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The First Sunday in Advent **29 November 2026**

Welcome! ***The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us.***

Although we pray that God "would rend the heavens and come down" (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves "have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for "a long time, and shall we be saved?" (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge," and so He will "sustain you to the end" (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although "heaven and earth will pass away," His words "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He "send out the angels" to gather us and all of His elect "from the ends of the earth" to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Nancy Beckcom-recovering
Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Troy Bise-recovery
Patrice Caster-recovering
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– Worship Insert

- **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Elmo John Miertschin by Tommy, Deanna and Ethan Miertschin and McKayla & Tyler Tomblin.
- **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Stephen's birthday and in thanksgiving of the blessing he is to me by Nancy Kasper.
- **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, December 6th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.
- **Christmas Cards** are available in the church office or contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886. Cards are $5.00/box.
- **December Calendar.** The December Calendar is available from the ushers and in the church office this morning.
- **Advent Devotional Booklets** are available from the ushers this morning.
- **Midweek Advent Services** begin **Wednesday, December 2nd.** The theme for our services this year will be **"The Everlasting Light".** The Lord's Supper will also be celebrated on the December 2nd service. Make room for Jesus and His word in this hectic season by attending mid-week Advent Services.
- **Ladies Night Out!** The Serbin LWML invites all ladies to join them for a night out to celebrate the Christmas season on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm at Los Patrones Restaurant in Giddings. Bring a friend, sister, daughter, or neighbor that needs an evening with the girls. Food and drinks are on your own, and we will supply the fun, games, and conversation! Bring a Christmas ornament for a fun gift exchange. Text Melodi at 979-540-0039 to RSVP by 12/6/2026.
- **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 available from the ushers this morning and 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.
- **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 & 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!!**
- **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another $125.00 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is $5,053.60.
- **2027 Offering Envelopes.** The **2027** offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the church office meeting room. **Please continue to use the 2026 envelopes until the end of the year and then discard**, since offering envelope numbers often change from year to year. If you wish to give an offering to the 2026 church year, please give this before the New Year's Day service. If you failed to receive your 2027 envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, December 6th, **December Gives You Wings (results may vary)"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. December's festivities can provide a temporary boost but cannot satisfy our deeper longings. The words of Isaiah point to God's enduring promises, fulfilled in Christ. Isaiah 40:4. 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 29 – Advent 1
"Love does no wrong to a neighbor" (Romans 13:10). Since abortion, abuse, neglect, and assisted suicide all seek to intentionally harm another person, they can never be called an act of love regardless of the circumstances. True love, which is the fulfillment of God's holy Law (Romans 13:10), always seeks the benefit of another, just as Christ our Lord came to us in humility (Matthew 21:5) to seek not His own good but the present and eternal good of the world through His death and resurrection.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	**Song Service – 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.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
	LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
	Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
	Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
	Advent Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.
	Acolytes: James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield
	Greeter: Laurie Kasper
	Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	**Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
	Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
	Acolytes: Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor
	Greeter: Pam Krause
	LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 30th – Lukas Iselt; 1st – Audrey Hempel, Douglas Jatzlau; 2nd – Emily Gruetzner; 3rd – Granger Kalbas, Stephen Kasper; 4th – Brent Perry. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:
Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 338, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 22, Offering- $20.00

Offering Last Week: $20,011.97

Home:		**Mission:**	
General	$12,102.76	Mission	$775.00
Sunday School	$20.00	**Mission Total**	**$775.00**
Lunch Room	$325.00	**Savings/Other:**	
ECC Operating	$3,414.71	Building Fund	$125.00
Tuition	$3,249.50	**Savings/Other Total**	**$125.00**
Received 11/22/2026	**$19,111.97**		
		Total	$20,011.97
Est. needed per week	**$33,625.00**		
Received MTD	**$105,965.45**		
Est. needed per month	**$145,708.00**		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Ruby Kutschke by Janet Oltmann - $25.00. In memory of Eleanor Schulze by The Garrett Family - $250.00; by M/M Jack Wiederhold – $50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - $30.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - $20.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - $35.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - $50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Andrea Muniz, Erwin Zoch, Calvin Hannes and Wayne Kieschnick by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - $100.00.

Serving today: **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Max Faske and Lucy Gurka
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
Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch, Philip Tharp

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