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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

3 November 2025

Welcome! *The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection.* Christians live as “sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God “is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Luke 20:38). “Those who deny that there is a resurrection” (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know “that the dead are raised” (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel’s sufferings and has “come down to deliver them” (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God’s chosen people, by which He is “remembered throughout all generations” (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who “takes his seat in the temple of God” (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine “with the breath of his mouth” (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, “stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught” (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God’s promise of love, comfort and good hope.

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)

Ginger Clifford-surgery (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-hospitalized

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

Those who mourn:

The family of James Williams (cousin of Jennifer Smith)

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: 601, 713, 781 v. 1&2, 748, 712

Sermon Text: Exodus 3:1-15

The Sermon: **“Who Am I?”**

K-4th Grade Anthem: ♪ “*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*”

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

✠ *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
Casey Lee Jacobs

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Marvin Urban’s birthday by his brother Arthur Urban.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday November 30th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **Thank you** to Delvin Boriak, John Hinze, Nick Hinze, and Robert Hinze for the Cedar Putzin this past Wednesday. The trees look beautiful.
- ✠ **"Veterans Day Program"** — Tuesday, November 11 • 2:30 PM • School Gym. We’ll gather to honor the men and women who have served our nation. Veterans and their families are especially invited as our students share songs, readings, and prayers of thanks."
- ✠ **"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 a little over 100 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 \$32,481.51 which includes \$8,008.83 Mission Festival offering. We are **\$5,018.49** away from meeting our 2025 goal
- ✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee is composed of those elected officers and board members whose terms of service are coming to an end. Any voter who is unable to accept a nomination for health or other compelling reasons, please contact Chairman Rusty Mertink, Pastor Schmidt or another member of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve in a position, are over 65 and still willing to stand for nomination, or would like to recommend someone for an office, please also contact Chairman Mertink or Pastor by Sunday, November 10th.
- ✠ **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. We have identified **105** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for 95 veteran’s graves. Won’t you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran’s. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website. **The last day to purchase wreaths for credit to 2025 Wreaths Across America day on December 13th is midnight November 28th. Any wreaths purchased after that date will be credited to 2026.**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 16th, “**The Name on the Front**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God. (Romans 12:5-6). 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Veterans Day School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ St. Paul, Serbin – 9:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 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: Dylan Arldt and Ryleigh Bailey Greeter: Debra Hartfield

Birthdays: Today – Ashley Becker, Curtis Krause, Sydney Shaver; 10th – Cole Mertink; 12th – Daniel Krause, Melissa Taylor; 13th – Bruce Prellop, 15th – Royce Abrecht, John Hempel, Shannon Miertschin. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Max Sommerfield and Max Faske
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- Glen Albrecht
Dan Marak, Virgil Becker
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Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

November 9

God is defined by life! He identifies Himself as the great “I am” (Exodus 3:14), the true and living God. Jesus also teaches us that not only is God the living God, He is also the God of the living (Luke 20:38)! The God of life values the lives of all people so highly that He gives life to all people; He died to rescue all people from their slavery to sin, death, and the devil regardless of their size, age, or condition; and He promises resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 230, Communion- 120, Bible Class- 19;
Sunday School- 29, Banner Classes: Grade 6 & 8, Offering- \$18.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,751.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,378.00	Mission	\$939.00
Sunday School	\$18.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$3,191.00	Mission Total	\$964.00
Lutheran Witness	\$100.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 11/2/2025	\$19,687.00	Scholarship	\$100.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$19,687.00	Total	\$20,751.00
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Valerie Namken, Velma Jean Behrens and Mildred Wachsmann by Linda Jones - \$75.00. In memory of Mildred Wachsmann by Matt & Kelly Neal - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Herbert Noack by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of our parents by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$100.00



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."



Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Oktoberfest event in any way. It was a huge success. Over \$30,000 was received from this event, which is more than projected. Praise the Lord for this blessing! We are so thankful to be a part of a wonderful community that supports Lutheran education so faithfully!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Rev. Robert Tiner, Pastor at Immanuel in Giddings, will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

Athletic Programs Underway

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

Basketball: The first basketball game is Friday, November 14th against Tribe at 6:30 pm. The game will be at the old Smithville Elementary School gym (706 Wilkes St., Smithville, TX).

The full schedules for archery and basketball will be posted on our website soon. Plan to come cheer on your Falcons!

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.

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.

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.