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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

24 October 2021

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Christ Opens Our Eyes to God and Brings Us into His Presence.* As He did for blind Bartimaeus, so does the Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon you. With His Word of the Gospel, “he is calling you” to Himself, to “take heart,” to rise up and live by faith in His forgiveness. He opens your heart and mind to see and know God rightly in Him and to follow Him “on the way” of the cross and into life everlasting (Mark 10:49–52). “He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him,” because He is the great High Priest, who offered Himself “once for all” as a sacrifice for sins. Since He is risen from the dead and “exalted above the heavens,” He “holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever,” and “he always lives to make intercession” for His people (Heb. 7:24–27). Along with that, He gathers the children of God to Himself by the proclamation of His Gospel, even “from the farthest parts of the earth.” In mercy He calls them, by the waters of Holy Baptism, “in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,” unto life everlasting (Jer. 31:8–9). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker
Lori Becker-recovering
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
Gracelyn Kalbas-recovering
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Kathy Mumm-recovering
Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker
Linda Oltmann-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)
Antionette Richardson-recovering
Calvin Robertson-recovering
Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)
Dwayne Schulze-recovering
Laverne Schulze-recovering (sister of Judy Boriack)
Melvin Schulze-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Josie Symm-hospitalized (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)

Joyce Bise

Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Schmidt
Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)
Barbara Symm
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)
Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA
Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who rejoice including:

Allison and Brent Haas as they begin their married life together

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: 842, 713, 461

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Sermon: **“Give Thanks and Sing”**

PreK-Kindergarten Anthem: 🎵 *“The Butterfly Song”*

Adult Choir Anthem: 🎵 *“Amazing Grace”*

✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Kaiser/Haas wedding.

✝ **Thank You.** We wish to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, memorials, phone calls, cards and food. Especially we thank Pastor Schmidt for his home visits, prayers and funeral message, the ushers, Mr. Wiederhold for the beautiful music and the pall bearers. We also thank the LWML for the delicious luncheon and the ladies who served. May God bless each of you. *The Hattie Mutschink family*

✝ **Congratulations** to Ryan and Alicia Moerbe on the birth of a daughter, Makenzie Marie Moerbe. She was born on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in College Station, TX. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.

✝ **September Financial Statements** are available in the church office.

✝ **Cedar Putzen.** Thank you to John Hinze, Nick Hinze, Robert Hinze, Cooper Hinze, Judy Boriack and Delvin Boriack for coming Wednesday evening and trimming the cedar trees.

✝ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 31st at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available in the church office. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by **Monday, October 25th**.

✝ **Trunk or Treat – Sunday, Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

✝ **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 7th, we will remember those who have entered into their heavenly rest over the course of the past year by reading their names during our worship service. Those who died as members of our congregation will automatically be included. If you have a departed family member or loved one who died in the faith this past year that you would also like remembered, please notify the church office by Monday, November 1st. *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)

✝ **Nominating Committee:** Packets of information for those serving on the committee (to help you in your work) are available in the back of the church this morning, or you can pick them up in the church office during the week.

✝ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Thursday, 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 Scott Jones, 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 Jones or Pastor by Sunday, November 7th.

✝ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 18th. We have identified 74 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 26 veteran’s graves. **The cut-off date to purchase a wreath for 2021 is November 30th**. 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 31st, “**Not How, but Who**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of David and Goliath is often treated as a how-to guide to overcoming obstacles, but Dr. Michael Zeigler says that misses the point. (1 Samuel 17:37). 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.

Serving today: **Elders**– David Fritsche and David Schmidt
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Kaden Kasper and Trey Fritsche
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker

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. LYF Meeting & Social – 6:00 p.m.
Mon – Fri	Red Ribbon Week
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elder’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Lutherfest Activities – 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Cross Country Invitational for Private Schools @ FLHS
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kaden Kasper and Brooke Lehmann SLCVFD Chicken BBQ “Trunk or Treat” Fellowship Event – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Dustin Schatte, Kenedy Schatte, Ralph Wenke; 25th – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Mary Reagan; 28th – Jim Bob Bigon, Lori Henderson, Tyler Roeber; 29th – Mary Ann Becker; 30th – Adam Richards, Sandra Schimank, Angela Stanfield. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year

October 24 – Pentecost XXII

Disabilities do not deserve death, either at life’s beginning or near its end. The Lord our God loves to save us in all our brokennesses (Jeremiah 31:8-9). May we learn something even greater than comfort from our limitations—may we learn in our disabilities to cry out to Jesus and follow Him (Mark 10:48, 52), through affliction to life everlasting.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 239, Communion- 121, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 43, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Offering- \$37.00.

Offering Last Week: \$21,174.44

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,136.66	Mission	\$670.00
Sunday School	\$37.00	Mission Festival	\$1,657.48
Lunch Room	\$904.00	Mission Total	\$2,327.48
ECC Operating	\$5,370.50	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$5,348.80	Building Fund	\$50.00
Received 10/17/2021	\$18,796.96	Savings/Other Total	\$50.00

Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$21,174.44
Received MTD	\$67,297.34		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Hattie Mutschink by Jan Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Ryan Krause - \$50.00; by Rodney & Melanie Meyer - \$50.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00; by Elmo & Adele Schulze - \$40.00. **Mission:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00. **Lunchroom:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by Alfred & Nancy Schulze - \$100.00.

2021 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs	Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	General
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 1, 8	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 1	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Fri	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Sat	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Fri	Dec. 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Sat	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General



Basketball Season Underway

Basketball season started this week. We have a very excited group of boys ready to begin this new program for FLHS. Information will be coming soon regarding schedules so you can make plans to come cheer on your Falcons!

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 3rd Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 5th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are beginning to gather grants for our 7th Grade Visit Day, Game Nights and our Thanksgiving Celebration.

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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday at 10:30. This week Josh Hahn, Vicar at Immanuel, will be leading us. We look forward to seeing you!