

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

16 November 2025

Welcome! God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence. There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. "There will be great distress upon the earth" (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that "the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31). Therefore, "straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which "will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). For you, "the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings" (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah "before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes" (Mal. 4:5), in order to "direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, "the Lord is faithful," and by the preaching of His Word "he will establish you and guard you against the evil one" (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, "do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ. We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy
Kalbas)
Anna Boriack-recovering (daughter-in-of Delvin & Judy
Boriack)

Rebecca Burgdorf-medical testing
Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Cindy Hardy-hospitalized (cousin of Harold Krause)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Seth Kalbas-recovering
Billy Krause-recovering
Mary Ann McCombs-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry
& Leroy Kalbas)
Stephen Mersiovsky-recovering (son of Stephen
Mersiovsky)

Chris Miertschin-recovering
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)
Bradly Schautschick-recovering
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
John Boy Weiser-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary
Jatzlau)
Sherri Fritsche
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
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)

Jensyn Lesikar (nephew of Kasey Rosales)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Suzanne Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Christopher Taylor
Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)
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
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,
North Carolina
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg,
North Carolina
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-
Bahrain
Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia
Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-
serving in Saudia Arabia
Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette
Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida
Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army,
stationed at Ft. Sill, Laughton, OK

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: 873, 508, 781 v. 1&2, 348, 645, 784, 919

Sermon Text: Malachi 4:1-6

The Sermon: **“The Day is Coming”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Gary & Cindy Becker’s 39th wedding anniversary by Jason & Kristin Lehmann and Matt & Kelly Neal.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kinlea’s 5th birthday, we thank God for you and pray that his blessings overflow this coming year. By Kyle, Katie and Zoey Jenke.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, November 30. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **Thank You** to all of the LWML ladies who made the beautiful lap quilt for me. It is very much appreciated. *Lucille Schatte*
- ✠ **Adult Confirmation.** Joining our congregation through Adult Confirmation this morning are Bob and Patricia Caster and Casey and Sydney Jacobs.
- ✠ **“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. Their goal is to collect over 700 items, so far, they have collected over 595 items. If you would like to designate your items to a certain child, just include that child’s name.
- ✠ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 13, 2024 the Voters set our 2025 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$34,666.19. We are **\$2,833.81** away from meeting our 2025 goal
- ✠ **We need your help!** The Serbin LWML ladies are collecting items for Orphan Grain Train before December 9. OGT is asking specifically for new underwear and socks (any sizes and gender), and also new or gently loved stuffed animals and quilts to give those who need it the most! If you have any questions, call Dorothy S. At 979-716-0094. Let's come through for this wonderful organization!
- ✠ **The Holy Cross Couple’s Club** will host their Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 23rd, 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, buttered potatoes, green beans & corn. 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 Tuesday, November 18th.
- ✠ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 13th. Thank you to everyone who purchased a wreath(s). We have reached our goal and will be able to place a wreath on every veteran grave on our cemetery. **Wreaths can be purchased at any time. Any wreaths purchased now for our cemetery will be credited to 2026.**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 23rd, **“An Unlikely King”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom’s seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11). 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:

November 16

As the days draw closer to Christ’s return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus’ name and the truth that every life is precious in God’s sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But don’t be afraid! “This is your opportunity to bear witness” (Luke 21:13)! We can go out “Leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to “give you a mouth and wisdom” (Luke 21:15) and that the “sun of righteousness” shall soon “rise with healing in its wings” (Malachi 4:2).

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.

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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: Nathen Barnett and Nicholas Taylor
Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: 17th – Patricia Barnett, Caden Portales, Camdyn Portales; 18th – Troy Wiederhold; 19th – Randy Becker, Kinlea Jenke, Logan Taylor; 21st – Mason Becker, Robin Buscha. God's Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Dylan Arldt and Ryleigh Bailey
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marek, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Carson Becker, Tim Symm, Nathan Michael

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 274, Bible Class- 24; Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$45,304.73

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$22,497.48	Mission	\$2,184.68
Sunday School	\$21.00	Lutheran Hour	\$30.00
Lunch Room	\$841.00	Mission Total	\$2,214.68
ECC Operating	\$11,018.57	Savings/Other:	
Thrivent Choice	\$94.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.0
Tuition	\$7,568.00	Organ Restoration	\$50.00
Received 11/9/2025	\$42,040.05	Savings/Other Total	\$1,050.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Total	\$45,304.73
Received MTD	\$61,727.05		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Michael Matthijetz by Marvin & Charlyn Mathijetz - \$500.00. **Mission:** In memory of Herbert Noack by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$75.00. In memory of Marvin Urban by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Herbert Noack by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00.

2025 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs.	Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	English	General
Advent Services	Wed.	Dec. 3, 10	7:00 p.m.	Communion Dec. 3	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec. 21	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Wed	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Thurs	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/ German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Wed	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Thurs	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General





Faith Lutheran High School continues to provide Christ-centered education that equips students out into the world to serve God and others. As we enter our ninth year, we give thanks for our association congregations and the faithful support that you have offered to make this ministry possible.

This year we have faced significant financial challenges due to a decrease in enrollment. We are asking each congregation to prayerfully consider how you can partner with us to help meet the immediate needs and secure Faith's future.

How You Can Help:

Pray — for God's continued provision and for our students, families, and staff.

Give — with a one-time or sustaining gift from your family or congregation to support Faith's mission.

Serve — by utilizing your gifts and talents to help with fundraising, marketing, recruiting and congregational connections.

Together, through faith and partnership, we can ensure that Faith Lutheran High School continues to shine as a beacon of Lutheran education for generations to come.

Contact us by visiting our website: www.flhstx.org or calling (979) 242-2889.

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"Instilling wisdom today for faithful leaders tomorrow."



Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 11:00 am for our 9th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Nate Hill will be leading us in worship. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel. Don't forget, there will NOT be chapel on Wednesday this week!

Athletic Programs Underway

Archery: The first archery competition is Tuesday, November 18th at 3:13 pm at FLHS against Waller.

Basketball: The first HOME basketball game is Thursday, November 20th against Citadel Christian at 6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran's gym. Come support the basketball team and cheerleaders!

The full schedule for archery and basketball are posted on our website. Plan to come cheer on your Falcons!

Pie Sale

FLHS will have a Pie Sale along with the Holy Cross Couple's Club fried chicken dinner, with pickup on Sunday, November 23rd. 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 or the Holy Cross church office. Deadline to order is Tuesday, November 18th.

"Faith at Christmas" Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, "Faith at Christmas," on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm at FLHS. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, handbell pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

*This event will also be live streamed on Facebook, for those who would prefer to view the sounds of Christmas from home.

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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.