniversary's.

The 30th anniversary class was confirmed on April 9, 1995, by Pastor Robert Boyce. Class members are Gregory Heinrich, Samuel Jacob, Leann (Lehmann) Briscoe, Ryan Moerbe, Letisha (Schmidt) Muniz, Tiffany (Schramm) Noack, and Wesley Swearingen.

The 55th anniversary class was confirmed on March 22, 1970, by Pastor Ewald Recks. Class members Carolyn Lehmann and J.C. Schramm .

The 60th anniversary class was confirmed on April 11, 1965, by Pastor Herbert Hartfield. Class members invited to join us today are Betty (Pietsch) Wachsmann, Jane (Hobratschk) Chapman, and Dennis Pietsch. Ralph Kasper. Linda (Schramm) Kappler, Delores (Zoch) Marburger, and Darlene (Zoch) Kasper are deceased.

The 65th anniversary class was confirmed on April 10, 1960, by Pastor Herbert Hartfield. Class members invited to join us today are Carol (Hartfield) Lehmann and James Pietsch. Ted Tonn, Clarence "June" Pietsch, and Allan Lehmann are deceased.

The 70th anniversary class was confirmed on April 3, 1955, by Pastor John Herzog. Class member invited to join us today is Allan Jurk. Harold Medack, Jo Ann (Teinert) Lange and Eugene Zoch are deceased.

The 75th anniversary class was confirmed on April 2, 1950, by Pastor Paul Eifert. Class member Joyce (Medack) Greene was invited to join us today. Additional class members were Alwine Rose Lee (Hobratschk) Heinrich, Gilbert Pietsch, and Evelyn Stefan.

God's blessings to all of you as you take a few minutes to stop and remember your Confirmation Day. We pray the vows you made still hold true for you today!



The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

Track Season

Track Season is winding down, but not quite yet! We had 5 students participate in the TAPPS 1A Regional Meet on Friday, April 11! Our students did awesome that day, many with PR's. Kaylee ran well enough to qualify for state in the 800m and 1600m. The state track meet is Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3rd. Good luck, Kaylee!!

Youth Camps

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

May 27 to May 29 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 2-3 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

June 9-11 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 16-18 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 23-25 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

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

8th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 30th at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM and 1 PM. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

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.

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) and are due May 1, 2025.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Altar Flowers



Given to the glory of God by the 1965 Confirmation Class of Holy Cross, celebrating their 60th Confirmation Anniversary, and in memory of their classmates who have finished their course in faith: +Darlene Zoch Kasper+, +Delores Zoch Marburger+, +Linda Schramm Kappler+, +Ralph Kasper+

PRAYER REQUESTS



Ralph Bamsch, hospitalized, recovering from a procedure earlier this week.
Charles Slaybaugh, infant nephew of Pastor Biar, recently hospitalized but recovering
Frances Gray, undergoing chemo and radiation
Courtney Wagner, undergoing chemo
Linda Hobratschk, undergoing treatments
Al Jurk
Layne Huenefeld
Christine Hunt, recovering from heart valve repair on April 24.

Those who serve today: May 4, 2025

Rev. Matthew Jacobs	Guest Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Lector
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Avery Henderson	Acolyte

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.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	DEADLINE TO ORDER BBQ CHICKENS	
	6:00 p.m.	Fayette Electric District Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid—Pres. by Becky Bartelt
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	FLHS Spring Thing
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	Couple's Club
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Youth and Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Pick Up Couple's Club BBQ Chickens

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God alone be Glory)