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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost **15 November 2026**

Welcome! ***God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others.***

The Day of the Lord is "near and hastening fast," and it will be "a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation" (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish "the men who are complacent" concerning His Word, "who fill their master's house with violence and fraud" (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: "Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them" (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are "good and faithful" stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and "the master of those servants" settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, "God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also "put on the breastplate of faith and love" in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Troy Bise-recovery
Patrice Caster-recovering
Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Sydney Fischer(friend of Geraldine Albrecht and Joyce Hinze)
David Gersch-recovering
Randy Kauffman-recovering
Larry Schatte-recovering
Barbara Schmidt-recovering
Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering
Gary Turner-recovering (father of Katie Jenke)
LaVerne Urban-recovering
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
Alton Weiser-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Cathy Harrel (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)-thankful for all the prayers and beating pancreatic cancer
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
John Huenefeld (friend of Craig and Melodi Oltmann)
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)
Janet Maass
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink family)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Nancy Schautschick-recovering
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)
Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)
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, NY
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, North Carolina
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Ft. Bragg, NC
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain
Benjamin Symm-Camp Pendleton, California
Jacob Droegemueller, Ft. Stwart, Georgia
Brittany Louden (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida
Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK
Henry Kalbas U.S. Naval Academy-Annapolis, MD

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: 783, 508, 781 v. 1&2, 733, 348, 633, 655
Sermon Text: Zephaniah 1:7-16
The Sermon: **"Get It Together!"**

- **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Hattie Schautschick in Heavenly Celebration of her 100th birthday by her children.
- **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November 29. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- **Mission Goal**. In the Voters Meeting held on October 12, 2025 the Voters set our 2026 Mission goal at $37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at $38,369.82. We have exceeded our 2026 goal.
- **"Stock the Cart".** The school children are collecting food items, from now to Thanksgiving, for the Giddings Food Bank. If you would like to help, please bring your items to the church office. If you would like to designate your items to a certain child, just include that child's name.
- **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 19th. We have reached out goal and will be able to place a wreath on every veteran grave on our cemetery. Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths to honor all our veterans. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, December 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the cemetery for the Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- **The LWML** is selling Poinsettias for $10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form which is included in the bulletin this morning and is also available in the church office, and return it to the church office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 16th. **Please note that due to availability no orders will be accepted after December 16th.** If you need further information, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- **Thank You for Your Generous Support.** The **Serbin LWML** would like to sincerely thank our congregation for your generous support of our **"Bless Their Feet and Cover Their Seats!"** mission project for **Orphan Grain Train**. Your donations of socks, underwear, stuffed toys, and monetary donations will help provide much-needed items to those in need and assist with transportation costs. We are grateful for your generosity and for helping us share Christ's love through this special mission project. **Thank you for helping us <u>Bless their Feet and Cover their Seats</u>!**
- **BBQ Pork Steak Lunch with free will donation bake sale:** drive-thru at Serbin Picnic Grounds, Sunday, December 13th 10:00am-12:30pm, meal includes pork steak, buttered potatoes, and green beans, supports Giddings High School BBQ Club. $15.00 each. Tickets will be sold after church on November 22nd, 29th, & December 6th. Contact Kaden 979-540-0863, Kyle 979-540-8664, or Laurie 979-540-9073 by December 7th to purchase tickets. **Thank you in advance for your support!!**
- **Bake Sale…Free Will Donation!** Sunday, December 13th with the pork steak luncheon. All donations support the Giddings High BBQ Club. If you would like to donate bake goods they can be dropped off on that Sunday beginning at 7:45am at the picnic grounds. For questions, please contact Laurie Kasper 979-540-9073. **Thank you!!**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 22nd, **Trees in Winter".** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christ's followers are like trees in winter-seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things. Revelations 22:2. 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 Thoughts in the Church Year:
Trinity 24

During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed compassion for the sick, dying, and mourning (Matthew 9:18-26). He not only healed their bodily ailments, He removed the underlying cause of these problems by transferring them from the "domain of darkness" into the kingdom of God and offering them everlasting life through the forgiveness of their sins (Colossians 1:13-14). As He has made this promise to all people, the redeemed of the Lord "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord" (Colossians 1:10) by following His example of caring for the bodily needs of our neighbors and sharing the Gospel with them.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	**Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
	Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
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.
	Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
	Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:00 a.m.
	School Early Release – 12:30 p.m.
Next Sunday	**Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
	Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
	Acolytes: Greyson DeRouen and Selah Hicks
	Greeter: Joyce Hinze
	Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Royce Albrecht, Shannon Miertschin, John Hempel; 16th – Kinlea Jenke; 17th – Patricia Barnett, Sydney Jacobs, Caden Portales, Camdyn Portales; 18th – Troy Wiederhold; 19th – Randy Becker, Logan Taylor; 20th – Watson Mattocks; 21st – Mason Becker, Robin Buscha. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 223, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 33, Visitors- 2, Offering- $6.00.

Offering Last Week: $53,650.13

Home:		**Mission:**	
General	$19,952.00	Mission	$2,505.00
Sunday School	$6.00	**Mission Total**	**$2,505.00**
Lunch Room	$1,350.61	**Savings/Other:**	
ECC Operating	$11,403.61	School Fund	$50.00
Tuition	$16,232.91	Building Fund	$1,000.00
Received 11/8/2026	**$48,945.13**	Bus Replacement Fund	$600.00
		Cemetery Fund	$150.00
Est. needed per week	**$33,625.00**	Scholarship Fund	$400.00
Received MTD	**$64,458.04**	**Savings/Other Total**	**$2,200.00**
Est. needed per month	**$145.708.00**		
		Total	$53,650.13

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Erwin Zoch by Robert & Brenda Muniz - $50.00. In memory of Andrea Muniz & Erwin Zoch by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - $100.00. In memory of Andrea Muniz & Ralph Pitts by Linda Jones - $50.00. In memory of Harold & Edna Noack by Cathy & Gene Noack & family - $500.00. **Mission:** In memory of Ray Jurecka by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - $50.00. In memory of Michael Matthijetz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - $500.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Curtis Christiansen by Billy Karause - $50.00.

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Cooper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,
Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank,
Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Carson Becker, Nathan Michael, Clay Mertink

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FAITH LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Goings On at a Glance:
-Monday, November 16th - Booster's Meeting, 6pm
-Tuesday, November 17th - Archery Competition Home @ 2:30 pm
-Wednesday, November 18th - Early Dismissal (2:40pm) for Staff Meeting
- Thursday, November 19th - **Thanksgiving Chapel & Feast**

-Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast
Please join us **Thursday, November 19th,** beginning at **11:00 am** for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. We will begin with a special chapel service, and then we encourage you to stay for our pot-luck Thanksgiving luncheon. It's the ultimate Friendsgiving fellowship and feast event!

Thrivent Giving Tuesday 2026
Donate here on TUESDAY, 12/1/26 ONLY: https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/.../100557709732
When you donate on Giving Tuesday at the url above, Thrivent will boost your gift, up to dollar for dollar, so it can do even more for Faith students. Thrivent has committed $3 million in support this year for registered organizations like ours!
Important Conditions: Donations must be made on Giving Tuesday ONLY, 12/1/26, through Thrivent's giving platform between 12 midnight and 11:59 p.m. (in the donor's time zone) to be eligible for the boost.

Save the Date - Schmeckenfest
Thursday, December 3rd, make plans to stroll the square in La Grange from **5-8pm** for Schmeckenfest 2026. Faith will have our traditional booth with tasty eats and award winning wassail. Come enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the season!

Save the Date - Faith at Christmas
Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas concert on **Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm**. The program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings, and more. Refreshments will be served immediately following the program. Please join us! If you're unable, this event will be livestreamed on Facebook for your convenience.

It's the Most Wonderful Sound of the Year
Listen for "The Voice of FLHS" on KTIM, 89.1 FM, KNRG, 92.3 FM, and KBUK, 104.9 FM. We have transitioned to a holiday themed ad for the rest of 2026!

Faith on the Big Screen
Get to your theater a little early to catch our FLHS ad running before every movie in both Bastrop and Brenham! Our goal is to raise awareness and grow our wonderful school.

Follow Us On Social Media!
Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following us on **Facebook and/or Instagram**, you'll be in the know and help Faith grow. Just click either icon on our website landing page to find us.

Free Wednesday mornings?
Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 11:05 am.