

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome. *The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has.*** Those who contribute “large sums” from “out of their abundance” have done very little. They cannot purchase God’s favor with their money. But the “poor widow” with her two small coins, who “out of her poverty has put in everything she had,” entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41–44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the prophet Elijah “for many days,” as well as herself and her household, “according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah” (1 Kings 17:15–16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. “By the sacrifice of himself,” by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered “into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf” (Heb. 9:24–26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us  
We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Milton Albrecht-recovering  
PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)  
Nicole Arldt-recovering  
Chris Birnbaum-recovering  
George Hernandez-hospitalized  
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)  
Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland-recovering  
Billy Krause-continued testing  
Paula Krause-recovering  
Mike Maass-recovering  
Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)  
Douglas Malke-recovering  
Ernie Melcher-recovering (Aunt of James Kalbas)  
Alicia Moerbe  
Russell Richards-recovering  
Zelda Richards-recovering  
Lucille Schatte

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 Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-

**Those who mourn:**

The family of Esther Namken (mother of Linda Oltmann)

**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: 728, 738, 781 v. 1&2, 527, 703

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The Sermon: **“Enough”**

✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November, 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Lana Kaiser 979-540-8011.

✠ **Thank You.** We received a note from the Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church & Preschool in Hendersonville, North Carolina, thanking us for the gift cards.

✠ **Welcome:** Joining our congregation this morning through Adult Confirmation are Austin & Jessa Mattock, Rowdy & Liliana Chaddock, Railey Robinson and Jonathan Juneau. We welcome them as a part of our congregation and pray God will richly bless their affiliation with our congregation.

✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 8, 2023 the Voters set our 2024 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$31,573.00. We are **\$5,927.00** away from meeting our 2024 goal

✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee is composed of those elected officers and board members whose terms of service are coming to an end. Any voter who is unable to accept a nomination for health or other compelling reasons, please contact Chairman Rusty Mertink, Pastor Schmidt or another member of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve in a position, are over 65 and still willing to stand for nomination, or would like to recommend someone for an office, please also contact Chairman Mertink or Pastor by Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

✠ **Veteran’s Day Breakfast.** American Legion Post 276 will host the annual Veteran’s Day Breakfast and other activities Monday Nov 11 at the American Legion Hall on Highway 77 south in Giddings. A full-course free will donation breakfast will be served from 6-8 a.m. and there will also be a raffle. The Giddings Buffalo Band will perform, followed by guest speaker Martin Luther Lutheran Church Pastor Blake Anderson and presentation of the Horace Farrack Service Award. A Memorial Service will begin at 8 a.m. followed by Taps and Rifle Squad to honor all veterans.

✠ **National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have identified **100** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **all 100** veteran’s graves. You can continue to purchase wreaths in honor of /in memory of a veteran(s) throughout the year, and they will be held over for the next year’s wreath count. Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths to honor all our veterans. Join us on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

✠ **The Holy Cross Couple’s Club** will host their Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda. Drive-thru only from 10:30-12:00. All plates are \$15 ea. and include fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy and green beans. Tickets are available in the Holy Cross church office or call Robert Hinze (979-540-6911) or Joyce Hinze (979-540-0355). Advance purchase only by Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Robert and Joyce will be outside this morning to sell tickets.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, **“Album-Worthy”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If everything you’ve ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots—even those that don’t seem “album-worthy.” (Genesis 35:3). 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:**

**November 10 – Pentecost XXV**

The God who abides among us in both incarnate body and Holy Spirit knows our material needs. He remembers how we cannot provide for ourselves, much less for each other or anyone else. So, He who sends mouths also sends meat. Whether surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, or any other circumstance. He will surround with jars that do not run empty and jugs we cannot exhaust (1 Kings 17:16).

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes**- Everett Corn and Trenton Grange  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann  
**Ushers**- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,  
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,  
Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Glen Albrecht  
Pablo Rodriguez, Dan Marak, Brooks Kasper  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Monday **Veterans Day**  
Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Veterans Day Assembly –2:30 p.m.

Tuesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Circuit Meeting @ St. Paul Lutheran, Serbin – 9:00 a.m.  
Nominating Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch  
Greeter: Bonnie Bise  
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Dawn Gersch, Cole Mertink; 12<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Krause, Melissa Taylor; 13<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Prellop; 15<sup>th</sup> – Royce Albrecht, John Hempel, Shannon Miertschin. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 232, Communion- 132. Bible Class- 30; Sunday School- 34, Visitors- 2, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Grade 7, Offering- \$23.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$32,763.38

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$14,759.50	Mission	\$1,044.00
Sunday School	\$23.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,044.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,362.24	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$7,991.64	Building Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$7,488.00	Cemetery Fund	\$45.00
<b>Received 11/3/2024</b>	<b>\$31,624.38</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>	Total	\$32,763.38
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$32,624.38</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Junell Schulz by James & Delores Steglich - \$50.00; by David, Carol & Christopher Schulz - \$1,000.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$30.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00; by Jimmie & Karen Luecke - \$100.00; by Frances Mutscher - \$25.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00, by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00. In memory of Junell Schulz and Lenord Kastner by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Kimberly Hembry by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Kimberly Hembry by Susan Micael - \$25.00. In memory of Junell Schulz by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. **LWML:** In memory of Junell Schulz by Teddy & Rebecca Steglich - \$100.00; by David, Carol & Christopher Schulz - \$500.00. **Building:** In memory of Junell Schulz by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00 (for picnic ground). **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Junell Schulz by Eugene & Eleanor Jenke - \$20.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of our parents by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$50.00.



### **Athletic Schedule**

The next basketball game is Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 pm at Austin Waldorf School. The Falcon archery team's next competition is Wednesday, November 13th at 1:30 pm at Concordia High School in Tomball. Come cheer on our Falcons!

### **5th and 6th Grade Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 5th and 6th grade students on Friday, November 15th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

### **Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast**

Join us Thursday, November 21th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 8th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel.

### **Pie Sale**

FLHS will have a Pie Sale along with the Holy Cross Couple's Club fried chicken dinner, with pickup on Sunday, November 24th. All pies are a generous 9-inch size and deep-dish. PreOrders only. Pecan pies are \$30 each and Pumpkin pies are \$25 each. Place your order by calling FLHS, Ann Bamsch or the Holy Cross church office. Deadline to order is Monday, November 18th.

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us at (979) 242-2889 today to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **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.