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ARISE,
SHINE,
FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME!

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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
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Sunday, January 5, 2025

Epiphany Observed

✠ 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 Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son*
The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

PRELUDE - *Selected*

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Arise and Shine in Splendor

Hymn 126

[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.**

Psalms 124:8

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

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

Psalms 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 and 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 - *Psalms 45:6-8a; antiphon v. 17*

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter

of uprightness;

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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

☩ *♪* **And with thy spirit.**

P O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ *♪* **Amen.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1-2a, 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wis-

dom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

Matthew 2:2b

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

P Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- 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 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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

LSB Hymn 395

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| <p>1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
 You shine with God's own truth and light,
 Aglow with grace and mercy!
 Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
 Our Lord and Master, You have won
 Our hearts to serve You only!
 Lowly, holy!
 Great and Glorious, all victorious,
 Rich in blessing!
 Rule and might o'er all possessing!</p> | <p>2. Come heavenly Bridegroom, Light divine,
 And deep within our hearts now shine,
 There light a flame undying!
 In Your one body let us be
 A living branches of a tree,
 Your life our lives supplying,
 Now, though daily
 Earth's deep sadness May perplex us;
 And distress us,
 Yet with heavenly joy You bless us.</p> |
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3. Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav-‘nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God’s own love through You has reached us.

4. Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us, when not yet begun
Was this old earth’s foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living,
To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, every day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of glory!

6. What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of Gladness! We are yearning!
For the day of Your returning!

SERMON

“Jesus, Light for the Nations”

[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 - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

PAUSE TO PONDER: Matthew 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

INSTALLATION OF 2025 CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

[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.

Holy God, eternal Light, the darkness of sin covers the earth and its peoples. Let the light of the Gospel lead us to Him who was born King of the Jews. Give us humble and grateful hearts that bow down and worship Him and willingly offer the most precious gifts we have to give. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From distant lands and far off places, You gather a people to bear Your name and live in the light of Your Word. Bless the Church, that she may be united in doctrine, live in harmony and peace, and labor to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have established Your Church and drawn into her people from every race, tribe and nation. Bless those entrusted with the leadership of the Church. Give to pastors and missionaries the boldness of Your Spirit, that they may proclaim the saving truth of Your Word without fear. Bless those who hear, that they may be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, eternal Light, the psalmist begged that You would endow the king with Your justice. Grant the same gift to the leaders of our nation and every nation. Fill them with wisdom, compassion and care, so that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to all people the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, relief in suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart. We pray especially for Lana, Wayne, Courtney, Lawrince, Cheryl, Peggy, and those we name in our hearts. Sustain the weary with Your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have made us Your chosen people, members of Christ's Body, co-heirs with Him of all the riches of Your grace, including the privilege of this holy table. Bless our communion in Christ and bring peace and unity, that we may see the day when no divisions prevent us from kneeling in Your presence and receiving this blessed Sacrament for the life and salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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. And now do we praise Thee that Thou didst send unto us Thine only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou didst manifest the fullness of Thy glory. 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>The People that in Darkness Sat</i>	<i>Hymn 106</i>
<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i>	<i>Hymn 127</i>
<i>Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning</i>	<i>Hymn 128</i>
<i>Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing</i>	<i>Hymn 129</i>
<i>O Jesus, King of Glory</i>	<i>Hymn 130</i>
<i>The Star Proclaims the King is Here</i>	<i>Hymn 131</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 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

Now Are the Days Fulfilled

Hymn 99

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Matthew 2:1-12: On Christmas we sang, “Joy to the World,” but has our joy faded since Christmas? Matthew tells us that the wise men “rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” The Epiphany message that Jesus Christ is born for us and the whole world is a message that brings great joy home to every heart. May God use us to share this joy with others so that they would have the same joy in Christ!

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, the season of Epiphany continues to unfold as we remember Jesus' Baptism and the inauguration of His public ministry. Jesus lived, more or less, in obscurity from the visit of the Magi until His baptism. At His baptism, His true nature was revealed: He is the beloved Son of the Father. This same Jesus has, likewise, granted His Church the gift of Holy Baptism, a washing of regeneration in His name. God be praised for His faithfulness to us, and for His rich promises! Readings next Sunday are: Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE CLASS - If you've ever looked closely at the engraved stone on the outside wall of our church, you may have noticed the letters "U.A.C." carved just below the congregation's name. U.A.C. refers to the "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." What does this mean? I'm glad you asked! We are studying the Augsburg Confession, one of the Lutheran Church's foundational documents. First presented on June 24, 1530, this confession demonstrated the Reformers' adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints and also called into question those teachings of Medieval Roman Catholicism that were contrary to the Word of God. Join us as continue our study of history, doctrine, and of course, Scripture!

The Wednesday night Bible study group will begin studying 2nd Kings this Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.. New members are always welcome! For more information about this group or their upcoming study, contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com or 979-966-3166.

Our new church directories are in and available for pickup in the church office weekdays between 8:30 & 2:00 (except Wednesday's).

The Amanda Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund will hold a BBQ Pulled Pork Taco meal on Monday, January 20th. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the church office or by calling or texting Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166. In addition, we will be selling tickets after church Sundays in December and January until sold out. Only 250 tickets will be sold so don't wait! All proceeds will be used to award another scholarship to an 8th grade student attending Faith Lutheran High School.

Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up: Mark your calendars for the annual Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, January 31. Joining us this year are authors Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Ruth Meyer, Texas District President Rev. Michael Newman, Martha Van Buskirk, and Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. Please note that this event is not just for writers. The authors are the presenters, but it's open to anyone and everyone! Check the bulletin in future weeks for more details. This is an event you won't want to miss!



Athletic Programs Underway

Our FLHS archery and basketball seasons are underway. Both programs have more competitions in the coming weeks. Please watch the bulletins for updates and visit our website to see the full schedule. Join us and come cheer on our Falcons to victory!!

Raffle Items:

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

Thank you!:

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lana Swearingen, scheduled for back surgery on Tuesday
 Wayne Kappler, recovering from a procedure
 Courtney Wagner, undergoing treatments for cancer
 Lawrince Heinrich, hospitalized in St. David's South
 Cheryl Jurk, friend of Sunny Woelfel, diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer
 Peggy Darsey, neighbor of Lee & Cindy Heselmeyer, recovering from hip surgery

Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes for our son, Clayton, over the past few months as he has undergone treatment for cancer. His treatments are continuing, and he did get a good report at his last Dr. visit. Please continue to keep him in your prayers in the weeks ahead. *Allen and Dolores Wolf*

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 117 New Year's Eve: 61

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>Dec. 22</u>	<u>Dec. 29</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 5,505	\$ 5,505
Offering Received	\$ 3,985	\$ 14,422.78
Short/Over	\$ (1,520)	\$ 8,917.78

Those who serve today: January 5, 2025

Rev. Dustin Beck
Mrs. Ann Bamsch
Mrs. Jane Chapman
Mr. Cory Knox
Mr. Mike Tabbert
Ben Jurk

Pastor
Organist
Greeter
Lector
Audio/Video System
Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Brian Varner
Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	*No morning Bible Study or Confirmation today.	
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Pietsch Endowment Fund Board
FRIDAY	7:00 p.m.	Couple's Club
Next 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 Group

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)