

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Last Sunday of The Church Year

23 November 2025

Welcome! *Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame.* The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. “They shall be mine,” He says, “and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him” (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining “the distinction between the righteous and the wicked” (Mal. 3:18). He truly is “the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith “weep for yourselves and for your children” (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He “is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15). “All things were created through him and for him” (Col. 1:16), and “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself “by the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:19–20). 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.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

MaKayla Blackman-recovering (granddaughter of Billy Krause)

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)

Billy Krause-recovering

Hildegard Krause-hospitalized

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

Ruby 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)

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 Gruetznier, 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

Those who mourn;

The family of Jimmy Westfall (friend of the families of Willard & Marjorie Albrecht and Milton & Geraldine Albrecht)

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: 598, 549, 781 v. 1&2, 767, 435

Sermon Text: **Luke 23:27–43**

The Sermon: **“Remember Me”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪“*When Peace Like A River*”

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

Today we welcome to God’s people through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Selah Grace Hicks

Selah is the daughter of Peter Hicks, and Bob & Patrice Caster. Her baptismal witness is Fr. John Caster

- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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 \$35,550.87. We are **\$1,949.13** away from meeting our 2025 goal
- ✠ **Advent Devotional Books** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **September Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **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 29th.
- ✠ **The LAF** will decorate the church for Advent at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28th.
- ✠ **BBQ Pork Steak Lunch:** drive-thru at Serbin Picnic Grounds, Sunday, December 14th 10:00am-12:30pm, meal includes pork steak, buttered potatoes, and green beans, supports Giddings High School BBQ Club. \$15.00 each. Kaden will sell tickets after church on November 30th. Contact Kaden 979-540-0863, Kyle 979-540-8664, or Laurie 979-540-9073 by December 1st to purchase tickets. **Thank you in advance for your support!!**
- ✠ **Pastor John DeYoung** will be installed as Pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim on December 13, @ 3 PM. Finger foods and refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall adjacent to the Church. The church address is 4146 Highway 21 West, Paige, Texas 78659.
- ✠ **Stock the Cart Food Drive.** The school children have been collecting food items for the Giddings Food Pantry. They have collected 2,102 items. If you would like to donate items you may do so up till Thanksgiving. They can be dropped off at the church office.
- ✠ **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

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 30th, **“Rise and Shine”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It’s a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:10. 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 23

When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction; “Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed” (Luke 23:28). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God’s gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the “refuge and strength” of His people (Colossians 1;18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His “treasured possession”. (Malachi 3:17).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 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 Madilyn Kalbas
Greeter: Deanna Miertschin
Thur. – Fri. ECC Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday LAF Decorate Church for Advent – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday LYF Set up Nativity – 9:00 a.m.
Next Sunday **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and James Mieretschin
Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Birthdays: Today – Marjorie Albrecht, Jerry Fischer; 24th – Emma Miertschin, Sonya Schautschick, Travis Wiederhold, Natalie Kalbas; 25th – Ayla Droegemueller, Karla Hinze, Priscilla Stanfield; 26th – Mildred Perry; 28th – Clyde Schimank, Andrew Short; 29th – Pyper Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and Nicholas Taylor
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marak, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Cole Mertink, Tommy Miertschin, Payton Oltmann

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 263, Communion- 135, Bible Class- 24; Sunday School- 21, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$25,487.01

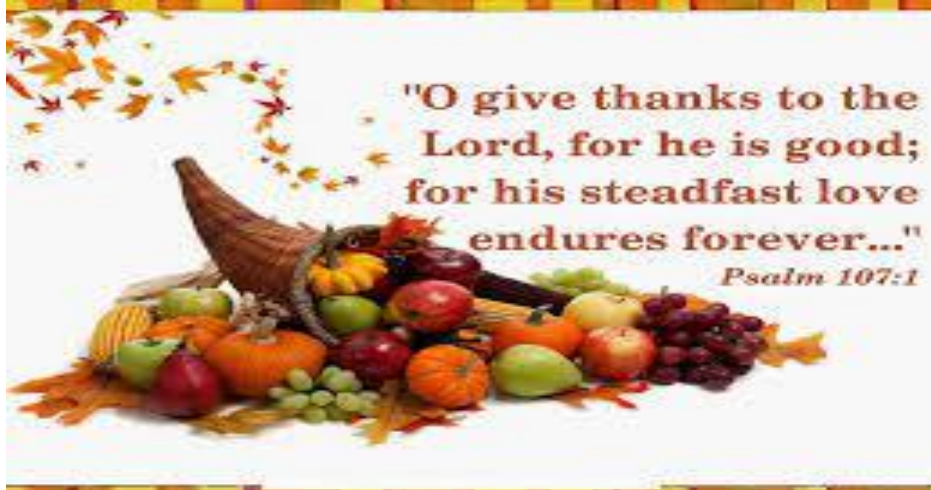
Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,966.73	Mission	\$884.68
Sunday School	\$21.00	Mission Total	\$884.68
Lunch Room	\$1,467.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$4,693.90	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$8,453.70		
Received 11/16/2025	\$24,602.33	Total	\$25,487.01

Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00
Received MTD	\$86,329.38
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Herb Noack by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$100.00. In memory of Kevin Burks by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00.

2025 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
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.