

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Crucified and Risen Body of Christ Jesus Is the True Temple of God.* Despite its “wonderful stones” and “great buildings,” the Jerusalem temple would be torn down, with not one stone left upon another, just as this present world and its kingdoms will come to an end (Mark 13:1–8). But that temple pointed beyond itself to Christ, to His sacrifice upon the cross and to the resurrection of His body as the true Temple of God. In the midst of sin and death, by the proclamation of the Gospel, He now gathers disciples into His body, wherein “the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Mark 13:10–13). For He is “a great priest over the house of God,” who “will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” By the pure water of His Baptism, they “draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,” and by His flesh and blood, they enter the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:17–22). Thus are His people delivered, “everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.” For by the wisdom of His Gospel, He turns “many to righteousness,” so that “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” to everlasting life (Dan. 12:1–3).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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)
Russell Richards-recovering
Zelda Richards-recovering
Lucille Schatte
John Boy Weiser-recovering
Wesley Yurk-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)
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)
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
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-
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: 575, 508, 781 v. 1&2, 563, 645, 873, 515

Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:11-25

The Sermon: **“Home Stretch”**

5¹–8th Grade Anthem: ♪ *“For the Fruits of His Creation”*

✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for the safe and successful season of the St. Paul girls Varsity Volleyball Team.

✠ **Congratulations** to Ryan and Alicia Moerbe on the birth of a daughter, Landry LaDonna Moerbe. She was born Monday, November 11, 2024, in Austin, TX. She weighed 5lbs. 2 ounce and was 18 inches long. May God bless this growing family.

✠ **Thank you.** I would like to thank everyone for your prayers while I was serving in the Military. *Jacob Knapp*

✠ **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 \$33,157.00. We are **\$4,343.00** away from meeting our 2024 goal

✠ **Advent Devotional Books** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.

✠ **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee met on November 12th. The list of nominations for various offices is included in the bulletin this morning. If for some reason you feel you cannot serve, please contact the Chairman, Rusty Mertink, or call the church office.

✠ **St. Paul Serbin LWML** is hosting a Christmas party with various games and your favorite Christmas snacks and desserts. Join us in the school gym on Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone of all ages is welcome to join in the fellowship and fun! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, shirt, hat, etc! Please reach out to Melodi Oltmann with any questions at 979-540-0039.

✠ **Serbin LWML** is asking for donations for the Orphan Grain Train to distribute to needy families in the US and around the world. Specifically, OGT is requesting new and/or gently used **socks, undies, and stuffed animals** for boys and girls through the month of December. Please bring any of these items to the church office meeting room. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick or Melodi Oltmann.

✠ **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.

✠ **Wreaths Across America.** Thank you to everyone who purchased wreaths this year. We met our goal, so every veteran grave will receive a wreath. The Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m., at the cemetery.

✠ **The LWML** will be selling Poinsettias for \$10.00 each to be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To order please fill out the order form in the bulletin this morning, and return it to the Church Office or put it in the collection plate. Orders are due by Monday, 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 24th, **“Jesus Sees What’s in the Heart”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. Jesus sees what’s in our hearts. What’s in His heart? God saw that we needed a Savior. (Mark 12:41-44). 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:

November 17 – Pentecost XXVI

The heart broken by abortions may be sitting beside us in church. This one desperately longs for the relief and healing only God’s forgiveness affords (Hebrews 10:22). We have no right to refuse them this Word because we fear political controversy. Instead, we have the privilege to proclaim abortion as sin and explicitly identify it as atoned for in Christ.

Serving today: **Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch
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- 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.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 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 Lunch – 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Lukas Iselt and Cole Kalbas
Greeter: Marian Wiederhold

Birthdays: Today – Patricia Barnett, Caden Portales, Camdyn Portales; 18th – Serenity Johnson, Brianna Lehmann, Troy Wiederhold; 19th – Randy Becker, Kinlea Jenke, Logan Taylor; 21st – Mason Becker, Robin Buscha; 23rd – Marjorie Albrecht, Jerry Fischer, Kendra Kalbas. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 256, Bible Class-23;
Sunday School- 33, Banner Classes: Grade 5 Offering- \$40.00.

Offering Last Week: \$29,418.94

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$17,342.00	Mission	\$1,584.00
Sunday School	\$40.00	Mission Total	\$1,584.00
Lunch Room	\$884.89	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$4,034.05	School Fund	\$300.00
Thrivent Choice	\$58.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$4,176.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,300.00
Received 11/10/2024	\$26,534.94	Total	\$29,418.94
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$58,159.32		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Esther Namken and Junell Schulz by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00. In memory of Esther Namken by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Esther Namken by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$40.00.



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.

Athletic Schedule

The next basketball game is Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 pm against Valor - South Austin. This is a HOME game at Immanuel Lutheran's gym. Come cheer on our Falcons!

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. You can use this [LINK](#) to see what people are bringing.

"Faith at Christmas" Program

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, "Faith at Christmas," on Tuesday, December 10th 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.

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.