

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life. The Lord is the Author and Giver of life, as well as a consuming fire of judgment against all “who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate” (Amos 5:12). “Seek the LORD and live,” therefore, by hating what is evil, loving what is good and doing what is just and right, according to His Word. “And so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you” (Amos 5:6, 14–15). Understand that “no one is good except God alone” (Mark 10:18). The life that you are called to live is found neither in your “great possessions,” nor in your good works, but only in Christ Jesus. Let go of “all that you have” and follow Him, even unto death, and “you will have treasure in heaven” (Mark 10:21–22). Do not harden your heart against His voice, nor turn away from Him, lest you “fall away from the living God.” Rather, hear and heed His call, cling to His Word and “exhort one another every day,” that you may remain steadfast in Christ and “firm to the end” (Heb. 3:12–15).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)
Nicole Arldt-recovering
Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Robin Buscha-recovering
George Hernandez-recovering
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland-recovering
Paula Krause-recovering
Mike Maass-recovering
Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)
Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)
Alicia Moerbe
Bobby Oltmann-recovering
Ethan Ray-recovering
Russell Richards-hospitalized
Zelda Richards-recovering
Bradly Schautschick-recovering
Kalbas)
John Boy Weiser-recovering
Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Stephen Kasper)
Sherri Fritshce
Ian Hailes (great-nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Judy Kalbas
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Vic Lohberg
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Those affected by hurricane Helene and Milton Seasonal Weather

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 593, 826, 781 v. 1&2, 660, 388

The Sermon: **“What if Jesus Said That To Us?”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“There Still Is Room”*

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

Today we welcomed to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Luke Daniel DeHaven and Ben Lee Smith

Luke and Ben are the sons of Joshua Smith and Jennifer Dittmar. Their baptismal sponsor is Gloria Smith

- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God
- ✠ **Thank You** to Rev. E. B. Holschuh, pastor at Epiphany, Bastrop, for delivering the message this morning.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting.** The October Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend.
- ✠ **Door Offering.** There will be a door offering for disaster relief on Sunday, October 20th.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 27th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 21st.
- ✠ **The ladies of Serbin LWML** will be having a bake sale on Sunday, October 27, in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser. We will have lots of baked goods, including desserts, bread, and maybe even some special spooky treats! If you have anything you would like to provide for the bake sale, please drop it off at the picnic grounds before church. All profits from the bake sale are designated to benefit Kurtis Hankemeier and his family while he is in the seminary.
- ✠ **Trunk or Treat – Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats.
- ✠ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14th. We have identified **100** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **30** veteran’s graves. Won’t you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran’s. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website.
- ✠ **Fill Dirt.** There is a pile of fill dirt behind the cemetery, from the digging of the graves, that needs to be removed. If you have any need of fill dirt for wash-outs, you are free to haul it away.
- ✠ **Immanuel Lutheran Church.** We’d like to invite you to our “Ring the Bell, Light the Tower” Community Event on Reformation Sunday, October 27 beginning at 6 PM! We will serve a community meal at 6 PM (first come, first serve) in our fellowship hall, and then hold a short Commemoration Service at 7 PM in front of the church. We will relight our new stained glass bell tower and celebrate the completion of our “Ring the Bell” Building Project.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 20th, **“Children of God-No Longer Losers”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Er. Leopoldo Sanchez. God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God’s kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Through the Church Year:

October 13 – Pentecost XXI

Even in Christian congregations, some promote death as a solution. Sin's deceit has hardened hearts (Hebrews 3:12-13). But Jesus loved the rich young man enough to welcome him with truth and love (Mark 10:21). Let us not keep His courage and compassion to ourselves. We can warn neighbors about abortion and euthanasia. We can win them over with the sanctity of every human life!

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Kelton Schulze and Hudson Short
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Glen Albrecht
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Pablo Rodriguez, Dan Marak, Brooks Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Mission Festival Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Adult Confirmation – 10:15 a.m. Voter's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Monday	Columbus Day
Mon-Tues	No School – Tx. Dist. Educators Conference
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. JV VB vs. TNT – 4:00 p.m. JV FB vs. TNT – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Fri. – Sat.	V Volleyball State Tournament-San Antonio
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Whitley Smolik and Max Sommerfield Greeter: Janet Oltmann Adult Confirmation- 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Nikolai Sanchez; 14th – Austin Andrews, John Kalbas; 15th – Alivia Eindorf, Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, David Wittman; 17th – Bradley Albrecht, William Hansen; 19th – Kamrie Stewart. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 274, Communion- 166; Bible Class-24; Sunday School- 31, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$42,849.09

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$21,310.50	Mission	\$465.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	Mission Total	\$465.00
Lunch Room	\$1,385.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,874.25	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$9,668.00	School Oil & Gas	\$100.34
Received 10/6/20024	\$41,258.75	Cemetery Fud	\$25.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,125.34
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$41,258.75	Total	\$42,849.09
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: Cemetery Fund: In memory of Paul Kappler by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00.



Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Drive through only meals will be available on Saturday, October 26 from 10:30 am to noon with pickup at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! Last day to get tickets is Monday, October 21!

Tickets are available at Faith Lutheran High School, First National Bank in Giddings, Schiavone & Bamsch Tax Services in La Grange, or ask a student, staff or Board member today!

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 26th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Events for the day include:

- **German meal** of brats, kraut, green beans, noodles, bread and coffee cake for dessert will be served Drive Through ONLY from 10:30 to noon. Tickets are available now for \$15/plate and available by pre-sale only.
- **42-Domino Tournament** will begin at 2:00 pm - Registration begins at 1:30 pm
- **Cornhole Tournament** will begin at 2:30 pm - Registration begins at 1:30 pm
- **Battle of the Brew and Battle of the Vine Contest** judging will begin at 3:00 pm. Submissions need to be received by 2:30 pm. See our Facebook page for more information regarding this contest. Sampling of the brews/wines begin at 4:00 pm to vote for the people’s choice award.
- **Children’s games and activities** will begin at 4:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, temporary tattoos, photo backdrop, hayride, kids games and more!
- **Costume contest** judging will begin at 5:00 pm.
- **Live Auction** will begin at 5:30 pm.

- **Concession stand** will also be available for purchase all afternoon and evening with items like chopped bbq on a bun, loaded pulled pork nachos, hot dogs, warm pretzels with beer cheese, as well as other snacks and desserts.

Please visit our website for more information! (www.flhstx.org)

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 Nikki Kueck to learn more.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and you can share them with your friends!