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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

16 January 2022

Welcome! *The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ.* When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “the first of his signs” by which He “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “hour,” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “Jesus is Lord,” and they return thanks to Him “in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gladys Arldt-hospitalized
Adelia Becker
Cindy Becker-recovering
Donald Becker-hospitalized
Pam Becker-recovering
Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
Hildegard Krause-recovering
Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)
Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin-recovering
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
Calvin Robertson
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Kynlee Stewart-recovering
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)
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)
Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)
Carie Oltmann
Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
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 Susan Clausen

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— Page 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 822, 402, 636, 395, 913, 823
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 121:1-11
The Sermon: **“If Only”**

- ✠ **Altar flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Susan Clausen. She fell asleep in Jesus on Monday, January 10, 2022. Private graveside services will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery this afternoon. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✠ **Thank You.** The family of Adele Schulze would like to thank you for your kind words, prayers, cards, and memorials given in her name. We thank Pastor Schmidt for his visits, prayers, and funeral message, Mr. Daniel Krause for providing the music for the service, the ushers, and the crucifer. We also want to thank the LWML for the delicious luncheon, the ladies who served, and every one who provided the food.
The family of Adele Schulze
- ✠ **Confirmation Parents.** The parents of this year’s confirmation class will meet in the church this morning following bible class
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department.** The SLCVFD Annual Meeting that was originally scheduled for this evening **has been postponed.**
- ✠ **Poinsettias.** The Poinsettias that were left in the Church after New Year have been moved to the church meeting room. Please pick them up by Friday, January 21st.
- ✠ **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, January 9 are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **Special Voter’s Meeting.** There will be a Special Voter’s Meeting, as called by the School Board, after church next Sunday, January 23, 2022. There will be no Adult Bible Class.
- ✠ **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation’s annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by January 24th.
- ✠ **2022 Offering Envelopes.** There are still some 2022 offering envelopes in the church office meeting room. If you have not picked up your 2022 envelopes, please do so.
- ✠ **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser** – The Wendish Society will again have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on January 23 at Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year the menu will again be **grilled boneless pork steaks (not chicken thighs as advertised last week)**. Noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$12. Pre-sale only by Tuesday, January 18th. Advance tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-2441 or emailing Museum@TexasWendish.org. Tickets are also available after church. Tickets are also available after church. Drive through to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:30pm at the St. Paul picnic grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2021 there were thirteen Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients. A total of \$15,00 was awarded. Thank you for supporting our Wendish students!
- ✠ **Year End Contribution Statements** are available from the finance Co-Chairmen this morning. You can also pick them up in the church office during the week. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, January 23rd, **“Caught”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus’s words and story, even more so. (Luke 4:38 – 5:16). 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.

As we gather at the Lord’s Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Emma Short and Grant Oltmann
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, David Michael,
Nathan Michael, Bradly Schautschick, Austin Schmidt,
Benjamin Symm, Sebastian Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Carson Becker, Ty Kasper

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday No School
Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday **Campus Lockdown Drill**
Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Special Voter’s Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Benjamin Schonhoeft
PTLS Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Landon Menzel, Becky Weise; 17th – Haley Marak; 18th – Milton Albrecht, Sierra Bradshaw; 19th – Nicole Birnbaum, Jarrett Bise, Christopher Taylor, Alton Weiser; 20th – Geraldine Albrecht, Michael Symm; 22nd – Olivia Habel. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 234, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 36, Banner Classes: Grade 2 & 4, Offering- \$29.00.

Offering Last Week: \$40,243.31

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$20,153.06	Mission	\$470.00
Sunday School	\$29.00	Lutheran Hour	\$100.00
Lunch Room	\$1,012.05	Mission Total	\$570.00
ECC Operating	\$8,016.50	Savings/Other:	
LWML Quilters	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$1,025.00
School Registration	\$325.00	Scholarship	\$40.00
Tuition	\$9,032.70	Savings/Other Total	\$1,065.00
Received 1/9/2022	\$38,608.31		
		Total	\$40,243.31
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00		
Received MTD	\$44,478.37		
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Adele Schulze by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Jan Wiederhold - \$250.00; by Frances Mutscher - \$25.00; by Trail Life Families of Troop TX-0143 - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Annette Menzel - \$25.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$25.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by M/M Mark McClain - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$30.00; by Peggy Bertsch - \$25.00; by Shelly Pietsch, Kalie & Kyla - \$20.00; by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$50.00; by Michael, Amanda, Shelby & Baylie Becker - \$20.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Ron & Cyndy Zoch - \$50.00. In memory of Adele Schulze and Ruth Lorenz by Monroe Becker - \$30.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker family - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$50.00. In memory of Steven Lorenz and Ruth Lorenz by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. In memory of Fritz Kieschnick by Carolyn Noack - \$20.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Fritz Kieschnick by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00. In memory of Ruth Lorenz by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Gladys Arldt & Raymond - \$25.00. **LWML Quilters:** In memory of Ruth Lorenz by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Fritz Kieschnick by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Building:** In memory of Fritz Kieschnick by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Fritz Kieschnick and Michael Kieschnick by David & Karen Schmidt - \$40.00.



New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS by March 11, 2021 will have registration fees waived for the 2022-2023 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

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.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. This week, Camp Lone Star will be leading us in worship.

Would you like to be a Substitute Teacher?

We are looking for people to add to our substitute list. We are willing to consider anyone that enjoys working with students and also has the patience to do so. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Kueck at (979)242-2889 or kueckn@flhstx.org.

Amazon Smile

Did you know Faith Lutheran High School is on Amazon Smile? After you select FLHS as the charity of your choice, everytime you purchase something from Amazon Smile, FLHS will receive a donation. Thank you!

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! Thank you!