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

Divine Service
9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays

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

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

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

GUESTS AND 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.

Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death

The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide "*from the presence of the LORD God.*" But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He "*first binds the strong man,*" Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil's house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be "*out of his mind*" (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, "*we do not lose heart,*" despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. "*He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.*" By His grace, we are "*being renewed day by day.*" For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for "*an eternal weight of glory*" (2 Cor. 4:14–17).

Prelude - Selected

The Ringing of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome

[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 28:7–9; antiphon: v. 6

Blessèd be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Blessèd be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Gloria Patri

Pg. 16ff.

¶ 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 eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ¶ Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:8–15

8They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Gradual: Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

C: and his greatness is unsearchable.

P: On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C: and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (ESV)

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

C: ♫ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse: Psalm 127:1a

P: Alleluia. Unless the Lord builds the house,

C: those who build it labor in vain. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:25-35 (ESV)

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

C: ♫ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

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: “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” *Hymn 444*

The Sermon “Our Brother, 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

Pause to Ponder

Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” Doing the will of God starts with trusting in His Son Jesus Christ. Once we have faith in Him and have been reborn as new creatures through Holy Baptism, we strive to grow in this faith and in a life that agrees with our faith. We should strive to grow in generosity, in kindness, and in love across our callings, which include the home, church, and society while growing in the family of God. For all who do His will are his brothers, and sisters, and mothers.

The Prayers of the Day

Merciful God, You have sent the promised Offspring to crush Satan's head forever by the death of Christ, our Savior. As You gave comfort to Adam and Eve, receiving their meager confessions for the sake of Your grace and promising deliverance from sin and its curse, so comfort us by the forgiveness of sins and give us hope in the promise of eternal life and Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage to Your Church, O Lord, that as we believe, so we also would speak of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the confident hope we have in Him, that we, too, will be raised and brought into His presence. Embolden us by Your Spirit to confess this Christian faith from a lively conscience, that, for Christ's sake, grace may extend to more and more people and increase thanksgiving to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, Your Son was rejected on earth, even by His friends and relatives. Give consolation to all Christians who feel the sword of division brought about by the confession of Christ's truth, especially those who cannot find agreement within their own families on the Word of God, from which life itself comes. Assure them that their stand for Your truth is necessary, guard them from seeking a false or easier peace, and turn us in every earthly disappointment toward the promise of Your eternal and undivided Church Triumphant. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, no kingdom divided against itself can stand and a house divided must fall. Graciously preserve our nation with its government. Frustrate the work of Satan and the seeds of destruction he would sow in every place were he not stayed by Your gracious hand. Unite our leaders and our people for the common good, while leading us to hope in the eternal kingdom that is not of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord God, hear our prayers for Your servants who suffer in this earthly tent especially Mary, Jeanette, Lisa, Dolores, Aidan, Doris, Betty, Eugene, Georgette, those in our hearts and on our continued prayer list. Do not let them lose heart, but fix their eyes beyond what is transient to the things unseen. By this slight momentary affliction, prepare them for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, when at last You will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with You into His presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Satan once overcame our first parents through the eating of the tree's fruit, so overcome him now among us by the fruit of Your Son's cross, His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Bless all who commune with repentance and faith, that in the comfort of the Gospel they may be cleansed and prepared for eternal life with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

What was lost in Paradise has been regained by the conquering wounds of Your Son, crucified and raised again. In Him, we are restored as Your children and made bold to ask for every need. Hear us for His sake and in His name, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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; Heavn'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, 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

“Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

Hymn 226

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Hymn 235

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

Hymn 238

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:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Hymn 360

Postlude

Outreach Thought

Mark 2:(13-17) 18-22: We seek out the care of a physician when we're sick and dealing with an illness. Spiritually speaking, we *are* sick. We all have one spiritual sickness in common: sin. The comforting thing is that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is for sinners just like us! We who have been given the Gospel cure have the joy of passing on that same precious cure to those who have not heard of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Class: This morning, we continue our study of the first book, Genesis, the book of beginnings, to talk about God's account of creation and the fall, and His calling a people to be His own possession (which, by faith in Christ, is us!) Join us for an exciting look at a foundational book that helps to foster our Christian worldview in a world that denies Christ and His salvation.

PreService singing will be held again next Sunday, June 13th, starting at 8:30. Come and join us in singing some of our favorite hymns! If you have a hymn you would like us to consider, please add it to the list on the bulletin board this morning.

New Name!!! Healing Hearts is now known as *Healing Hearts & Friends*

Our small group has been a blessing from God for myself and others at Holy Cross. The journey we take when God leads us to do something we don't think we are equipped to do is amazing. Our group has enjoyed fellowship with others, laughed and cried, had good food and fun. I have had people from other congregations, as well as married members express a desire to participate in our group. God is good. We have always said, "all are welcome" (that includes you guys) as fellowship is what we are longing for; hence the name change.

Our June trip is in the planning stages and it will be to take The Painted Churches tour in Fayette County. I want to know if there is enough interest from working members to plan it on a Saturday? Please let me know if you are interested by calling or texting Emily Matheson at 979-250-3027 or emilymatheson123@gmail.com

VBS Planning is underway!! It's not too late to register your kiddos for VBS! Head on over to our website at holycrosswarda.com and use the link on the front page to register.

Are you cleaning out closets or toy boxes? Looking for someplace to go with all those gently used Lego's, building blocks, Lincoln Logs, etc.? Look no further! We will be glad to take them to use for VBS. Any size Legos, wood or cardboard building blocks, large cardboard boxes, kids building materials, etc.

would all be greatly appreciated! You can bring them to the church office during the week or make arrangements with Chelsea Beck for a convenient time.

Picnic Auction Items - As our annual picnic draws closer, please be on the lookout for items for the live auction. With some businesses still hit hard financially by the Covid pandemic, we are relying more heavily on our congregation for donations of auction items. If you have any questions, please reach out to myself (318-458-8558) or Brian Varner (979-966-3761). Thank you! *Chris Kovar*

BBQ Pork Steak Dinner: The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 20th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$12.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 14th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!

Attendance Last Sunday

Divine Service: 143 Bible Class: 30
Sunday School: 19

Our Response to God's Blessings

	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>May 30</u>
Estimated General Fund Weekly Need	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610	\$ 4,610
Offering Received	\$ 2,433	\$ 3,095	\$ 3,410
Short/Over	\$ (2,177)	\$ (1,515)	\$ (1,200)
Offerings received through e-giving May 16-31: \$661.31			

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

June 7-9 - Volleyball - Grades 3 to 8 - \$15

June 14-16 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 21-23 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 28-30 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$30

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Limited spots remaining.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. We are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Call for a tour and check out FLHS!! Call (979) 242-2889 today!

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year! Interested individuals who teach science, social studies, English, Spanish, or electives, or would like to supervise dual credit or study hall students may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranh highscool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elwert Hobratschk's birthday on June 2nd by his daughter, Lisa Wood.

Altar vase flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Bobby Buscha, Sr.'s birthday today by his family.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TODAY

Mary Fenzlein, in therapy following a couple falls

Jeanette Schramm, recovering from surgery following a fall and a broken wrist

Lisa Brugger, scheduled for back procedure

Dolores Wolf, thankful for successful surgery

Aidan Halpain, struggling with a difficult situation

Doris Pietsch, friend of Calvin & Gale Mersiovsky, hospitalized in Austin

Betty Welnack, friend of Ann Bamsch, now in Towers Nursing Home in Smithville
for therapy

Eugene Zoch, brother of Freddie Zoch, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Georgette Bradgon, friend of the community, recovering from surgery on Tuesday

All those on our continued prayer list

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

June 6, 2021

Rev. Dustin Beck	Pastor
Mrs. Ann Bamsch	Organist
Mr. Cory Knox	Lector
Mr. Curtis Wedgeworth	Audio/Video System
Dennis Pietsch, J.C. Schramm, Brian Varner	Elders on Duty
Avery Davis & Eleanor Carey	Acolyte

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TODAY 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion
 10:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School
 2:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY FLHS Volleyball Camp

WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle

THURSDAY - SATURDAY LCMS Tx. District Convention in San Marcos

FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. Couple's Club

Next Sunday *3rd Sunday after Pentecost*
 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:15 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School