



# 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**  
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Sunday, January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany

✠ 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 Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel***

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord "*to proclaim good news to the poor,*" "*to proclaim liberty to the captives*" and "*to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor*" (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. "*Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,*" sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to "*eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready*" (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, "*giving greater honor to the part that lacked it*" (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

**PRELUDE - *Selected***

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*O Word of God Incarnate*

*Hymn 294*

*[Please stand]*

### OPENING SENTENCES

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**P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C** **♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

*Psalm 51:15*

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C** **♪ 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]*

**C** **♪ 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 102: 18-22; antiphon v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

**so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:**

that he looked down from his holy height;

**from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,**

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

**to set free those who were doomed to die,**

that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

**and in Jerusalem his praise,**

when peoples gather together,

**and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.**

**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.**

You will arise and have pity on Zion;

**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

*[Please sit]*

### OFFICE HYMN

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

*Hymn 283*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪* **Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

## EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all inter-

pret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪*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

*Luke 4:16-30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** *♪*Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

*Hymn 512*

### SERMON

“Jesus, Our Strength”

*[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.**

### RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

**PAUSE TO PONDER:** 1 Cor. 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

*[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.

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death. In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need especially Eugene, Jeanette, Linda, Lana, and all those on our hearts and minds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give us faith that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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. 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

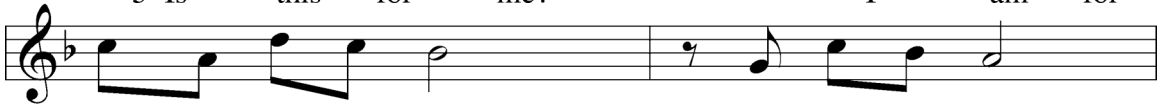
### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

*Hymn 511  
Hymn 66*



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
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This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

*God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons*  
*Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared*

*Hymn 483*  
*Hymn 306*

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

## CLOSING HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*LSB Hymn 643*

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing His children, of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## **POSTLUDE**

**OUTREACH THOUGHT:** Luke 4:16-30: Jesus called sinners to repentance and faith in Him as God's only Savior. However, those who heard Him at Nazareth rejected His offer of hope and salvation. Likewise, not all people with whom we share our faith will accept the message of salvation in Jesus, but that should not stop us from continuing to share. Sharing the Good News is our work and changing hearts is the Holy Spirit's work.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Next Sunday is the fortieth day after Christmas, also known as the Presentation of Our Lord. On this day, Jesus and his parents went into the Temple where Mary and Joseph offered two turtledoves as a sacrifice for their firstborn child. It was on this day that Simeon and Anna welcomed Jesus in the Temple, rejoicing that in Him, they saw the salvation of the Lord! Our texts include the call of Jeremiah, the "love" chapter from 1 Corinthians, and an account of Jesus' healing, exorcising, and preaching ministry in Galilee. Join us to "see the salvation that [God] has prepared in the presence of all peoples!" Texts are Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:31-44.

### **Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 167 Bible Class: 45  
Sunday School: 24

## 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 Voters Assembly** will meet again on Monday, January 27th, at 7PM in the church sanctuary. Meeting packets are in voting members mailboxes this morning.

**GEMS January Meeting:** All girls 5th grade through high school are invited to attend the GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meeting this afternoon at 2:00 here at Holy Cross. We will be planning our activities for the next few months and doing a winter-themed craft while sharing refreshments and fellowship. Contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 for more info. We'd love to see you there!

**The Wendish Society** will have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal is TODAY, Sunday, January 26th at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Don't forget to pick up your meals. The cost is \$15. If you missed pre-sale, there are limited extra plates available. Drive thru/to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:30pm at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2024 there were twenty four Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients totaling \$21,000 being awarded! We thank you for supporting our Wendish students!

**Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up:** The 6th annual Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up is just around the corner! Please plan to attend this year's event at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, January 31, from 9:00-2:00. Joining us this year are authors Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Rev. Brian Kachelmeier, Ruth Meyer, Texas District President Rev. Michael Newman, Martha Van Buskirk (new to the event!), and Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. President Newman will start the day by leading an opening devotion at 9:00, and students will go from classroom to classroom for writing workshops with the authors, while the adults get one-on-one time with each of the authors as well. Sessions for the adults include "Time and Manure" by Christina Hergenrader, "Writing, Reading, Learning, and Repetition in Isaiah" by Rev. Kachelmeier, "Fitting Fiction Into History" by Sarah Baughman, a Bible study by President Newman on "Courage in the Cultural Furnace," and more. Lunch is provided for all who attend. This is an event you won't want to miss!

**The Ladies Aid** will have their annual Super Bowl Snack & Bake Sale on Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Narthex. Stop by and get some yummy goodies for the game! Freewill donations will be accepted and proceeds will go towards travel expenses for the ladies to attend the national LWML convention in Omaha in June.

**The Warda Bunch** (supporters of the Lee County Junior Livestock Show exhibitors) will have their organizational/appreciation luncheon at the Picnic Grounds on Sunday, February 9th beginning at 11:00 a.m. The committee will furnish fried chicken and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to complete the meal. If you are interested in joining this group, please attend this meeting or call (979) 542-8372, if you have any questions or need further information.

**The Couple's Club** will meet again on Friday, February 14th, at the home of Doug and Lorie Lehmann at 7PM.

**Valentine Dinner** - The Youth Group will have their annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 15th. Join us as we transform the Fellowship Hall into "Cupid's Cafe" where you will enjoy an evening being served by our amazing Youth! The meal for the evening will begin with our famous Mocktails and Charcuterie-on-a-Stick. This will be followed by delicious Hamburger steak with brown gravy and options of browned onions, green peppers and mushrooms, creamy mashed potatoes, delicious green beans and fresh garden salad. Dessert will be a scrumptious banana pudding. Seating will begin at 6 PM with dinner service at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 per person and available from any youth group member or the church office. Tickets are available until Monday, February 10th. We hope to see you there!

**South Lee County VFD** will have BBQ Chickens on Sunday, February 23rd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Chickens are \$12 each and 16oz cups of sauce, potato salad, pinto beans, and noodles are \$3.00 each. Order forms will be on the usher stand in the narthex and are due by Monday, February 17th. You can turn them in to Holy Cross church office or Serbin church office.

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 7, 2025 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

## **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

## **Athletic Schedule**

This week's schedule includes:

Tuesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran School. Basketball game vs. Valor Kyle

Friday, January 24th, 4pm at Fayetteville. Basketball game vs. Fayetteville.

You can visit our website to see all our athletic schedules. Come cheer on our Falcons!

## **Accreditation Survey**

FLHS is currently working through the NLSA re-Accreditation process. As part of this process, we are conducting a survey from all supporters to evaluate how we are doing, and in what areas we could continue to grow. We would appreciate your participation in the survey. It can be found on our website, Facebook page, or scan the QR code. Thank you for your feedback as FLHS continues to grow our ministry!



## **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**



Eugene Zoch, under hospice care

Jeanette Schramm, moved to rehab facility in Bryan

Linda Lehmann, scheduled for a procedure on Thursday

Lana Swearingen, recovering from back surgery

Our sympathy to Brian and Shirley Varner on the death of Brian's brother-in-law, † Greg Northrup †, on January 17th.

*Those who serve today: January 26, 2025*

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Carol Schramm	Organist
Mrs. Lisa Gay	Greeter
Mr. John Gay	Lector
Mr. Mike Tabbert	Audio/Video System
Dylan Beck	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.	Youth and Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
	2:00 p.m.	GEMS Group Here
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Voters Assembly
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	FLHS Lutheran Writers Round-Up
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Youth and Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)