

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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> Divine Service with Holy Communion 9:00am

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

Welcome to

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

WARDA, TEXAS - LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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Sunday, July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

→ In Nomine Jesu →

(In the Name of Jesus)

<u>GUESTS & VISITORS</u>: 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

IN TODAY'S READINGS:

Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, "and with every living creature," that never again would there be "a flood to destroy the earth" (Gen. 9:9–11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that "the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh" (Gen. 9:13–16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. "Take heart," and "do not be afraid," for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten "into the boat" with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45–51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are "strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Eph. 3:16–17).

PRELUDE - Selected

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

See This Wonder in the Making

LSB Hymn 593

Vs. 1-3 before baptism; v. 4 as they return to their seats

- 1. See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2. Miracle each time it happens
 As the door to heaven opens
 And the Father beams, "Beloved,
 Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3. Far more tender than a mother,
 Far more caring than a father,
 God, into Your arms we place her,
 With Your love and peace embrace her.
- 4. Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature, Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

THE BAPTISM OF HATTIE RENEE MOERBE

[Please stand]

OPENING SENTENCES

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- P O Lord, open Thou my lips.
- And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Psalm 51:15

- **P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
- Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1

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. Hallelujah!

INVITATORY AND VENITE

P Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

[Hebrews 10:22]

☐ ☐ For He is our Maker.

Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 95:1-7

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.

PSALMODY

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon v. 5

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

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

[Please sit]

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- **P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- ☐ JThanks be to Thee, O Lord!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- **P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **☐ I**Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

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

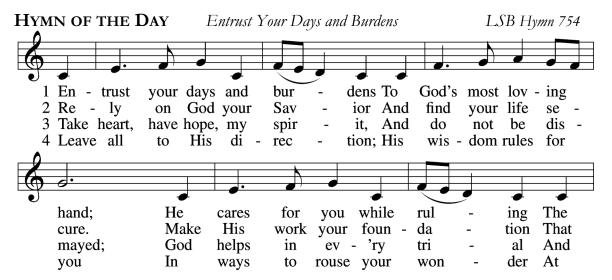
HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45-56

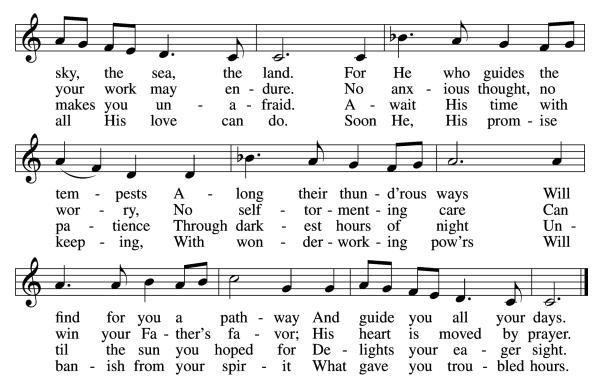
P The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the sixth chapter.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

- P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
- **☐ ☐** Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!





- 5. O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly When you with life are crowned. With heaven's joyful psalm.
- 6. Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress.

 And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

SERMON

"God's Watery Covenant"

RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

PAUSE TO PONDER: Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His Word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do everything far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at His Word and live according to it.

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.

Heavenly Father, You have made us Your own dear children through Holy Baptism. Strengthen us with power by Your Holy Spirit in our inner being, that Your Son may dwell in our hearts through faith and that we would be rooted and grounded in love. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, You are able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Be glorified in Your Church and in Christ Jesus! Ground us in love. Give us a faith rooted in the promises of Christ and strength to comprehend with all the saints His love that surpasses all knowledge. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, as You preserved Noah and his family and brought forth new life from the ark under the promise of Your covenant, bless now our families also. Make marriages strong and fruitful according to Your will. Let Your Word rule in every home, uniting its members in forgiveness and causing Your Son to dwell in every heart through faith. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of might, spare us and future generations from wickedness. Give blessing to our nation and its leaders to rule according to Your good pleasure. Protect the members of our armed forces, police and other public servants. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we Your people cry out for Your healing upon Carolyn, Frances, Robbie, Cami, Braycen, Joyce, Ryan, Michael, and all those in need. Even as You sent Your Son to heal and make whole, teach them ever to trust in Your love, for You never leave nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, do not allow our hearts to become hardened by indifference or frustration in this world. Give us understanding and courage to sustain us through this valley of sorrows. Lead us to Your blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith, that eating Your true body and drinking Your blood, we may receive forgiveness of sins and confidence according to Christ's New Testament. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You name every family in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Preserve us in the faith so that Christ might dwell in our hearts richly until that day when we join them around Your throne; for the sake of 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]

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

[Psalm 136]

 \square It is meet and right so to do.

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

☐ ☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heavn'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 in the highest.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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.

 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 A Amen.

If you are unable to climb the chancel steps without assistance, please come forward at this time.

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds	Hymn 464
Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation	Hymn 466
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken	Hymn 469
Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness	Hymn 305

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 pg. 29ff

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,
- **☐** And His mercy endures forever.
- 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.

☐ ☐ Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **□** And with Thy spirit.
- **P** Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

- **C I** Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless Thee and keep Thee. The Lord make His face shine upon Thee and be gracious unto Thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon Thee + and give Thee peace.

 Numbers 6:24-26
- C Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God LSB Hymn 941



- 1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
- 2 The band of the a pos tles in glo ry sing Your praise;
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glo ry, the ev er last ing Son,
- 4 You sit in splen did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



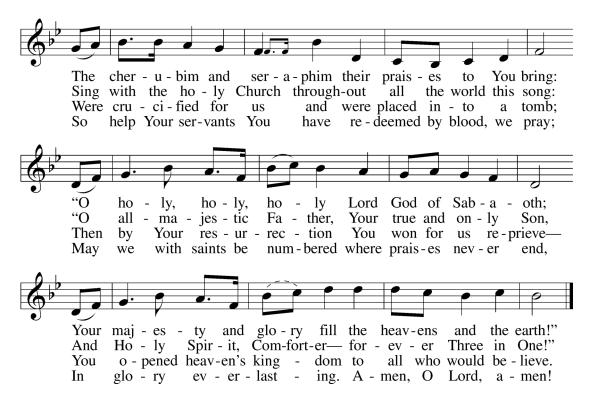
The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored. The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise. Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were
We know that You will come as our

great and no - ble throng, born of vir-gin's womb, Judge that fi - nal day,

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POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: Mark 6:45-56: The disciples were struggling with all their might to sail forward and fight against the strong winds, but were having very little success. After Jesus finished praying, He walked to them on the water. They cried out in terror when they saw Him, but our loving Jesus calmed their fears as well as the wind. Jesus is still calming troubled hearts and has invited us to join Him in sharing the Good News of salvation. May we witness to the life-changing power of Jesus with joy and enthusiasm!

LOOKING AHEAD: Next week, we're back on the topic of bread...after Jesus fed the 5,000, He sent the disciples across the Sea of Galilee by boat. St. Mark tells us that, after He joined them in the boat, they were "astounded, because they did not understand about the loaves." Jesus walked across the sea and Mark tells us they were still confused about the miraculous meal!? Next week, we'll hear part of the account from John 6 in which Jesus declares that He is the Bread of Life. Readings are Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35.

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.

The Voters Assembly will meet again tomorrow evening, July 29, at 7PM in the sanctuary. Meeting packets were put in voters assembly members mailboxes.

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. Please remember Dcs. Rhein and those who are served by her work in your prayers!

Blessing of the Backpacks - August is almost here and a new school year is just around the corner! In worship on Sunday, August 11th, we will pray for and celebrate the start of school with the "Blessing of the Backpacks." Parents with school age children, please be sure to have your children bring their backpacks to church on the 11th. We look forward to blessing your children and their backpacks and the start of the 2024/25 school year!

Camp Lone Star annual picnic and auction is TODAY 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!

Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim will be sponsoring a sit-down Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread lunch fundraiser at its fellowship hall, on August 11, 2024 starting at noon. A free will offering will be collected to help support Deaconess Jane Obersat in her mission work. She will be working with Pastor Hugo Gevers and Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, who work with former Muslims in Leipzig, Germany.

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 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 are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Hattie Renee Moerbe by her parents.



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

Braycen Mersiovsky, great-nephew of Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky, diagnosed with a brain tumor and undergoing tests to determine treatment

Joyce Fuchs, mom of Jennifer Teinert, in Towers Nursing Home in Smithville Ryan Zoch, grandson of Delbert and Judy Zoch, sent overseas till December Michael Schumann, son of Frances Schumann & brother of Gayla Davidson, scheduled for surgery on Monday

This morning we welcome Hattie Renee Moerbe to God's family through the waters of holy baptism. Hattie is the daughter of Kory and Amber Moerbe was born on May 7, 2024. Her sponsors and witnesses are Scott and Sherry Schramm, Ryan and Alicia Moerbe, and Jennifer and Chad Selby.

Congratulations to Caleb and Kyndall Tonn on the birth of Kashten Levi Tonn on July 20th! Excited to welcome Kashton are his big brother, Koleson, and his grandma, LaVerne Tonn.

Those who serve today: July 28, 2024

Rev. Dustin Beck Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm Organist
Mrs. Jane Chapman Greet
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth Audio/Video System
Brayden Schramm Acolyte

Elders on Duty Mr. Brian Varner Mr. Ron Zoch

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Matins Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class & Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Picnic Committee Mtg.
WEDNESDAY	NO Bible Study today	
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class & Sunday School

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 145 Bible Class: 39 Sunday School: 16

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)