

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! St. James the Elder, Apostle. The sons of Zebedee ask for seats at Jesus' "right hand and ... left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37). But they do not know what they are asking (Matt. 20:22), for God's kingdom is not of glory and power but the cross. We will bear ours after Him. "For [His] sake we are being killed" and "regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." But "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him" (Rom. 8:36-37), for Jesus' death is unique. He alone is baptized with our sin and drinks the cup of God's wrath against it (Mark 10:38). We live in service to our neighbors after His example; He alone is "the Son of Man," who came "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Today the Church commemorates the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy about James, killed with Herod's sword (Acts 12:2). He is honored as the first apostle to be "conformed to the image of [God's] Son" (Rom. 8:29). But what is that when "Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God ... interceding for us"? Nothing (not even a sword) can "separate" James and "us from the love of Christ" (Rom. 8:34-35).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Lori Becker-recovering
 - Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)
 - Chris Birnbaum
 - Rev. Dale Bohm-recovering
 - Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)
 - Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)
 - William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)
 - Gracie Kalbas-recovering
 - Tim Kleinschmidt-hospitalized (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)
 - Theresa Krause-recovering
 - James Lilly (grandson of Bertha Walch)
 - Chris Miertschin
 - Shannon Miertschin-recovering
 - Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker
 - Pat Nusbaum-recovering (mother of Melissa Ray)
 - Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)
 - Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)
 - Calvin Robertson-hospitalized
 - Melvin Schulze-recovering
 - Louis Symons-recovering
 - Linda Tate-recovering
 - Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
 - Becky Weise
 - Bonnie Wenke-recovering
- 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)
 - Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)
 - Mike Maass
 - 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-recovering
 - 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:**
- 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
- Those who rejoice:**
- Marvin & Ruth Lorenz on their 70th wedding anniversary

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: 717, 715, 544, 557

Sermon Text: Mark 6:45-56

The Sermon: **“Are You Afraid?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Marvin & Ruth Lorenz’s 70th anniversary.
- † **August Calendar of Events** is available in the church office and on the church website.
- † **June Financial Statements** are available in the church office.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar on Saturday, July 31st, at Weimar. Time for the game is 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 18th, Serbin defeated Weimar by a score of 6 to 3.
- † **Reset Classrooms.** The School Board is requesting your help this morning, immediately following the service, to reset the classrooms.
- † **Today is Endowment Sunday.** This year scholarships are awarded to Madison Medack and Maggie Obersat. You can support the work of the Scholarship Committee in providing resources for students preparing for full time church work. Gifts given to the **Scholarship Fund** are used for scholarships each year. Gifts given to the **Endowment Fund** build an endowment the interest of which is used for scholarships. Envelopes for each of these purposes are found in your offering envelope sets.
- † **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee will begin to meet after the service on Sunday, August 1st to count and post the collection. As per the 2021 Finance Committee Schedule the members scheduled for that Sunday are: Chairman: Glenn Albrecht, Members: Ty Kasper and Carson Becker.
- † **Benefit.** A benefit for Conway Whited, infant son of Justin and Amanda Whited, will be held Sunday, August 22nd, at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Conway was recently diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. A drive-thru pork steak meal will be served from 10 am till 1 pm, along with a bake sale. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased from Brad (540-8319) or Ashley Schmidt (979 966-2917.) Proceeds will be used to help cover medical expenses.
- † **Office Administrator Position:** Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Grange is looking for a part time office administrator. Must have solid computer and word processing skills, including Microsoft Office products. Please send resume to pastor@mtcalvary-lcms.org or call 979-968-3938 for more information.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Endowment Sunday
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Reset Classrooms

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar –
7:00 p.m. @ Weimar

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class– 9:30 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Garrett Oltmann; 26th – Dora Durrenberger, Rylee Elliott, Carl Kasper III, Teresa Krause; 28th – Mary Davis, Marilyn Miertschin, Rita Schatte, Angela Schautschick, Susan Sweeney; 29th – Rebecca Klepac, Ronnie Schnell; 30th – David Hempel, Russell Mertink, Erin Michael, Hattie Mutschink, Malynda Schautschick, Austin Schmidt; 31st – Whitney Faske, Lois Kalbas, Royce Schulze. God’s Blessings to you.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 1st, “**Blowing in the Wind**”. Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. “Archives August” begins with a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus in which he contrasts popularity-held urban legends with the unchanging truth of God’s word. (Ephesians 4:14-16). 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.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and David Schmidt
Organist- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker
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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 202; Communion- 103

Offering Last Week: \$14,613.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$5,999.00	Mission	\$420.00
ECC Operating	\$7,399.50	Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
Received 7/18/2021	\$13,398.50	Mission Total	\$470.00
		Savings/Other:	
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Building Fund	\$120.00
Received MTD	\$47,694.04	Cemetery Fund	\$125.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Scholarship	\$500.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$745.00
		Total	\$14,613.50

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by David & Tina Symm - \$50.00; by Eldor & Lori Becker & Jeremy - \$25.00; by Classic Bank - \$100.00. In memory of Frances Roeber by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00; by Linda Tate - \$25.00; by Doug & Nancy Alexander - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Evelyn Zoch Kaiser - \$25.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Douglas & Emily Roeber - \$100.00; by Elroy & Joann Hirsch - \$100.00. In memory of Nellie McCormack by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Steven, Dorothy & Bradly Schautschick - \$50.00. In memory of Frances Roeber by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Frances Roeber by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Marvin & Eleanor Berger - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Vanguard Charitable - \$500.00.

† **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 18, 2021. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas.

Wreaths Across America

To sponsor a wreath(s):

You can go online to www.wreathscrossamerica.org. or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

Online: www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Click on the MENU button at the top right of the home page

Click on Search Locations

Click on Participating Locations

Type in TXPLCS

Select dropdown-St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, (TXPLCS) Giddings, TX 78942

Click on Sponsor

This page will appear:

Wreath Sponsorship

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At this point you can select to sponsor a grave specific wreath(s) and/or wreath(s) in honor or memory of.

Once you have selected grave specific and/or in honor or memory of, simply follow the instructions.

Cost of a wreath is \$15.00

All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by Monday, November 29, 2021, to be considered a 2021 Wreaths Across America contribution. Any funds received after that date will be considered a 2022 donation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 18, 2021.

If you have questions or need assistance contact the church office.



New Student Registration

We are overjoyed to have **17 students** registered for the 2021-2022 school year. We continue to add more students to our family. FLHS offers a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, and small class sizes. You can receive registration materials by visiting our website, at www.fhlstx.org, or calling (979) 242-2889. Tuition scholarships are available.

First Day of School

Please keep our faculty and students in your prayers as classes begin Wednesday, August 18th. Final preparations are underway in preparation for the big day!

Opening Service

Please join us on Sunday, August 22nd at 3 pm as we will officially open our fifth academic school year. 'Transformed' based on Romans 12:2 is the theme for 2021-2022. A worship service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. The service will be led by our association Pastors, with the sermon by Pr. Dustin Beck. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. A potluck dessert and punch reception will follow.

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we prepare to begin another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!

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 currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps and student retreat!

Amazon Smile and Wish List

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

FLHS has also created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!