

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! Marriage Is a Sign that Manifests the Gospel of Christ and His Church.** Humanity is created in the image and likeness of God. "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). For the Lord Himself is a perfect communion of three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — in one God. Therefore, "the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs," which "he made into a woman" and brought "to the man" (Gen. 2:21–22). It is for this reason that "a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:7). This great mystery of holy marriage signifies Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, and His Bride, the Church. Divorce and all manner of adultery contradict and undermine this sign, and in doing so, they confess a false Christ and a false gospel. "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate" (Mark 10:9). In truth, Christ Jesus has atoned for all such sins, and He has perfected marriage in Himself "through suffering," that He might bring "many sons to glory" in His resurrection (Heb. 2:8–10). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)*

*Nicole Arldt-recovering*

*Chris Birnbaum-surgery*

*Robin Buscha-recovering*

*George Hernandez-recovering*

*Beverly Johnson*

*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*

*Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery*

*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*

*Zelda Richards-recovering*

*Bradly Schautschick-recovering*

*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy 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 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:** *Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

**Those affected by hurricane Helere**

**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:** Worship Folder

The Hymns: 948, 937, 781 v. 1&2, 627, 636, 707

Sermon Text: Luke 1:38

The Sermon: **“Ready to Serve”**

- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Bernice Doebbler on her birthday by Carey & Terasa Weise.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-9984
- † **Congratulations** to Cameron and Kaitlyn Behrend on the birth of a son, Lane Ray Behrend. He was born Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in College Station, TX. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounce and was 20 ¾ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 13<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, will be our Mission Festival service. Rev. E. B. Holschuh, pastor at Epiphany, Bastrop will deliver the message.
- † **St. James Roast Beef Dinner:** You are invited to the LWML Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, October 13, at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. Serving begins at 11:00, drive thru only, and plates are \$15 each. Plates include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, and dessert. This is our annual fundraiser for the LWML, and all proceeds go directly to missions. Please come and support our mission projects while enjoying some great food!
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>.
- † **Memorial Contribution Cards.** We have moved the “in honor of” and “in memory of” memorial contribution cards into the church office during the week due to the infestation of crickets. The cards are on the counter in the meeting room.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 **29** 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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, **“Difficult People”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. (Genesis 31:6-7). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**October 6 – Pentecost XX**

Our Almighty Maker carefully creates every human male or female (Genesis 2:21-22). Jesus Himself took on the same flesh in fertilization and gestation to redeem our entire race (Hebrews 2:14, 17). And the Lord our God calls even the littlest among us for His own (Mark 10:14). Could the Scriptures get any clearer about the sanctity of life? Can we?

**Serving today: Elders**– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Kalisa Oltmann and Kylie Schmidt  
**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  
 Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze, Philip Tharp  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

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

Mon. – Fri. Fire Prevention Week

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 JV VB & JV VB @ Thorndale – 4:00 p.m.  
 V VB @ RTC – 4:30 p.m.  
 V FB @ Thorndale – 5:00 p.m.  
 Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 Circuit Meeting @ Ebenezer, Manheim – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 JV FB @ Grace, Brenham – 4:00 p.m.  
 JV VB vs. Calvary – 4:00 p.m.  
 V VB vs. Calvary – 5:00 p.m.  
 Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Mission Festival**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Kelton Schulze and Hudson Short  
 Greeter: Susan Michael  
 Adult Confirmation – 10:15 a.m.  
 Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebbler, Brent Haas, Cynthia Heuermann; 7<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Eindorf, Gladys Karisch; 8<sup>th</sup> – Tamera Hartfield; 10<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Jordan, Johanna Osborne; 11<sup>th</sup> – Sheilla Barnett; 12<sup>th</sup> – Cydell Hartfield, Carolyn Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 290, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 36, Banner Classes: Grade 3&4, Offering- \$29.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$31,778.83

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$11,360.58	Mission	\$1,033.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,033.00</b>
Use of Facility	\$500.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Lunch Room	\$425.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$375.00
ECC Operating	\$881.25	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
School Registration	\$325.00		
Tuition	\$16,860.00	Total	\$31,778.83
<b>Received 9/29/2024</b>	<b>\$30,370.83</b>		
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$167,202.01</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of David Michael by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$250.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00; by M/M James Sawyer - \$100.00. In memory of Linda Arldt, David Michael and Harry Wachsmann by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$75.00. In thanksgiving for his grandchildren by Rodney Fritsche - \$500.00.



### 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! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate 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](http://www.flhstx.org))

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

### **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!