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The Last Sunday of the Church Year **22 November 2026**

Welcome*! By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father.* When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matt. 25:32). "To those on his right," who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "those on his left," who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "as a shepherd seeks out his flock" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "the fat and the strong," but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "the lean sheep" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "in Christ shall all be made alive" by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

Today is the last Sunday of the Church Year. As another year in Christ draws to a close we look forward to the day when our Lord will return in glory. May we always be ready to meet Him. We invite you all to worship with us again.

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In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Nancy Beckcom-hospitalized
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
Jessica Gruetzner-recovering
Kendar Kalbas-medical testing
Randy Kauffman-recovering
Larry Schatte-recovering
Keeley Schautschick
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)
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)
Ron Zoch

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: 709, 532, 781 v. 1&2, 525, 537
Sermon Text: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
The Sermon: **"I Will"**
Adult Choir Anthem: ♫ *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

- ✞ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God to commemorate the 1977 donation by St. Paul Lutheran Church of the 1915 St. Paul Lutheran Serbin School Building to the Texas Wendish Heritage Society to establish the first Wendish Museum by the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.
- ✞ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Willard and Marjorie Albrecht's 66th wedding anniversary by their daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- ✞ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Eleanor Schulze. She fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Funeral services for Mrs. Schulze were held on Saturday, November 21, 2026 here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✞ **Advent Devotional Booklets** are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✞ **October Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✞ **Thanksgiving Worship.** Make plans to attend our Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. This service will be conducted in both German and English. May this special day be one in which we realize the gifts which come from God's hand so that we may receive such gifts with thanksgiving.
- ✞ **Radio Broadcast:** The Thanksgiving Day service will be broadcast on KBUK (FM 104.9) radio of LaGrange. Our thanks to First National Bank of Giddings for sponsoring this broadcast. Bulletins for the service will be available in the church office on Wednesday afternoon.
- ✞ **The St. Paul LYF** will set up the Nativity Scenes at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 28th.
- ✞ **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 today, November 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!!**
- ✞ **"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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 29th, **"Advent Hopes and Dreams"**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. The season of Advent is a time for hopes and dreams, but it is also about living through an ongoing letdown. 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:
The Last Sunday of the Church Year
We live in a world broken by sin which unfortunately means it is common for infants and other children to die in their youth. Some of this death comes through intentionally sinful actions like abortions, abuse, and other forms of murder. Other times children die unintentionally because of miscarriages, accidents, or disease. While we mourn every one of these deaths, we do not despair. Instead, we "encourage on another" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), knowing that Christ has died for us and destined us for salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10), and that on the Last Day there will no longer be the "sound of weeping and the cry of distress" (Isaiah 59:19).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	**Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
	Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Mon. – Fri.	**No School-Thanksgiving Holiday**
Tuesday	Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	**Thanksgiving English/German Worship – 9:00 a.m.**
	Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Karly Hentschel
	Greeter: Lana Kaiser
Thur.- Fri.	**ECC Closed-Thanksgiving Holiday**
Next Sunday	**Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
	Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
	Acolytes: Max Faske and Madilyn Kalbas
	Greeter: Laurie Kasper
	Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Kristy Hentschel, Cody Smith; 23rd – Marjorie Albrecht, Jerry Fischer; 24th – Emma Miertschin, Sonya Schautschick, Travis Wiederhold; 25th – Ayla Droegemueller, Karla Hinze, Priscilla Stanfield; 28th – Clyde Schinank, Andrew Short, Pyper Schatte. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 206, Communion- 111, Bible Class- 23; Sunday School- 18, Visitors- 1, Offering- $21.00.

Offering Last Week: $23,750.44

Home:		**Mission:**	
General	$12,082.98	Mission	$355.00
Sunday School	$21.00	**Mission Total**	**$355.00**
Lunch Room	$1,546.50	**Savings/Other:**	
ECC Operating	$5,030.96	**Savings/Other Total**	
Thrivent Choice	$480.00		
Tuition	$4,234.00	Total	$23,750.44
Received 11/15/2026	**$23,395.44**		
Est. needed per week	**$33,625.00**		
Received MTD	**$86,853.48**		
Est. needed per month	**$145,708.00**		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Wayne Kieschnick and Calvin Hannes by Linda Jones - $50.00; by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - $200.00. **Mission:** In memory of Calvin Hannes by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - $50.00.

Serving today:
Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Greyson DeRouen and Selah Hicks
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- Glen Albrecht
Cole Mertink, Tommy Miertschin, Ethan Miertschin

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Goings On at a Glance:
-Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Break
-Saturday, November 28th - Handbells in Giddings @ 12:45 pm

-Monday, November 30th - Grade Check
-Tuesday, December 1st - Thrivent Giving Tuesday
-Thursday, December 3rd - Fall Sport Photos; Schmeckenfest in La Grange

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.

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. Volunteer opportunities available!

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.

Thank you!!
Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Oktoberfest event in any way. It was a huge success. Over $35,000 was received from this event - Praise the Lord for this blessing! We are so thankful to be a part of a wonderful community that supports Lutheran education so faithfully!

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.