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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

14 November 2021

Welcome! *The Crucified and Risen Body of Christ Jesus Is the True Temple of God.* Despite its “wonderful stones” and “great buildings,” the Jerusalem temple would be torn down, with not one stone left upon another, just as this present world and its kingdoms will come to an end (Mark 13:1–8). But that temple pointed beyond itself to Christ, to His sacrifice upon the cross and to the resurrection of His body as the true Temple of God. In the midst of sin and death, by the proclamation of the Gospel, He now gathers disciples into His body, wherein “the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Mark 13:10–13). For He is “a great priest over the house of God,” who “will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” By the pure water of His Baptism, they “draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,” and by His flesh and blood, they enter the Holy of Holies (Heb. 10:17–22). Thus are His people delivered, “everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.” For by the wisdom of His Gospel, He turns “many to righteousness,” so that “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” to everlasting life (Dan. 12:1–3).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker
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)
Ruth Lorenz
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Kathy Mumm-recovering
Linda Oltmann-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Dorothy Schautschick-surgery
Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)
Dwayne Schulze-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-hospitalized
Josie Symm-recovering (sister-in-law of Mike & Barbara Symm)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Sean Weiser-recovering (grandson of Ken & Ruby Weiser)
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)

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 mourn:

The family of Harold Mathena (brother-in-law of Frances Miertschin, Marilyn Miertschin and Wayne Becker)

The family of Steve Fritsche (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

Veterans

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: 515, 508, 563, 655

Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:11-25

The Sermon: **“Hold Fast”**

Adult Choir Anthem: 🎵 *“Jerusalem My Happy Home”*

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Gary & Cindy Becker’s 35th wedding anniversary by Kristin and Kelly.
- ✝ **Advent Devotion Books** are available this morning or you may pick one up in the church office at your convenience.
- ✝ **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on December 13, 2020, the Voters set our 2021 Mission goal at \$37,500.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$32,758.48. We are **\$4,741.52** away from meeting our 2021 goal.
- ✝ **Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee met on November 11th. The list of nominations for various offices is included in the bulletin this morning. If for some reason you feel you cannot serve, please contact the Chairman, Scott Jones or call the church office.
- ✝ **Love Working With Children?** The St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center is in need of full and part time help (hours are flexible). If you or anyone you know love children and would like to join our awesome team and help train them up (Proverbs 22:6), please call Cheyenne Shed at 979-366-2870.
- ✝ **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 **72** 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.
- ✝ **LWML.** The LWML has a variety of greeting cards for sale in the church office. The cards are \$.50 each or can be bought by the box for \$4.00.
- ✝ **Scrip Program.** Getting ready to do your holiday shopping, or giving gift cards as gifts? You can do it all with a Scrip Card. Order them through the Church’s Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the Church Office or you can go online and order your cards.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sun. – Mon.	National Young Readers Challenge
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. ECC Thanksgiving Feast
Thursday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. ECC Bubble Day
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Kamrie Stewart and Emma Short

Birthdays: Today – Junell Schulz; 15th – Royce Albrecht, Robin Elliott, John Hempel, Shannon Miertschin, Clinton Teinert; 16th – Christi Fritsche; 17th – Patricia Barnett; 18th – Serenity Johnson, Brianna Lehmann, Troy Wiederhold; 19th – Randy Becker, Kinlea Jenke, Logan Taylor. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 244, Communion- 124, Bible Class- 19; Sunday School- 47, Offering- \$17.00

Offering Last Week: \$42,830.30

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$18,154.00	Mission	\$480.00
Sunday School	\$17.00	Lutheran Hour	\$30.00
Lunch Room	\$2,319.80	Mission Total	\$510.00
ECC Operating	\$7,766.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Butter Braid Sales	\$6,232.00	School Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$6,761.00	Building Fund	\$1,020.00
Received 11/7/2021	\$41,250.30	Savings/Other Total	\$1,070.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Total	\$42,830.30
Received MTD	\$41,250.30		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Hattie Mutschink and Nancy Lambert by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$300.00. In memory of Grace Rackel by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Nancy Lambert by Billie Dixson - \$25.00. **LWML:** In memory of Hildegard Thompson by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00 (for Quilting Group). **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by M/M Mark Arldt & boys - \$30.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Hattie Mutschink by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 21st, **“Between Now and Eternity There Is Much to Do!”** Guest Speaker: Rev. Hector Hoppe. In Christ, God forgives our past and secures our future. Dr. Hector Hoppe says, here in the present, there is much we can do. (Jude 1:20-25). 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**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Benjamin Schonhoeft and Evelyn Williams
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Johnathan Noack
 Virgil Becker, Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann
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Life Through the Church Year:

November 14 – Pentecost XXV

Little time remains for repentance now that fathers deliver children to death and children rise up against parents (Mark 13:12). We have the assurance that the Holy Spirit speaks salvation through our witness to sanctity of life (Mark 13:11). Let us stir up one another to love (Hebrews 10:24) by declaring that Jesus saves from the sin of abortion (Hebrews 10:17-18).



FLHS Pie Sale

Want to enjoy a delicious dessert on Thanksgiving, but don't want to make it yourself? FLHS will have Pecan and Pumpkin pies for sale on Sunday, November 21 from 10:30 am until noon at Holy Cross Picnic grounds. Pecan pies are \$25. Pumpkin pies are \$20. Pies are available by pre-orders only! Call FLHS at (979) 242-2889 or Holy Cross Lutheran Church at (979) 242-3333 to place your order today! *This event is concurrent with the Holy Cross Couple's Club Fried Chicken Dinner.

Thanksgiving Chapel and Feast

Join us Wednesday, November 17th, beginning at 10:30 am for our 5th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration. Rev. Thomas Obersat will be leading us in worship and students will be assisting with music. Stay and fellowship with us during our pot-luck Thanksgiving feast lunch, immediately following chapel. Bring a dish to share if you would like!

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 today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

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.

The Voyager Voice

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for the week of November 15-21, 2021

2021-22 School Year Theme – “Follow Me” – John 12:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 15...National Young Reader Challenge concludes
- Nov. 17...School Chapel Service – 8:30 AM
OCC Shoebox Packing Party – 1:00 PM
- Nov. 19...Midterm 2nd Six-Weeks Thanksgiving Family Luncheon – 11:30 AM
- Nov. 22-26...Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30... Girls & JV Boys Games @ Brenham – 4:00 & 5 PM
- Dec. 2...Girls & Var Boys Games vs. Thorndale – 4:30 & 5:30 PM
- Dec. 4...“Jingle Bells and Jammies” Christmas Fellowship – 9:00-10:30 AM
- Dec. 6...St. Nicholas Day observed
- Dec. 17...End of 3rd Six-Weeks
- Dec. 18-Jan. 3...Christmas Vacation



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Our Mission
“To Educate Children for Life to
Witness the Word to the World.”

From the Principal's Desk . . .

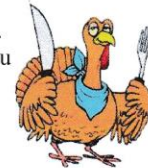
With Thanksgiving approaching, our thoughts turn to celebrating with our families and remembering the many blessings of the past year. Next week, we have three big events at SPS:

- OCC Shoebox Packing (11/17) – donated items should be brought to school on Monday, Nov. 15th.
- Thanksgiving “Stock the Cart” – bring donations by Wed (11/17).
- Thanksgiving Family Luncheon (11/19) – reservations are **due no later than Mon, Nov. 15th** (reservations cannot be accepted after that day!)

Have a blessed week in the Lord! ~ Jim House, Principal

NEWS, NOTES, and HAPPENINGS

THANKSGIVING LUNCH. . .The annual St. Paul *Thanksgiving Family Lunch* will be held *next Friday, Nov. 19th beginning at 11:30 AM*. Parents and other family members are invited to come join their children for lunch that day—turkey & all the fixin’s. Families are encouraged to sit together. A freewill donation will be gathered to help cover meal expenses. So that we can get an accurate count for the lunch, we ask that you ***call or email the school office*** or complete the *Thanksgiving Family Lunch Reservation Form* (an additional copy is attached to this News Blast email). Please let us know of your attendance ***no later than next Monday, Nov. 15th***. Reservations received after this date cannot be honored. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION. . .To date, we’ve gathered 334 *canned foods and dried goods* (fruits & vegetables, boxed cereals, pastas, rice, etc.) items for the Giddings Food Pantry. ***Next Wednesday, Nov. 17th is the final opportunity*** to be donated items for this year’s special collection. Students should ***bring items to the collection cart in the gym***. Thanks to all who have donated to date, and remember your donations next week ***for our “Thanksgiving Stock the Cart” collection*** and help share the love of Jesus with others this Thanksgiving.



SHOEBOX DONATIONS. . .for Operation Christmas Child project will still be accepted early next week. Please bring your donation of WOW items (*small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc.*) to the school office. Remember, our “Shoebox Packing Party” will be held ***next Wednesday, Nov. 17th***. We hope to pack 100 shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for children around the world as part of the Samaritan’s Purse OCC project.