

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

(979) 242-3333 | holycrosswarda.com | holycross@cvctx.com

600 FM 1482, Giddings TX 78942

PO Box 69, Warda TX 78960



Children,
do you have
any fish?

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.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

GUESTS AND 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.

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

Opening Hymn: *"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"* *Hymn 659*

[Please stand]

The Invocation

pg. 15ff

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

C: **♪ Amen.**

The Confession of Sins & 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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **♪ Who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

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.**

The 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!

The Gloria Patri

Pg. 16ff.

♪ 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: 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

The 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

P: Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

C: he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 5:1-14 (ESV)

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.

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: Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19 (ESV)

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.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

pg. 22

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.

Sermon Hymn: "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.

The Sermon

“United Once More”

[Please stand]

The Offertory

pg. 22

♪ 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

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

The Prayers of the Day

Lord of life, we are sustained by the spiritual food You alone provide, and our lives depend on Your powerful Word. As You have gathered us here around the proclamation of Your Gospel, make us worthy to receive the bounty prepared for us in Your Son's death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have raised Your Son from the dead to the praises of all angels and saints. Give strength to our hearts and voices, that we, with them, would meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty and speak of the might of Your awesome deeds. 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 *[missionaries]* who suffer for Your Gospel, and continue to confound Your enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers *[among us]* 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 leaders and grant them faithful and peaceful reign. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, 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 Al, Jeanette, Allen, Army, Joyce, Wesley, Clara, and all those we name in our hearts, that they would know the fullness of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, You have prepared a feast again for us on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Help us to rejoice greatly in this gift of His body and blood and to receive it to our eternal good, that we, too, would rise at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

The Service of Holy Communion

Page 24ff

The Preface and The Proper Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: 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:

The 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.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 Words of Institution

The Pax Domini & The Agnus Dei

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

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.

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.

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!”

LSB Hymn 466

¹Christ has arisen, alleluia,
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

²For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And its conquest His might did show. Refrain

⁴“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

^{Ref}Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living,
alleluia!

³The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tom is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain

⁵Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”
“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow”

Hymn 207
LSB Hymn 477



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
5 “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” Is the Eas - ter



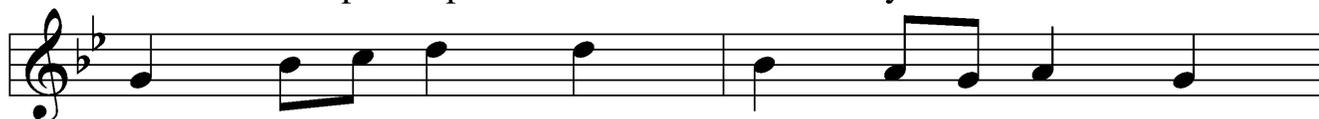
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
At the ta - ble still You feed us,
Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
Till our hearts with - in us burned.
On our hearts Your im - age trace!
Host us as our ris - en Lord!
Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”
“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

Hymn 206
Hymn 190
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.

The Dismissal

[Please stand]

The Nunc Dimittis

pg. 29ff

♪ 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.

The Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ♪ And His mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Benedicamus - The Benediction

pg. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with Thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

Hymn 421

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.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Class - Join us today for Adult Bible class as Pastor Beck continues our study about Stewardship (**which is not actually as bad of a word as you may think it is!**) Please make plans to join us in talking about a topic that has implications beyond the offering plate and into every aspect of our lives!

BBQ Chickens - **TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE** to order your chickens from the Couple's Club for Mother's Day. Whole chickens are \$12.00 and sauce is \$2.50. Pick-up will be from 10:30 to 12:00. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You may also place your order by calling Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, J.C. & Carol Schramm at 242-3232, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky at 968-5032, Robert & Joyce Hinze at 366-2398 or the church office at 242-3333. Advance orders only - don't miss out!

The Ladies Aid will meet again on Tuesday May 3rd, for an evening of puzzles and games! It all starts at 7PM in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join them for a fun night!

The Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. Note the date change due to the second Sunday being Mother's Day.

TOUR OF THE LUTHER LANDS OF GERMANY WITH THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Pastor Mark & Connie Barz of Crown of Life Lutheran Church in San Antonio, invite you to join them for an 11-day journey of discovery from September 6 to 16, 2022. We will visit most of the key cities and sites of the Reformation and in the life of Martin Luther, explore various places of history and beauty in Germany, and experience the world-renown Oberammergau Passion Play. Flights, hotels, tickets, and most meals are included in the tour package. Daily devotions will also add to this time of faith and friendship. Send an e-mail to Pastor Barz at pastor@crownoflifes.org to receive a tour brochure or to ask your questions.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program: The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2022 semester. 2022-2023 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 19th online at texaswendish.org and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15th, 2022. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. Thanks for your support!

CLS Family Fun Night - Grab your swimsuit, come enjoy some preSummer fun and celebrate with us at the last Family Fun Night of the semester, May 3rd 5:30-7:30PM! We will have dinner and a devotion, and then head to the Slip N Slide for some fun! (*weather permitting*) You can sign your family up using this link: TINYURL.COM/FAMILYFUNNIGHTCLS

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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

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

June 13-15 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

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

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

Aug 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$15

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

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. Please join us at Holy Cross's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11th, at 7pm.

New Student Registration

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

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

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. In the past two years, FLHS has received over \$400 from this program. Thank you!

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 all doing well!

The following Confirmation classes are being recognized today:

No class in 2012 (10 years).

The 20th anniversary class was confirmed on March 24, 2002 by Pastor Thomas Hoyt. Class members are Anthony Davis, Ryan Heinrich, Ashley (Jurk) Martin, Ashley (Moerbe) Wooldridge, Travis Teinert and Caleb Tonn.

The 30th anniversary class was confirmed on April 12, 1992 by Pastor Robert Boyce. Class members are Milton Bamsch, Tina (Chapman) Huenefeld, Patrick Lange, Ricky Lehmann, Jennifer (Schramm) Selby, and Amy (Swearingen) Gemma.

No classes in 1982 or 1972 (40 & 50 years).

The 55th anniversary class was confirmed on March 19, 1967 by Pastor Herbert Hartfield. Class members are Sandra (Meinke) Jones, Linda (Meinke) Bosenbark, Sandra (Pietsch) Northrup, Douglas Lehmann and Larry Pietsch.

The 60th anniversary class was confirmed on April 15, 1962, by Pastor Herbert Hartfield. Joyce (Dunk) Bise is in Oakland Manor Nursing home on hospice care. Mary Lou (Bamsch) Fenzlein, Gus Schramm, Jr. and Herbert Hartfield are all deceased.

The 65th anniversary class was confirmed on April 14, 1957, by Pastor John Herzog. Class members are Dolores (Bamsch) Wolf, Jerrell Dunk, Mary Ann (Pietsch) Schramm, Cydell (Lehmann) Hartfield, Carolyn (Teinert) Butler, Vestine Walther, and Erwin Zoch. Fred Tonn is deceased.

The 70th anniversary class was confirmed on April 6, 1952, by Pastor Paul Eifert. Class members were Joyce (Jurk) Kingsbery (deceased) and Doris (Medack) Pearson. Joyce was the last student Confirmed in German. Doris was Confirmed in English.

The 75th anniversary class was confirmed on March 30, 1947, by Pastor Paul Eifert. Class members who were invited to join us include Clara (Miertschin) Zoch, and Ruth (Hempel) Ziehr. Anton Lehmann, Leroy Schubert, Otto "Ludwig" Zoch, Elwood Walther, and Venettrice (Pietsch) Richter are deceased.

The 80th anniversary class was confirmed on March 29, 1942, by Pastor Paul Eifert. Class members invited to join us include Raymond Kunze and Marvin Zoch. Paul Lehmann, Johnny Moerbe, Milton Krakosky, Vestin Mitschke, Curtis Walther, Glorie May Walther, Alice (Eifert) Kunze, Ruth (Miertschin) Lorenz, Lillian (Teinert) Pesick, and Roy Lehmann, are deceased.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Kay Schnell's birthday on April 29th from her loving family.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Amy Wagner, recovering from surgery this week
Jeanette Schramm, in Encompass Rehab in Austin
Al Jurk, recovering from neck surgery, having complications with bleeding
Allen Wolf, home, recovering from back surgery on April 18th
Joyce Bise, sister of Jerrell Dunk, now in Oakland Manor under hospice care
Wesley Cervenka, brother of Debbie Knox, undergoing cancer treatments
Clara Damerow, friend of Linda Lehmann, in rehab following a fall and broken hip
All those on our continued prayer list and those we know fighting cancer and other illness

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Kaiser who passed away on April 24th. Her funeral will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. here at Holy Cross. Visitation will be held this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 at Fayette Memorial Funeral Home.

Our sympathy to family and friends of Curtis Moerbe who passed away on April 25th. His memorial service was here at Holy Cross on Friday.

Thank you all for the prayers you extended on my behalf to our Heavenly Father and for the well wishes and cards I received following my reverse shoulder surgery. I am doing out patient physical therapy now and all is going well. A huge thank you to my daughters, Tina Huenefeld and Tasha Ahrens, for all the help during the first few weeks following my surgery and thanks to my husband, Wayne Chapman, for all that you helped me with. *Jane Chapman*

Thank you to all of the youth and their families for helping with year's Easter Breakfast and a huge thank you to all those that stopped by for food and fellowship. Your encouragement was greatly appreciated and the Holy Cross Youth Group Leaders thank you for your continued support!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

May 1, 2022

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mr. Jonathan Kueck	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Doug Lehmann, Allen Wolf, Ron Zoch	Elders on Duty
Andrew Davis	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	10:00 a.m.	Funeral for Helen Kaiser
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid - Puzzle & Games Night
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	8:00 a.m.	FLHS Lead Chapel at Immanuel
	5:30 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	Couple's Club
Next Sunday		<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30-Noon	Pick Up Couple's Club BBQ Chickens