



# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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# I WILL SET SHEPHERDS OVER THEM



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*Sharing with Everyone the Good News of Salvation Through Jesus Christ!*

Divine Service with  
Holy Communion  
9:00am

Bible Class and  
Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.

*Welcome to*  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
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Sunday, July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠  
(In the Name of Jesus)

**GUESTS & VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

**OUR COMMUNION POLICY:** Communicant members of LC-MS congregations are welcome to join us for Communion. Please mark the Fellowship Book, providing us with your address and the name of your home congregation. In keeping with our confessional heritage, we practice "close communion." If you are not a member of an LC-MS congregation and wish to commune, we ask that you please visit with Pastor or one of our Elder's before partaking of Holy Communion. Thank you.

**IN TODAY'S READINGS:**

***The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel***

The Lord rebukes and removes "*the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep*" (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets "*shepherds over them who will care for them*" (Jer. 23:3-4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to "*reign as king and deal wisely*" (Jer. 23:5). He is "*our righteousness,*" in whom we " *dwell securely*" (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were "*like sheep without a shepherd*" (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples "*to set before the people*" (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace "*to you who were far off,*" and "*by the blood of Christ,*" He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were "*separated from Christ*" by your sin, "*having no hope and without God in the world*" (Eph. 2:12), now "*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*" (Eph. 2:19).

**PRELUDE - Selected**

# THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      *LSB Hymn 709*

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever!

*[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 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 147:7-11, antiphon Psalm 145:16*

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

**make melody to our God on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

**he makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the beasts their food,

**and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

**nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

**In those who hope in his steadfast love.**

You open your hand;

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

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**C** **♪ 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**

**C** **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Mark 10:47*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**C** **♪ 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*

**G** **♪ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **♪ Amen.**

*[Please sit]*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.””

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

**To him be glory forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**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

*Psalms 78:25*

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

**P** Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 6:30-44*


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

**C** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he

began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**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

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

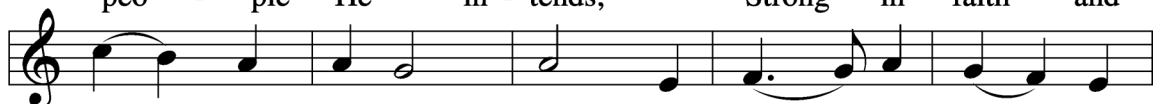
*LSB Hymn 646*



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.



## SERMON

“The Lord Had Compassion”

*[Please stand]*

## CHORAL OFFERTORY

*“Eat this Bread”*

*[Please sit]*

**RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS** - *Offering plates are available before and after service in the narthex*

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind’s efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

*[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.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of Israel, You promise to set caring shepherds over the sheep of Your pasture. Drive away deceitful shepherds who scatter Your flock, and gather Your sheep into Your heavenly kingdom by the hands of pious and faithful men whom You send in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ compassion for the crowd, He provided bread and fish until all had eaten their fill and were satisfied. Give us our daily bread, according to Your will. Help us to use the gifts that You have given us to care for those who are hungry and in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly King, You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us good government and faithful rulers, while reminding us always that all provision comes from You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend to those in need among us especially Carolyn,

Frances, Robbie, Cami, Becky, Joyce, Ryan, and all those on our hearts and minds today. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son once set a feast in a desolate place, miraculously multiplying loaves and fish to feed a multitude. Through the miracle of the Holy Supper, He continues to bless and give us a heavenly feast: His very body and blood for our forgiveness. Give us faith as we meet Him at His table, that we may greet Him always as the Lord, our righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world, that we would hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through 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. 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

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*

*Hymn 312*

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

*Hymn 316*

*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** O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness did send Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we ask You not to forsake Your children, but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
- C**  Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C**  **And with Thy spirit.**
- 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 † and give Thee peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C**  **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

*Hymn 263*

## POSTLUDE

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Mark 6:30-44: Jesus miraculously fed the hungry crowd of thousands by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle fed the people for a few hours but Jesus, the Bread of Life, desires to satisfy spiritual hunger forever. We who have been blessed to feed on the Bread of Life are encouraged to invite hungry sinners to believe in Jesus, who is and always will be the true Bread of Life.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next week, our lessons take us back into the boat with Jesus. After feeding the 5,000, He sent the disciples out to cross the Sea of Galilee. A fierce storm came upon them, they were terrified--and then they saw Jesus...walking on the water, coming toward them. Jesus came to rescue them, to still their fears, and to remind them of an ancient covenant that was (and is) still in effect: God will never forget His covenant faithfulness and love! Readings are 9:8-17; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56.

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Door Offering** - This morning, the LCMS congregations in our circuit will collect a door offering for Faith Lutheran High School to help them raise the remaining funds necessary to purchase a passenger van. Please consider helping with this special offering. Checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran High School and marked "van". Thank you!!

**Our Confirmation Planning Meeting** is today at 11AM for all families with first or second year Confirmation students (7th or 8th graders). We'll meet in the fellowship hall immediately following Bible Class.

**The Voters Assembly** will meet again on Monday, July 29, at 7PM in the sanctuary. Meeting packets are in voters assembly members mailboxes this morning.

**Missionary Gifts:** Last month, we welcomed Deaconess Sandra Rhein to Warda, where she played organ for our worship service and shared details about her mission work during Bible class. She has overseen several Lutheran hymnals in other languages, and is currently in the process of editing several more. Her presentation was amazing! As is the case with all LCMS missionaries, Dcs. Rhein is supported by congregations and individuals around the Synod. If you feel led to support her vital work, you can write a check to Holy Cross with "Rhein" in the memo line or you can give online at [www.lcms.org/givenow/rhein](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/rhein). Please remember Dcs. Rhein and those who are served by her work in your prayers!

**The Texas Wendish Heritage Society & Museum** is excited to announce our new Executive Director, Katy Kasper! Over the past year, Katy has been documenting at the museum, learning more and more about her husband's family's Wendish roots. She is excited for this new chapter and can't wait to see what the future holds for the

Texas Wendish Heritage Society. Katy and Shea raise their three daughters in Warda. Please help us in congratulating Katy on her exciting new role.

**Camp Lone Star annual picnic** and auction is next Sunday, July 28th, on their shaded grounds in La Grange. Worship will begin at 11AM, led by Rev. Dr. Brian J. Hesse, Senior Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellmead (Waco) . Rev. Michael Newman, President of the Texas District LCMS, will also in attendance to lead Rev. Ryan Neuhaus' installation as Camp Lone Star's next Chief Executive Officer! Each year, Camp Lone Star serves over 12,000 individuals through retreats, outdoor education, and summer camp programs. This event is a wonderful opportunity to support Camp Lone Star and impact lives for generations to come! A BBQ lunch will be served at 12PM followed by the live and silent auction at 1PM. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day!

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**New Student Registration** - Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org) for registration information.

**Transportation Fund** - Did you know FLHS is raising funds to purchase a transportation option? FLHS plans to use this fund to purchase a bus to help transport our students to extracurricular activities and events. We have already made significant progress, but please consider a donation to help us finish raising the funds needed to move forward with this project. Thanks to some wonderful supporters, we are moving closer to our goal each week! Thank you for your support!!

**Save the Date!** - FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 26th. **The Battle of the Vines** and **The Battle of the Brew**, our home brew competitions are back, so start planning your brews now. Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event!

**Amazon Wish List** - FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!!



# Altar Flowers



**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Bobby and Carolyn Buscha in honor of their 7th wedding anniversary on July 15th.

**Pulpit Stand Flowers** are given to the glory of God from the parents of Joseph and Sherrie Gammon upon their union of holy matrimony on July 20th.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Carolyn Jurk

Frances Gray, undergoing treatment for cancer

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

Cami Butler, niece of Dee Herbert, undergoing tests

Becky Kuecker, cousin of Jennifer Teinert, being treated for E.Coli

Joyce Fuchs, mom of Jennifer Teinert, in Towers Nursing Home in Smithville

Ryan Zoch, grandson of Delbert and Judy Zoch, sent overseas till December

Our sympathy to Roland and Betsy Guettler on the death of Betsy's uncle, Paul Kappler, on July 13th. His funeral was at St. Paul, Serbin, on Friday.

Congratulations to Joseph and Sherrie (Halpain) Gammon who were united in marriage in a small family service yesterday afternoon here at Holy Cross!

*Those who serve today: July 21, 2024*

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. Dustin Beck      | Pastor             |
| Mrs. Carol Schramm    | Organist           |
| Mrs. Jane Chapman     | Greeter            |
| Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth | Audio/Video System |
| Lexi Ahrens           | 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.                                       | Bible Class & Sunday School             |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                                       | Confirmation Planning Meeting           |
| WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED                             |   |
|                  | *No Bible Study this Wednesday or next Wednesday |   |
| THURSDAY         | 9:00 a.m.  | Sewing Circle                           |
|                  | 5:30 p.m.  | Ladies make Coleslaw for Camp Lone Star |
| Next Sunday      | 9:00 a.m.  | Matins Service w/Holy Communion         |
|                  | 10:15 a.m.                                       | Bible Class & Sunday School             |
|                  | Camp Lone Star Annual Picnic                     |   |

**Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 113 Bible Class: 31 Sunday School: 8

**Our Response to God's Blessings**

|   | <u>July 7</u> | <u>July 14</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Estimated General Fund Weekly Need            | \$ 5,220      | \$ 5,220       |
| Offering Received                             | \$ 6,055      | \$ 3,865       |
| Short/Over                                    | \$ 835        | \$ (1,355)     |
| Offerings received through e-giving: \$950.00 |               |                |

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)