

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! *The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming.* The Day of the Lord is "darkness, and not light" (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their "burnt offerings and grain offerings," nor will He look upon their "peace offerings" (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets "justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1-4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us "to the dealers" (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we "encourage one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes "with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God," and "we will always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Adelia Becker-hospitalized

Pam Becker-recovering

Tamshaw Becker-hospitalized

Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)

Gene Fritsche-hospitalized

Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

Kenneth Lorenz

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Shannon Miertschin

Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)

Lil Robertson-recovering

Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)

Schautschick

Melvin Schulze-recovering

Becky Weise-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)

Joyce Bise

Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)

Fritsche

Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)

Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Harold Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Mike Maass

Carie Oltmann

Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)

Barbara Symm

Amy Wagner Bryant (niece of Joan Gersch)

Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause's brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA

Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

All 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—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 633, 516, 461, 814

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

The Sermon: **“Watch for You Know Neither the Day nor the Hour.”**

Weekly Church Services

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Private communion is available and we ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. Social distancing guidelines continue to be followed and we ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on Facebook live on the school Facebook page or the Church’s Website. All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website for the foreseeable future. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID you are required to stay home.** We pray God’s protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Lisa Schmidt, recognizing her for 8 years of service to St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center and 3 years of service to St. Paul Lutheran School.
- † **Educational opportunity-** As we continue through this pandemic attempting to keep our children safe and follow the guidelines established; we still want to provide the Sunday Morning education opportunity for our children. Towards that end we are offering short educational videos, on the school Facebook page and on our church website. Please take advantage of this opportunity and watch the videos after worship with your family.
- † **Veterans Day Assembly.** Veterans Day will be observed at St. Paul Lutheran on Wednesday, November 11th with a special Veterans Day chapel Service and Assembly at 10:30 AM in the gym. Various activities include prayers for those who have and are presently serving our country in the Armed Forces, patriotic readings and songs, a special visual presentation, and the pledge to the American flag. Following the assembly, we will honor our veterans with a special Veterans Day “lunch to go”. If you would like to attend and receive a lunch, please call the school office at 979-366-2218 no later than Monday afternoon, November 9th.
- † **Veterans Day Breakfast.** The American Legion Post 276 will again host a Veterans Day Breakfast on Wednesday, November 11th, serving: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Memorial service at 8:00 a.m. followed by taps and a firing squad to honor all veterans. American Legion Auxiliary Raffle Tickets. GISD Band door prizes. Guest Speaker Horace Farrack Service Award. Free will donation for breakfast. American Legion Hall, Hwy. 77 South, Giddings.
- † **The Nominating Committee** will meet Thursday, November 12th 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.
- † **The Holy Cross Couple’s Club** will have a BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Sunday, November 22nd. Pick up from 10:00-noon at the Holy Cross picnic grounds. Chickens are \$9.00 each and 16oz cups of sauce are \$2.00. Advance orders only by calling the church office at 979- 242-3333 by November 16th. You can also place orders with Robert Hinze (540-6911), Joyce Hinze (540-0355) (366-2397) (home).
- † **Mission Goal.** In the Voters Meeting held on October 13, 2019, the Voters set our 2020 Mission goal at \$35,000.00. To date our Mission contributions are at \$26,562.60. We are **\$8,437.40** away from meeting our 2020 goal.
- † **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.
- † **LWML.** The LWML is again selling Christmas Cards. They are \$4/box. Contact Doris Fritsche at 979-212-1886.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14th. We have identified 72 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 57 veteran’s graves. **The cut-off date to purchase a wreath for 2020 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.

Serving today: Elders— David Fritsche and David Schmidt

Organist- Jack Wiederhold

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann

† **Orphan Grain Train** is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and his love for us. Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit organization, created in 1992, to provide assistance to those in need, and in natural disasters in both the United States and foreign countries.

UNDE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

Orphan Grain Train will be collecting NEW KIDS UNDES AND SOCKS, NEW/LOVING STUFFED ANIMALS.

These items will go to children in areas in and around an

Orphanage in Quemado, Texas. There is a box in the church office. Orphan Grain Train will pick up on December 6, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 979-716-0094.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, November 15th, "**Bigger**". Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling. Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. (Daniel 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. Online Christian Education
Sun. – Sat.	National Young Readers Challenge
Tuesday	Circuit Meeting @ Holy Cross, Warda – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Veterans Day ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Veterans Day Chapel & Assembly – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Nominating Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Online Christian Education

Birthdays: Today – Nathan Barnett, Janice Becker, Alison Gersch; 9th – Ashley Becker, Curtis Krause, Christine Noack; 10th – Dawn Gersch, Cole Mertink; 12th – Daniel Krause, Melissa Taylor; 13th – Bruce Prellor; 14th – Junell Schulz. God's Blessings to you.

Life Through the Church Year:

November 8, - Pentecost XXIII

Surprise pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (2 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Mathew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 185, Communion- 109

Offering Last Week: \$15,899.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$10,325.00	Mission	\$585.00
Use of facilities	\$250.00	Lutheran Hour	\$85.00
Lunch Room	\$1,346.00	Mission Festival	\$500.00
ECC Operating	\$720.00	Mission Total	\$1,170.00
LWML Tape Ministry	\$25.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$1,598.00	School Fund	\$50.00
Received 11/1/2020	\$14,264.00	Building Fund	\$150.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$225.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$40.00
Received MTD	\$14,264.00	Savings/Other Total	\$465.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Total	\$15,899.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Lynn Noack by Steve & Camille Wipff - \$50.00; by Harold & Mary Ellen McFarlane - \$60.00; by Darvin & Linda Widmer - \$25.00. In memory of Charles Arldt by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00; by Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Louis & Bernice Doebbler - \$100.00; by Irene Buscha - \$20.00; by Michael, Amanda, Shelby & Baylie Becker - \$20.00; by M/M Eldor Becker - \$25.00; by Harold & Paula Krause - \$25.00; by Brandi & George Perry - \$50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00; by Wesley & Sherri Yurk - \$20.00; by Linda Tate - \$25.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00. **Mission:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$25.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Monroe Becker \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00; by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$25.00; by Ronnie & Linda Oltmann - \$25.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Lynn Noack by J Clark & Michelle Haley - \$100.00; by Robert & Karen Throckmorton - \$100.00; by Lyle & Patricia Stoecker - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Charles Arldt by The Texas Wendish Heritage Society - \$50.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00; by Robert & Pam Yurk - \$10.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Charles Arldt by Gayle & Mike Merka & family and Helen Merka - \$100.00; by Beverly Markert Ullrich - \$30.00.

2020 Advent/Christmas Schedule

Service	Day	Date	Time	Detail	Offering
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs	Nov.26	9:00 a.m.	English/German	General
Advent Services	Wed	Dec. 2, 9	7:00 p.m.	Communion December 2	General
Candlelight Carol Service	Wed	Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.		General
Song Service	Sun	Dec.20	8:30 a.m.		General
Christmas Eve	Thurs	Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.		½ Lutheran Braille Workers & ½ Bus Fund
Christmas Day	Fri	Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	English/German	½ LSS & ½ LBT
New Year's Eve	Thurs	Dec, 31	7:00 p.m.		General
New Year's Day	Fri	Jan. 1	9:00 a.m.	Communion	General

Thank You



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