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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, August 11, 2024

Twelfth 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 Feeds Us with His Flesh, in Order to Strengthen Us with His Own Life
God the Father sent His Son into the world, so that the world might have life in Him. Now He “*draws*” you to His Son, Christ Jesus, by the preaching of His Gospel. “*Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father*” comes to Jesus, who will never cast him out but “*will raise him up on the last day*” (John 6:44–45). He is “*the bread of life,*” who “*comes down from heaven*” in the flesh, that you may eat of Him and “*live forever*” (John 6:48–51). Although “*the journey is too great for you,*” in the strength of this food you shall come to “*the mount of God.*” Do not be afraid, and do not despair, but “*arise and eat*” (1 Kings 19:5–8). And “*no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds*” (Eph. 4:17), but “*walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us*” (Eph. 5:2). In Him, you have been “*created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*” (Eph. 4:24). Therefore, “*be imitators of God, as beloved children*” (Eph. 5:1), by “*forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you*” (Eph. 4:32).

PRELUDE - Selected

THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

Hymn 10

[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.**

Psalm 124:8

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

C **♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end, that by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy up on and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **♪ Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Psalm 34:8-10; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

You open Your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints,

for those who fear Him have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and hunger;

but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

You open Your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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

☩ The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☩ *♪* **And with thy spirit.**

☩ Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ *♪* **Amen.**

[Please sit]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the Lord, you His saints,

for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the

thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

John 6:51a, b

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

C ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-51

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

C ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on

the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *♪* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

HYMN OF THE DAY *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

Hymn 307

SERMON

“Get Up and Eat!”

[Please stand]

OFFERTORY

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C *♪* 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

PAUSE TO PONDER: Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

[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.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be the bread of life, giving eternal life to all who come to Him. By Your Holy Spirit, lead the whole Church on earth to imitate You and walk in Your love as beloved children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give strength and courage to all pastors and those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression. Hearten them by the example of Elijah and the prophets and apostles before them. Comfort them through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, through Holy Baptism You have joined the faithful together as Your children, making us brothers in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to believe that, through Christ, we belong to one another. Lead us to put away all falsehood and malice and instead to speak Christ’s truth to one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for our nation. Cause us to live in harmony with one another, and free our citizens from want, suffering, danger and fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show kindness to the sick including Shirley, Frances, Carolyn, Robbie, Cami, Michael, Dana, Clayton, and all those in our hearts and minds. Never let them be in doubt that You hear their prayers. Relieve all pain and provide for those who suffer from any kind of hardship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those who commune this day, that reconciled to each other in Christ’s body and blood, they may rejoice to receive Your forgiveness through this precious gift, be strengthened in times of doubt, and be nourished in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the bread of life. Together with all the faithful who have gone before us, we give You thanks and praise. Keep us steadfast in the faith, so that when our last hour comes, we may rejoice with them at the marriage feast in His kingdom, which has no end. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through 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. 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

If God Himself Be for Me

Hymn 528

Thy Table I Approach

Hymn 310

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

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Hymn 309

POSTLUDE

OUTREACH THOUGHT: John 6:35-51: Jesus declared that He came down to earth to do His Father's will. The Father wants everyone to look to the Son and believe in Him so that they shall have everlasting life and be raised up at the last day. We are called to witness boldly to this sure hope of the resurrection of the body unto life everlasting. May we continue to speak to others about this living hope with joy!

LOOKING AHEAD: Looking Ahead: "What other option is there?" That question is essentially what Peter asks Jesus in next Sunday's Gospel lesson. Jesus has been saying some controversial things for most of John 6, and many decide that Jesus might not be what they were looking for...but when Jesus asks if the twelve are considering leaving, Peter says, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." Join us next week to hear more! Readings are Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69.

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.

Game Day - Our monthly game days have been a big hit for everyone who has joined us! Our next one is this Thursday, August 15th, from noon-2PM with a light lunch provided. Invite a friend to join us for a fun afternoon of games and visiting.

There will be a community “town hall” meeting regarding the proposed Battery Storage Facility here in Warda this Thursday, August 15th at 7pm at the picnic grounds. The meeting is open to the public. Several speakers have been asked to attend including a local attorney, area fire chiefs and others with knowledge of these types of facilities, and Commissioner McBroom. This will be a great opportunity to find out facts to the questions that many of you have. Please share with your family and friends.

Church Pictorial Directory - Lee Heselmeyer and Cyndy Zoch have taken on the responsibility of helping finish up our church photo directory. If you did not previously take a photo, or you need an updated photo, the backdrop will be up in the new Narthex today and the next two Sunday's. Also, please be sure and verify your address and phone number are listed correctly. Group photos (Ladies Aid, Couple's Club, Youth, etc. also need to be sent over to Lee at leehesel@yahoo.com. Please help Lee and Cyndy so they can move forward with getting this book finished before the end of 2024!

NEW VIDEO SYSTEM - At the Voter's meeting on July 29th, the voters assembly approved the purchase of a new VIDEO SYSTEM for the church sanctuary. Donations are currently being taken for the Audio Visual fund to help offset the cost of this project. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and note Audio Visual fund in the memo line. We look forward to getting this up and going and once again being able to record and broadcast our services!

Door Offering - On Sunday, August 18th, the Ladies Aid will collect a door offering for school supplies for St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin. Please consider supporting their efforts. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Ladies Aid.

Youth Group activities will be starting back up on SEPTEMBER 8! Be sure to join us at the Church Picnic! ***BEFORE that though, there will be a National Youth Gathering info meeting on August 25th at 11am in the Youth Room! This is for all youth in 8th grade through high school AND their parents!*** NYG is July 19-23, 2025!

The Wednesday night Bible study group will begin their Fall study on 1st & 2nd Kings on Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:30pm in the Family Room. This 12-week study will take us through King Solomon's reign and the fall and captivity of both Israel and Judah. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cyndy Zoch at cyndy.zoch@gmail.com by August 25th to get a copy of the study guide. New members are always welcome!

GriefShare - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings will be hosting a new Grief-Share session beginning Thursday, August 15, from 6-8 PM in the fellowship hall (300 N. Grimes St. Giddings). This session will be 14 weeks and will conclude on November 14. Please contact Kathy Bartels, (512) 461-5442 or by email at monniebartels@gmail.com if you plan to attend or for more information about the program.

The Lincoln VFD annual picnic and fundraiser is next weekend, August 17 & 18, at the Lincoln Community Center. Saturday starts at 12:30PM with 42 domino Tournament registration. Music and concessions start at 3PM, hamburgers by Trail Life Troop 143 at 5PM, and live auction at 6:30PM. Sunday they will have their famous fried chicken dinner with serving starting at 11AM until sold out. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the weekend!

GEMS Ice Cream Social: School may be starting, but summer weather is not over! Join us for an ice cream social to cool off and enjoy fellowship time with other young ladies from churches around the area. All girls 5th grade through high school are welcome to join us as we kick off a new school year. We will meet on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda. If you've considered attending a GEMS meeting in the past, now is a great time to find out more! We will explain what GEMS is (Girls Embracing Mission Service), discuss service project options for the coming months, and have an ice cream social! Please contact Ruth Meyer at 979-540-9868 with any questions. We'd love to see you there!

Fried Chicken Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 2nd. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

Save the Date for our 1ST FAMILY FUN NIGHT! Sunday, September 15th, @ the Picnic Grounds. Join Us For An Evening Of Games, Fun & Lots Of Laughs! We'll also be hosting an Ice Cream Freeze Off – a homemade ice cream competition! Get those ice cream machines geared up or coffee cans rolling for your chance to win “The Golden Scoop” and of course, major bragging rights! More Details to follow but we look forward to seeing you there!

Financial Peace University: Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University during the months of September and October. Financial Peace University is a comprehensive financial education program designed to help individuals and families create a plan for getting out of debt, managing their money, and building wealth. This nine-week course will meet every Wednesday in September and October at Saint Michael's Park. A meal will be served at 6:00pm and the class itself will run from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost for the course is \$79 but anyone who has previously taken the class can participate again for free. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Nate Hill at pas-tor@stmichaelswinchester.org or at 979-966-8036.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday School Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 25th. All Sunday School children are asked to be here and be recognized for their participation this past year. Several of them will be promoted to the next class. Teachers, please plan to be here as well as you are recognized for your years of service. We look forward to seeing you all on the 25th!

*Also, a reminder to parents receiving tuition assistance for our parochial schools, 50% attendance at both Church and Sunday School/Youth Bible Class is a requirement to continue to receive assistance. Attendance tracking for the 2024/2025 Fall semester starts today; there are 21 Sunday's in the Fall semester.

TEACHERS

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers. You can serve on a regular, rotating basis or just as a substitute we can call on when needed. If you are willing to help out or would like more info., please call Patty Schulze at 512-914-5748 or talk to any member of the Board of Ed.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

The **Ladies Aid** will once again be taking **pre-orders for sides** for the picnic. Sides include noodles, beans, potato salad, and coleslaw. They are pint size containers for \$4.00 each. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can call the church office at 242-3333 to place your order. Deadline is noon on Friday, Aug. 30th.

The **Ladies Aid** booth always has people looking to buy **home canned/preserved items**. Since we are in the midst of canning season, we would like to ask any congregation members that do canning to consider setting aside an extra jar or two of home canned items to donate to the Ladies Aid booth. We would also appreciate plants, quality handcrafted items, and items for our silent auction. If you have any questions, you can contact Gale Mersiovsky or any of the Ladies Aid members.

The **Picnic Auction Committee** members are Brian Varner, Shirley Varner, Nichole Varner, Elaine Kieschnick, Carol Schramm, Cyndy Zoch, Howard Konetzke, Natalie Canada, Kristy Hentschel, Lisa Gay, Kathy Steglich-Smith, Brenda Woelfel, Jonathan Kueck, Cindy Heselmeyer, Grace Walker, Doug Lehmann, Lorie Lehmann, and Carolyn J. Lehmann. Now is a great time to **be on the lookout for items you may be able to donate** to the picnic auction. Handmade items and crafts are always popular! If you have any questions about what type of items may be donated or to have an item picked up before the picnic, please call Chris Kovar at (318) 458-8558, or Brian Varner at (979) 966-3761. Items can be brought to the church office anytime this month.

NEW THIS YEAR - ALL auction items must be on the list by Friday, August 30th at noon, to be included in the auction on Sunday. It's OK to bring your item that weekend, but it must be on the list by Friday at noon. Put it on the list by calling the church office, Brian Varner, or any of the auction committee members listed above. NO NEW ITEMS will be added to the list after 12PM on Friday. Thank you!!

At the April voters assembly meeting, the **picnic proceeds** were designated as follows: ½ of the auction proceeds toward the Parochial School Tuition Assistance Fund. All remaining picnic proceeds will go to the picnic fund to be used for future projects.

The **wood, pit cleaning, and preparation** group will meet at the picnic grounds on Friday evening, August 23rd, starting at 5:30pm to get things ready for the picnic. This group includes **ALL BBQ Cookers** plus David Lehmann, J.C. Schramm, Lance Schramm, Layne Schramm, Bobby Hentschel, Ryan Hentschel, Tommy

Swearingen, Daniel Bamsch, Phillip Wagner, Wayne Brugger, Calvin Mersiovsky, David Weishuhn, Brandon Weishuhn, Randy Schramm, Darrell Schubert, Darrick Schubert, and Curtis Kieschnick.

In addition, the *Young Adult Fellowship group* and anyone else who is interested and willing is asked to come and help on the 23rd at 5:30 and get things set up for the picnic. Benches will be set up and pressure washed, the patio area cleaned up and washed, and the inside of the picnic hall cleaned.

Everyone should bring their own refreshments and anyone interested in bringing snacks to share when the work is done is welcome to do so. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served following the work. If you will come help, please RSVP to the church office or Scott Schramm so we will be sure and have enough food. We are looking forward to a great picnic and hope to see everyone there!

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

New Student Registration

It's not too late to register for the 2024-2025 school year. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 14th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 18th at 3 pm as we will officially open our eighth academic school year. "Self-less" based on Philippians 2:3 is the theme for 2024-2025. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.

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!

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

Help us clear our 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 as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

2024 - 2025 Faith High School Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Chelsea Beck - History, English, Spanish

Pastor Dustin Beck - Part-time Religion

Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math

Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.

Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math

Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology

Mrs. Jane Obersat - Part-time German, Library

Mr. Dan Schaefer - Part-time History, Music

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Going, under hospice care

Frances Gray, undergoing treatment for cancer

Carolyn Jurk, diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

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

Cami Butler, niece of Dee Herbert, undergoing tests

Michael Schumann, son of Frances Schumann & brother of Gayla Davidson, recovering from surgery

Dana Herzog Srubar, niece of Lorie Lehmann, cancer has returned

Clayton ??, brother-in-law of Debbie Knox, recovering from open heart surgery

Those who serve today: August 11, 2024

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Alford	Greeter
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Lector
Mr. Shea Kasper	Audio/Video System
Rayli Woelfel	Acolyte

Elders on Duty
Mr. Jonathan Kueck
Mr. Calvin Mersiovsky

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers Apprec. Lunch
WEDNESDAY	1st Day of School	
	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation (2nd yr.)
	7:00 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation (1st yr.)
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
	12:00 p.m.	Game Day
	7:00 p.m.	Community Mtg. at Picnic Grounds
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult & Youth Bible Class & Sunday School
	3:00 p.m.	FLHS Opening Worship

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 114 Bible Class: 36
Sunday School: 6

Soli Deo Gloria

(To God alone be Glory)