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Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Class &

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

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**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
P.O. BOX 69 WARDA, TX 78960**

Sunday, November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you 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. 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.

***Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ***

*"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9-10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).*

**Prelude - Selected**

**The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Words of Welcome**

Opening Hymn:            *“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”*

*Hymn 656*

1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
With palms they stand. Who is this band  
Before the throne of light?  
Lo, these are they of glorious fame  
Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
Now gathered in the holy place,  
Their voices they in worship raise,  
Their anthems swell where God doth dwell,  
Mid angels' songs of praise.
  
2. Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they must appear!  
Those martyrs stand a priestly band,  
God's throne forever near.  
So oft, in troubled days gone by,  
In anguish they would weep and sigh.  
At home above the God of Love  
For aye their tears shall dry.  
They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,  
The paschal banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board  
Himself is Host and Guest.
  
3. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,  
All hail! Now safe and blest for aye;  
And praise the Lord, who with His Word  
Sustained you on the way.  
Ye did the joys of earth disdain,  
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.  
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing  
Salvation's glad refrain.  
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,  
Yea, make it myriad voices strong.  
Eternally shall praise to Thee,  
God, and the Lamb belong. Amen.

*[please stand]*

**The Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

**The Confession of Sins & 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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ Amen.

**The Introit:** Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
**in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;  
**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

## The 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.

## The Kyrie

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

## The 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.

## The Salutation & The Collect for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

## First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white

robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Gradual:** Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C: They have washed their robes**

**and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

*[please stand]*

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

**Verse:** Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**C: let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### The Nicene Creed

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon Hymn: “For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest” Hymn 463**

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confest,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

**The Sermon**

“Blessed to Behold Jesus”

***[we stand]***

## The Offertory

♪ 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

### The Prayers of the Day

Standing with the great multitude of saints before the throne of God and the Lamb, let us join in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God of our salvation.

Mighty and eternal God, we remember before You the saints and martyrs of every generation, who trusted in You in the face of terror and threat. Grant that when facing persecution and trial in our own day, we may be steadfast in faith. Deliver those whom You have washed in Baptism, granting the new life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, You established the Church and have granted her Your aid and protection through these many years. Continue to pour out upon us Your Spirit and grace, that we may accomplish Your bidding and proclaim Your saving name to every corner of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, we give You thanks for the faithful pastors who have spoken to us Your Word and the church workers who have served us in Your name. Grant that we may continue to receive their ministry of Word and Sacrament with willing ears and open hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, we beg Your grace that our lives may be ordered by Your commands, and we ask You to bless those who govern us in Your name. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor, the legislature and all local officials, that pursuing the path of justice they may act with humility and honor for the good of all people. Give wisdom to all who vote this week, and bless its result, that our nation may elect our leaders peacefully and orderly. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, we know that all good things come from You. We ask you to look upon us with favor, and send abundant rains for our fields and livestock. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, You have made us Your children, and You continue to guard us as Your own possession. According to Your will, give healing to the sick, calm to the troubled in mind, and patience to those facing sorrow and struggle. Give health and peace to our nation. Hear us especially on behalf of David, Nancy, Jim, Linda, Amy, Rachel, Alfred, Ruby, Wesley, Bethany, Ron, Jessie, those in our hearts and those on our continued prayer list. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, show forth Your kindness to the poor and Your compassion to those who suffer injustice. Deliver us from the scourge of racism and prejudice, and help us to acknowledge our common life from Your creative power and our common redemption in Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, we are unworthy of all Your blessings and do not deserve the mercies new every morning of our earthly lives. Give us the will and desire to care responsibly for all that You have entrusted to us and to be generous with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, Your Son has set His table among us in the presence of our enemies, giving us a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Prepare us in heart and mind to come to this Sacrament and receive the blessing of His body and blood for our benefit. Deliver us from divisions that prevent our communion together, and bring us soon to the day when we will be fully united in doctrine and life to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty and eternal God, bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Knowing You now by faith, we yearn for the day when we shall know You face to face. Until the dawn of that eternal day, keep us in Your faith and fear through our Good Shepherd and Lord, Jesus Christ, 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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### **The Preface and The Proper Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**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:

### The 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.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Words of Institution

#### The Pax Domini & The Agnus Dei

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**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.**

#### *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.*

### The Distribution

## Distribution Hymns

### *“The Saints on Earth and Those Above”*

*Hymn 478*

1. The saints on earth and those above But one communion make;  
Joined to their Lord in bonds of love, All of His grace partake.
2. One family, we dwell in Him, One Church above, beneath;  
Tho' now divided by the stream, The narrow stream of death.
3. One army of the living God, To His command we bow;  
Part of the host have crossed the flood, And part are crossing now.
4. Lo! thousands to their endless home Are swiftly borne away;  
And we are to the margin come And soon must launch as they.
5. Lord Jesus, be our constant Guide; Then, when the word is given,  
Bid death's flood its waves divide And land us safe in heaven. Amen.

### *“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”*

*Hymn 258*

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,  
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication, Lord God Almighty.
2. See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;  
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.  
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling, Thou canst preserve us.
3. Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;  
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;  
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaileth; Grant us Thy peace, Lord:
4. Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;  
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;  
Peace when the world its busy war is waging. Calm Thy foes' raging.
5. Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;  
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth or, after we have striven, Peace in Thy heaven. Amen.

## ***“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”***

***LSB Hymn 673***

1. Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2. O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In Thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
3. Thy gardens and Thy gallant walks Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.
4. There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.
5. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above. Amen.

### ***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.*

### **The Dismissal**

***[please stand]***

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

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♪ 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.

## The Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C: ♪ 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.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## The Benedicamus - The Benediction

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with Thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn:      *“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*

*Hymn 475*

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou Bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Class** this morning will continue our conversation based on a study from the LCMS Office of National Mission called “Shepherding Our Strays.” It’s going to be a time of reflection on how important it is for us (the branches) to be connected to Jesus (the vine) so that we might bear fruit! We’ll study how and why reaching out to folks who have slipped away from regular worship is expected of Christians; and we’ll work together to find creative and effective ways to care spiritually for our brothers and sisters IN Christ who have found themselves OUTside His Church.

**Our next mid-week communion service** will be held this Wednesday, November 4th, at 9am. Anyone who is not comfortable coming to church on Sunday mornings is invited to come to this service. Please help spread the word to your family members about this service. Seating is spread out to ensure plenty of distance between families. Families are ushered up, one family at a time, to receive the Lord's Supper. Pastor wears a mask and rubber gloves during distribution. The hope is that, especially for our older members whose health might prevent them from coming on a Sunday, this service can be an alternative. Pastor Beck is still willing to set up private communion services any time you'd like or even bring communion to your home if you're anxious about getting out. He will wear a mask (and gloves during distribution). Please remember to care for yourself spiritually during these COVID times

**The Ladies Aid** will meet again on Tuesday, November 3rd in the *Old Parish Hall* at 7:00 p.m. Please note the location change due to election day.

**Military Appreciation Dinner** - Due to COVID, the Ladies Aid will not be hosting a Veteran's dinner as they have the last few years. Instead, they will be preparing meals to go on Sunday, November 8th around 11am. Invitations with RSVPs were mailed to those we know who had military service. If you or your deceased spouse have ever served in any branch of the Military, including the Reserves or National Guard, and you did not receive an invitation, please let Christine know by Monday so that we can add you to the list. Thank you for your service!

**Pork Steak Dinner Fundraiser**—On Sunday, November 15th, there will be a Pork Steak dinner fundraiser for Amy Wagner. Drive-thru at the Holy Cross picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; presale tickets will be guaranteed until 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each and ***can be purchased this morning after church*** or from any family member or the Holy Cross church office by tomorrow.

*The Ladies Aid* is sponsoring a dessert table at Amy’s benefit. They will be selling whole desserts for a free will offering, with all proceeds donated to Amy's fund to help pay medical expenses. They are looking for donations of baked goods and desserts. Donations may be dropped off at the table on Sunday morning before church. If you need to drop off a dessert earlier than that, please contact Rhonda Hentschel at 979-250-3437. If you have any questions before then, please contact Cyndy Zoch at 979-966-3166.

*Raffle tickets* for Amy’s benefit are now available!! They are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. You can get them at the church office or from any family member.

**The Holy Cross Couple's Club** will have their BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Sunday, November 22nd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Chickens are \$9.00 each and 16oz cups are sauce are \$2.00. Advance orders only by signing up on the sheet in the narthex or calling the church office at 242-3333 by November 16th.

**Rabbs Creek Wildlife** - Due to Covid and resulting regulations for group gatherings, the fall meeting has been canceled. The spring meeting has been tentatively set for Sunday, February 21st.

The wildlife association will have a deer contest, same as every other year, and will pay top 3 in big buck and top 3 in spike contest. Mike Tabbert ((979)966-9053) will be scoring deer again this year and all deer need to be scored prior to the spring meeting.

**GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays** - Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings will again sponsor a two-hour special seminar entitled "Surviving the Holidays" for anyone facing the holidays after the death of a loved one. The session is nondenominational and Christ-centered. This helpful, encouraging seminar features video interviews with top Christian experts on grief recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective and personal testimonies from people who have experienced the holidays during bereavement. The video is combined with support group discussion of the material presented during the video. Those who attend will receive a free book with over 30 daily reading providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival. This event will be held Sunday, November 15th from 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. We realize that Covid-19 is a big concern these days. The Fellowship Hall is large enough for social distancing in seating and all are encouraged to wear masks. Bottled water will be provided; participants can bring snacks if they wish. Please contact Kathy Bartels if you have any questions or concerns at (512) 461-5442 and or email [monniebartels@gmail.com](mailto:monniebartels@gmail.com).

**Attendance Last Sunday**

Divine Service: 103    Bible Class: 26  
Sunday School: 13

**Our Response to God's Blessings**

	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610
Offering Received	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,745
Short/Over	\$ (-1,749)	\$ (-1,865)
Offerings received through e-giving October 15-30: \$260.17		

## **FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel begins at 10:30 am. Social distancing will be practiced. Please join us!!

### **Shadow Days**

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

### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 13th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! It may look a little different this year, due to Covid, but we are excited to host this memorable event. Parents, you must call FLHS to reserve your child's spot at Game Night this year, as limited space will be available! Please join us!

### **Accreditation Visit**

Faculty and staff at FLHS are anxiously preparing for our accreditation visit on November 8th - 10th. This visit was delayed last spring due to Covid, but we are so excited to walk through this process as the ministry at FLHS continues to grow.

### **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!



**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Helene Hobratschk's birthday on Nov. 2nd by her daughter, Lisa Wood.



**Prayer Requests for Today**

David Lehmann, waiting for additional test results  
Nancy I. Pietsch, thankful for good PET scan results  
Linda Lehmann, undergoing tests

Jim Duke, home following hospital stay

Darrell Schubert, home following hospital stay

Rachel McDonald, good test results, able to go back to work

Alfred and Ruby Bohot

Amy Wagner, finished with radiation treatments, PET scan in 3 months

Ron Peschke, son of Betty Duke

Wesley Cervenka, making good progress following stem cell transplant on Oct. 1st

Bethany Behrens Lara, friend of Brooke Kovar, undergoing treatment for Lymphoma

Jessie Mendoza, former Superintendent of the Fayette county sweetening plant and pipeline and good friend of Dee Herbert and Howard Konetzke, fighting stage four Lymphoma

All those on our continued prayer list

*Thank you* for all your prayers and concerns over this last year. My scans have come back and are significantly better, as my doctor said. I sincerely thank you all for all the prayers. God has answered them, and I can feel the power of your prayers when times were a little low. I could not have done this without all your help. God Bless each and every one of you. *Nancy Pietsch*

*Congratulations to* Lance Schramm and Kristal Kilmer who were united in marriage yesterday in Bryan. We pray God's blessings on them as they begin their married life as husband and wife.

# THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

November 1, 2020

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mr. Jack Wiederhold  
Mrs. Curtis Wedgeworth  
Doug Lehmann, David Weishuhn, Allen Wolf  
Layne Huenefeld

Pastor  
Organist  
Audio/Video System  
Elders on Duty  
Acolyte

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00 a.m.	ELECTION DAY—Prect. 10 Vote Here till 7pm
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid in the Old Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 a.m.	FLHS Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sewing Circle
FRIDAY—SUNDAY	Picnic Hall Rented (Ice machine unavailable this weekend)	
Next Sunday	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School

The Lutheran Hour — November 8

### **"Tied into the Same Lifeline"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-fated feast.

(Daniel 5)