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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God.*

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is “occupied with joy in his heart” and is able to sleep in peace, “whether he eats little or much,” because he knows that the “days of his life” are “the gift of God” (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he “shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult “for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet “all things are possible with God” (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through “the eye of a needle,” through death and the grave, “to enter the kingdom of God” on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens” (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9). 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

Russell Richards-hospitalized

Zelda Richards-recovering

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)

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)

Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)

Judy Westbrook (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 who rejoice:

Kenneth & Ruby Weiser on their 62nd wedding anniversary

Those who mourn:

The family of Kimberly Hembry-daughter of Tim & Kristine Hembry, niece of Pastor and Lisa Schmidt and Daniel & Pam Krause.

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: 712, 783, 781 v. 1&2, 744, 645, 748, 907
Sermon Text: Hebrews 4:1-16
The Sermon: **“True Rest”**

- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Ken & Ruby Weiser on their 62nd anniversary by John, Shelly, Savannah, Carlie & Reese Weiser.
- † **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, October 13th are included in the bulletin this morning
- † **Door Offering.** There is a door offering for disaster relief this morning.
- † **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 **39** 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 27th, **“God-Struggler”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It’s been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28). 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 20 – Pentecost XXII

The Lord Jesus sees and knows the hardships of life issues because He lives among us (Hebrews 4:15). And He promises that His atonement and resurrection bring blessing and deliver delight not only after but amid these difficulties (Marrk 10:29-30). May we comfort and encourage one another with thoughts of gift rather than talk of rights (Ecclesiastes 5:15-19).

Serving today: **Elders**– Monroe Schatte and Dwayne Schulze
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Whitley Smolik and Max Sommerfield
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- Rex Perry
Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Nathan Michael

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Adult Confirmation – 10:15 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. *Red Ribbon Week*

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Red Out Day-wear red

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Your Future is Key-dress for success

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Serbin Strong-wear “Endure” theme shirts
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Stick with Drug Free Friends-dress alike
Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Don’t Let Drugs Ruin Your Dreams-pajama day

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Reformation Sunday
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Addyson Early and Dylan Arldt
Greeter: Melodi Oltmann
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 4:00 p.m.
SLCVFD BBQ Chicken

Birthdays: Today – Brazos Hinze, Melanie Jenkins, Jonathon Kanevsky; 21st – Mark Huff, Erica Iselt, Luna Jackson, Bertha Walch; 22nd – Linda Schonhoeft; 23rd – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr. Brooks Spivey; 24th – Dustin Schatte, Kenedy Schatte, Ralph Wenke; 25th – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Christine Grange, John Medack. God’s Blessings to you

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 257, Bible Class- 20;
Sunday School- 33, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$25,774.36

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$4,400.34	Mission Festival	\$4,789.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$1,293.50	Mission Total	\$4,829.00
ECC Operating	\$6,313.52	Savings/Other:	
Use of Facility	\$250.00	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Tuition	\$8,566.00	Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Received 10/13/2024	\$20,845.36	Total	\$25,774.36
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$62,104.11		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herman & Flora Driessner Noack by the Noack Reunion – \$200.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Mike Organ by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Harold & Edna Noack by Gene & Cathy Noack and Kathy & Vic Lohberg - \$100.00.



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)

Archery Competition

The first archery competition of the season will be Tuesday, October 22nd at FLHS. The Falcons will host Waller ISD at 3:30 pm. The Falcons have 12 students participating in archery this season. Come cheer them on!!

7th and 8th Grade Visit Day

Our annual Visit Day events are coming up soon!

7th grade students will be joining us on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 30th.

8th grade students will be joining us on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 6th.

This annual visit event is a great opportunity for future students to see what FLHS is all about and what high school might look like. If you have a 7th or 8th grader, and would like to bring them for visit day, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

7th and 8th Grade Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, November 8th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 6th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 1st for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 1:30 pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

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!