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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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## WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!”  
(Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.



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### OUR COMMUNION POLICY:

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation by baptized believers in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

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### SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E.B. Holschuh  
Lay Reader – Dave Layland  
Assisting Elder – Dave Layland  
Usher – Alex Monroe  
Acolyte – Calvin Monroe

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We are using the Church Music Solutions Church Organist Service, an iPad application that provides us with accompaniment for our church service. **There is a brief introduction to the musical parts of liturgy unless otherwise noted.**

## AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

### *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “*the way, and the truth, and the life,*” and we come “*to the Father*” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “*glorified in the Son,*” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “*a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 6:5) and “*doing great wonders and signs among the people*” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “*gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God*” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “*rejected by men*” in the sight of God, He is “*chosen and precious*” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “*spiritual house,*” and we are built upon Him as “*living stones*” (1 Peter 2:5).

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

<b>Prelude</b>		Selected Music
<b>Welcome and Greeting</b>		Pastor
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	“ <i>Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i> ”	LSB 912
		<i>(stand)</i>

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Ps. 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*[Luke 18:13]*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*[John 20:19-23]*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Psalm 30:1-5

**P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**C** **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

**P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**C** **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

**P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**C** ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

# Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(sit)*

## First Reading

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the

coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now

you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(stand)*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*John 20:31*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be

also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*(sit)*

**Hymn of the Day**            *“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”*            LSB 648

**Sermon**                    *“Let not your hearts be troubled...”*            John 14:1-14

*(stand)*

**Nicene Creed**

**C**    **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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke 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.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*(sit)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** hear our prayer.

## **Offering**

Usher

*(stand)*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*[Psalm 136]*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus (no intro)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:



**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.

**The Words of Our Lord**

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(sit)*

**Distribution Hymn**    *“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”*

LSB 633

*(stand)*

# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant, De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** **Amen.**

*(sit)*

**Closing Hymn**

*“Splendor and Honor”*

LSB 950

## **Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**P** Go in Peace!

**C** **Serve the Lord!**

**Postlude**

Selected Music

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## CATECHISM CORNER | *Bite-sized teachings from Luther's Small Catechism*

Written in 1529 in Q&A format, the Small Catechism explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

### CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?*

Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.

2. *How do you know this?*

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

## SERMON NOTES: John 14:1-14

### ***“Let not your hearts be troubled...”***

1. “Let not your \_\_\_\_\_ be troubled. Believe in \_\_\_\_\_; believe also in \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 14:1)

2. When \_\_\_\_\_ displaces \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ in us shifts into high gear and we become fixated on self-preservation.

3. We need to constantly be reminded that \_\_\_\_\_ is with us, during the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_—and that reminder is God’s Word.

4. To \_\_\_\_\_ anything in Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

5. “Be \_\_\_\_\_ and courageous. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with \_\_\_\_\_; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 3:16)

6. We can say for certain \_\_\_\_\_ we are right now: in the loving \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

The first step to becoming a member of our congregation is to speak with our pastor.

We believe, teach, and confess that we are all broken sinners in need of God's salvation, which He freely gives through His Word and Sacrament. Church is not a club for the sinless– it's a hospital for sinners!

You may become a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church by transferring your membership from a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) or you may receive instruction from the pastor and become a communicant member of Epiphany and the LCMS through Adult Instruction Class or through a profession of faith.

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**Epiphany Events Calendar:** Our congregation calendar is on our website ([epiphanybastrop.org](http://epiphanybastrop.org)); to add an event, please email [secretary@epiphanybastrop.org](mailto:secretary@epiphanybastrop.org).

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**Offering:** Should you wish to make your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKYH/home> or scan this QR code.



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**9am Adult Sunday School:** Join us as we continue the video study, *Drive Thru History: Ends of the Earth*. We're following host Dave Stotts as he travels the globe to tell the 2,000-year story of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached the Ends of the Earth.

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**Thursday 6pm Zoom Video Study:** Join us for *You Were Made for This Moment*, a video study based on the OT book of Esther. Register now: [bit.ly/ELC-ThisMoment](https://bit.ly/ELC-ThisMoment)

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Answers to Sermon Notes:

1. "Let not your **hearts** be troubled. Believe in **God** believe also in **me**" (John 14:1)
2. When **fear** displaces **faith**, the **sinner** in us shifts into high gear and we become fixated on self-preservation.
3. We need to constantly be reminded that **Jesus** is with us, during the **highs** and the **lows**—and that reminder is God’s Word.
4. To **ask** anything in Jesus’ **name** is to be **sure**.
5. Be **strong** and courageous. Do not be **afraid** or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with **you**, he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)
6. We can say for certain **where** we are right now: in the loving **hands** of our **Savior**.

## PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please share any prayer request on the Prayer Requests sheet as you enter on Sunday. You may also email a prayer request, as well as a request to become a part of Epiphany's prayer chain, to [secretary@epiphanybastrop.org](mailto:secretary@epiphanybastrop.org).

Please continue to pray for...

- Makia Adler – missionary in Belize
  - Abigail Young – missionary in the Dominican Republic
  - Fey Betak, Francis Eschberger, Jim Haynes, Anita Hickman, Ranita Murphy, Elaine Ottinger, Sally Potthast, Gert Schriener, and all the residents at Argent Court Assisted Living in Bastrop
  - Rev. Timothy Dinger
  - Carl Sneck
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### THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

#### Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:00am – Children's Sunday School
- 9:00am – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 10:30am – Worship Service with Communion

#### Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

- 3:00pm – Devotional at Argent Court

#### Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00pm – Zoom Video Study: *You Were Made for This Moment*

#### Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00am – Children's Sunday School
  - 9:00am – Adult Sunday School
  - 10:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
  - 10:30am – Worship Service with Communion
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# FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS



## May 2026 Newsletter



### Spring Fundraisers a Tasty Success

Thank you to all who participated in this year's spring fundraisers: bakers, cooks, and customers alike. Our Good Friday homemade bake sale items as well as our FLHS Boosters-made chicken spaghetti casseroles **SOLD SOLD SOLD**. We are very grateful for everyone's hard work. Here's to many Faith-filled tummies!

### The Spring Thing!

FLHS proudly presents The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine arts department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 6th, at 7pm.

### Summer Camps Are Set

May 26-28 Basketball Total Cost \$20  
 June 1-2 Archery Total Cost \$15, Novice or Experienced  
 June 8-10 Volleyball Total Cost \$20  
 June 15-17 STEM Total Cost \$40  
 June 22-24 Art Total Cost \$40  
 Call: 979-242-2889 or email: [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org) for further details and registration forms.



Contact us:

[flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org) (979) 242-2889

### New Student Registration

Do you know a young person who would benefit from the Faith Lutheran High School experience? Don't we all! Registration for 2025-2026 is underway, and new students are already enrolling. We would love to meet with even more hopeful students and their families, and that's where you come in. Please help us grow Faith by spreading the word in person and on social media. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org). Blessings!

### Can You Hear Us Now?

Do you listen to local nonprofit radio station KTIM, 89.1 FM? If so, get ready to hear about our school on its rotating community billboard. Faith has a 30-second ad that will run daily and be refreshed every few months to stay current. We soon will be placing paid ads (sponsored by generous patrons!) on KBUK, 104.9 FM, KULM, 98.3 FM, and KNRG, 92.3 FM, all local country/American stations. Can You Hear Us Now???



### 9th FLHS Golf "Fore" Education Tournament

Join us in La Grange at Frisch Auf Country Club, Friday, May 29th for an 8am/1pm shotgun start. Our annual tournament benefiting Faith is perfect for every level of player. Just come out, have fun, and support our school! 4-man teams are \$100/person, including golf cart and lunch, and many prizes will be awarded. We are also seeking Silver, Gold, and Platinum sponsors (playing is NOT required, but please claim by Wednesday, May 14th to meet printing deadlines). Registration fliers are available throughout the community. Please contact the school at 979-242-2889, Jonathan Kueck at [kueckj@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckj@flhstx.org), or Layne Schramm at [layneschramm@hotmail.com](mailto:layneschramm@hotmail.com) for further details.  
 Good Faith, Players!

CONGRATUALIONS  
TO OUR SENIORS

GRADUATION  
MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 1:30 PM





## Jesus IS God

*[Pastor's note: I have been asked this more than once, "If Jesus is God, then who are the Father and the Holy Spirit?"]*

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me." Already, he places faith in himself alongside faith in the Father. Then, when Philip asks, "Show us the Father," Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." That doesn't mean Jesus *is* the Father—as if they were the same Person—but that he is perfectly one *with* the Father. He reveals the Father completely. To look at Jesus—his mercy, his words, his wounds—is to see exactly what God is like.

This is where we begin to understand the Trinity. The Father is God. The Son (Jesus) is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are not three separate gods, but one God. The Father sends the Son. The Son obeys the Father. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and brings us to faith. They are distinct Persons, yet one in essence—one divine being. It's not something we invent; it's what Scripture reveals as we listen carefully to all that Jesus says and does.

And this isn't abstract theology—it's deeply personal. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." If Jesus were only a teacher, that would be an outrageous claim. But because he is true God, it is a saving promise. The Son brings you to the Father. He doesn't merely show the way—He *is* the way. Through His death and resurrection, He opens the Father's house to you.

Martin Luther captured this beautifully when he wrote that apart from Christ, we cannot know God rightly, but in Christ we see God's heart laid open for us. The God who might otherwise seem distant or hidden is made known in Jesus—full of grace and truth, forgiving sinners, welcoming the weary. If you want to know what God thinks of you, look at Christ crucified for you.

And the Holy Spirit? Jesus goes on in John 14 (just beyond our reading) to promise the Spirit, who will teach, remind, and comfort His disciples. The Spirit does not draw attention to Himself, but points us to Jesus and creates faith in our hearts. Through the Spirit, the very life of the triune God is given to you—bringing you into fellowship with the Father through the Son.

The early Church summarized this biblical truth in the creeds we still confess today: one God, three Persons. Not divided, not confused, but perfectly united. The Father creates. The Son redeems. The Holy Spirit sanctifies. Yet all three are the one true God acting for your salvation.

So when you hear Jesus say, “Let not your hearts be troubled,” you are hearing the voice of God Himself—the Son who reveals the Father and sends the Spirit. You are not left to figure God out on your own. The triune God has made Himself known to you in Christ, so that you may believe, and in believing, have life in His name.

The One who forgives your sins, hears your prayers, and gives you His body and blood is not merely a representative of God—*He is God Himself, come for you.*

