June 23rd, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI—SYNOD 308 Byrne Street Smithville, TX 78957 512-237-2108 Divine Service 10 AM

Pastor David Woelmer



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

<u>In our readings today:</u> In his anguish and affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job's "words without knowledge" are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has "prescribed limits" and "set bars and doors," so that "here shall your proud waves be stayed" (Job 38:9–11). That's how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the "great windstorm" and the waves "breaking into the boat." He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks "Peace!" to us, which bestows the "great calm" of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. "Now is the favorable time," and "now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus' own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP BELL LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Exchange of Peace

By the second century, it was common for Christians to follow St. Paul's encouragement to "greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12) during the Church's worship. Though the place in the worship service and the manner of this greeting have changed throughout the Church's history, it has always served as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:2-3). It's more than a simple "holy howdy" or a warm greeting to one another. Instead, it's an extension of the reconciliation and forgiveness that Jesus has accomplished for us. We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you."

Please stand and remain standing



O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!

Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

Invocation (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

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

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



The Baptism of: David Wesley Crane

Service for the Rite of Holy Baptism is found on page 268 of the hymnal for you to follow along.



Confession: (We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)

- 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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I

have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution: (God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit: (Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)

Psalm 107:29-32; antiphon: v. 28

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

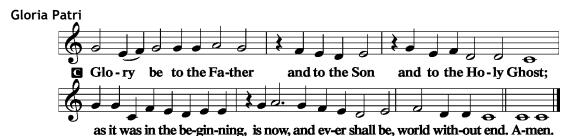
He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

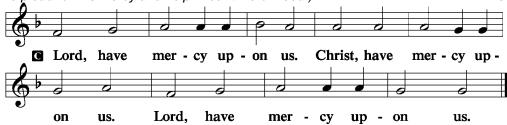
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

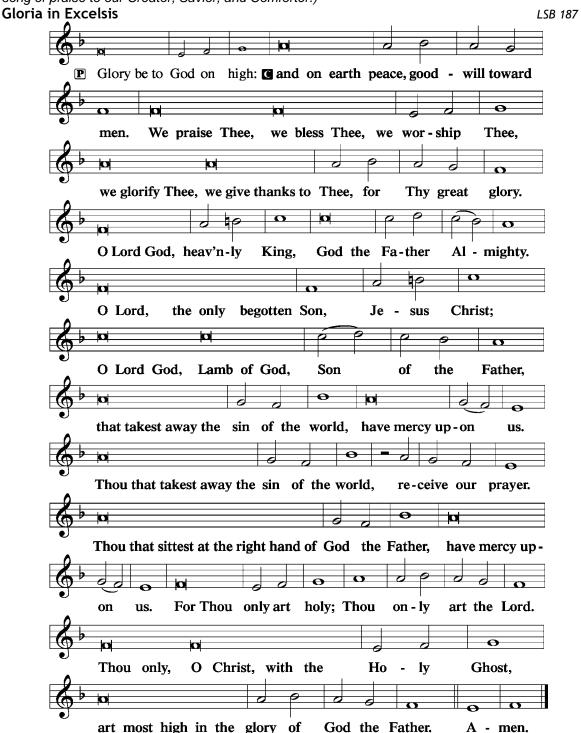


Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)

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Hymn of Praise: (Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)



Salutation: (The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)



Collect: (Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.)

P Let us pray

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Scripture Readings: (Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone.

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual: (The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

PThis is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed: (God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)

Apostles' Creed

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

Sit

Hymn of the Day: (This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)



Sermon "The Holy Ark of the Christian Church"

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand



Offering: (The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)

Rite of Confirmation and Reception of New Members

David Crane

Psalm 1:1-2

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."

Allison Shickles

Psalm 145:8-9

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."

Matthew Reinhardt (Profession of Faith)

Jared Shickles (Profession of Faith)

Service for the Rite of Confirmation is found on page 272 of the hymnal for you to follow along.

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Prayer of the Church: (The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)

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

Service of the Sacrament

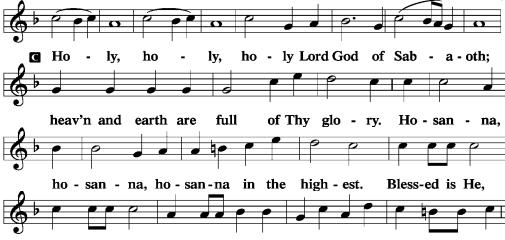
Preface: (The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)

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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).) LSB 195



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer: (We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Words of Our Lord: (We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)

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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 ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 testament 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."

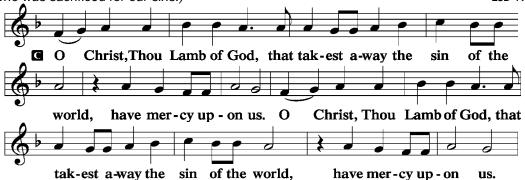
Pax Domini: (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)

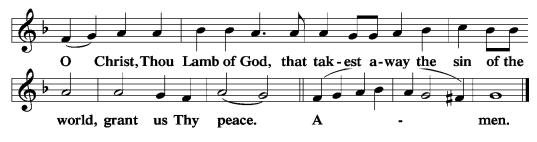
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Agnus Dei: (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.)

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Sit







Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: (Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He

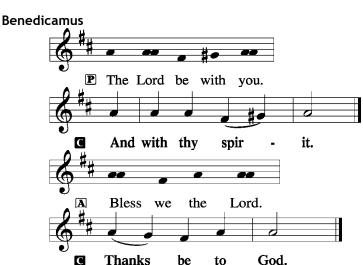
is good,

Post-Communion Collect: (We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)

P Let us pray.

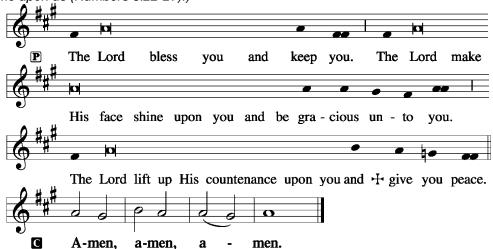
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

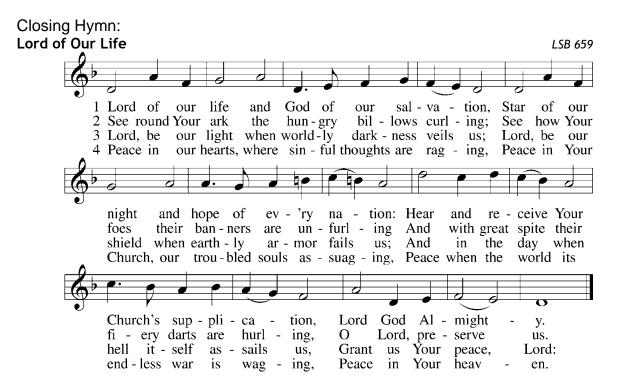




Benediction: (Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)

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Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

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Brad Zimmerhanzel Esther Wolff

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Guild: Marilyn Burns

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

Sun. Jun 23	Mon Jun 24	Tue. Jun 25	Wed. Jun 26
8:45pm- Sunday School & Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion	8am-Braille		10am-GLLC Chapel
Thurs. Jun 27	Fri. Jun 28	Sat. Jun 29	Sun. Jun 30
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON		9AM-Board of Ed Meeting	8:45pm- Sunday School & Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion

Attendance

Sunday Worship (6/16) 98

Visit with Pastor

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail (rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.

Online Resources

Each week, our congregation live streams the 10:00 AM Sunday morning on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. Bulletins and newsletters are also available online at our website, www.glcs.org.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the pastor. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.

KFUO Bible Study Resources

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Esther 3-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study Luke 2-4 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

For the months of June, July and August, the office hours will be different. I will not be in the office in the mornings but will be here in the afternoons of Tuesday through Friday instead. Please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell (512-595-4440) if you need anything from the office. -Lisa

June 30th, 2024 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33 Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43



Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year. LIMITED AVAILABILITY in all camps!

June 24-26 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

July 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! <u>Space is limited!</u>

Golf Tournament Postponned

Faith Lutheran High School annual Golf Tournament was postponed due to weather. The new date will be Saturday, June 29th. at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM and an afternoon flight. For more information, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. We already have new students enrolled and would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889

to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at www.flhstx.org for registration information.



Summer Office Hours

June and July office hours will be Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Please drop by for a visit!

Transportation Fund

Did you know FLHS is raising funds to purchase a transportation option? FLHS plans to use this fund to purchase a bus to help transport our students to extracurricular activities and events. We have already made significant progress, but please consider a donation to help us finish raising the funds needed to move forward with this project.

Thanks to some wonderful supporters, we are moving closer to our goal each week! Thank you for your support!!