

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

15 October 2023

Welcome! Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast. By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Royce Albrecht-recovering
Janice Becker-recovering
Wayne Becker-recovering
Chris Birnbaum
Louis Doebbler-hospitalized
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Nancy Kasper
Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and uncle of Kyle Jenke)
Elaine Mersiovsky-recovering
Shannon Miertschin
Ethan Ray-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
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)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
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)
Jo Ann Nelson (grandmother of Sydney Shaver)
Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX
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
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia

Those who mourn:

The family of Marvin Bamsch (brother of Charlyn Matthinetz, brother-in-law of Dennis Zoch)
The family of Connie Telschow (wife of Jonathan Telschow)

Rain

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: 633, 435, 781 v. 1&2, 733, 803, 813, 516

Sermon Text: Isaiah 25:6-9

The Sermon: **“Life in Destruction”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Shannon and Jackie Handrick’s anniversary by Clayton, Kaydee and Addie.
- † **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, October 8th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **Correction.** In last week’s prayer list, Melba Drosche was inadvertently listed as Melba Groeschel.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 29th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are included in the bulletin this morning. 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 23rd.
- † **Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, 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. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 16th. We have identified **98** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **59** 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.
- † **The Game Day at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is returning!** The first Game Day will be held Thursday October 19 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun afternoon of games (cards, board games, dominoes, puzzles, etc.), it is a great opportunity to get out and get to know people. There will be refreshments served. Plans are to host this fun day once a month. If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it. Help spread the word; everyone is invited. For questions contact Lisa at 979-218-6000.
- † **Second Chance.** Have you ever considered volunteering at Second Chance in LaGrange? There is an opportunity to work together with the Mt Calvary group on a 6-week rotation. You can come one or more days during the group’s rotation. If you’re interested in learning more you are invited to come Thursday October 26 at 6 pm to Holy Cross Fellowship Hall in Warda for a brief presentation on how you can be a part of this group.
- † **BAKE SALE** - The Serbin LWML will be having a bake sale in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Sunday, 10/29/23. It will be a free-will donation to raise funds for the Texas District LWML Mites goal, which supports many different mission programs throughout the state of Texas. You can help by bringing various baked goods to the picnic grounds before church or buying a delicious item at the bake sale to go with your SLCVFD lunch! Let Melodi Oltmann know if you have any questions. We thank you for all of your support!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 22nd, **“Matching Pace”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear about the Savior Who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13). 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:

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Abortion and physician-assisted suicide represent a surrender to death brought about by fear. We need not be afraid of enduring terminal illness, because our Heavenly Father protects us even in the darkest places (Psalm 23:4). And we need not be afraid of carrying surprise pregnancy, because our dear Savior Jesus provides all we need even in the most difficult times (Philippians 4:1-13).

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Elizabeth Richardson and Jozlyn Perry
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joahua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Rex Perry
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
Greeter: Theresa Krause
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, David Wittman; 17th – Bradley Albrecht; 19th – Kamrie Stewart; 20th – Brazos Hinze; 21st – Mark Huff, Erica Iselt, Luna Jackson, Bertha Walch. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 261, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 33, Visitors- 1, Banner Classes: Nursery III, Offering- \$24.00.

Offering Last Week: \$45,327.62

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$17,815.58	Mission	\$5,371.00
Sunday School	\$24.00	Lutheran Hour	\$100.00
Lunch Room	\$2,735.90	Mission Total	\$5,471.00
ECC Operating	\$7,924.14	Savings/Other:	
Lutheran Witness	\$100.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Thrivent	\$32.00	Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
LWML Quilting	\$25.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,025.00
Tuition	\$10,175.00		
Received 10/8/2023	\$38,831.62	Total	\$45,327.62
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$54,455.37		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herman and Flora Noack by the Noack Reunion - \$200.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Glen Moss by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Mary Krause by Janice Becker - \$25.00.



Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available! Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meals will be available on Saturday, October 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only UNTIL Thursday, October 19th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 28th 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 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm by pre-sale tickets only. \$15/plate *Tickets are available NOW!
- Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, cheese and nuts.
- The NEW **Battle of the Brew and Battle of the Vine Contest** submissions need to be made by 10:00 am. See our Facebook page for more information regarding this contest.
- Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:15 pm.
- Live Auction of items will take place at between 12:15 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Children's games and activities will begin at 12:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, temporary tattoos, photo backdrop, pumpkin painting, hayride, and more!
- 42 Domino and Cornhole tournaments will begin at 1:30 pm.

Please visit our website or Facebook page 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!