

Grace Notes



2022

Our hymn of the month for October is *LSB* #655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." This hymn is not only well-known to our congregation; it has been sung in the Church for almost five hundred years. Martin Luther wrote the text of the hymn, which was first published in 1542. The hymn serves as a prayer that God would help us to remain faithful to Him and to His Word no matter what attacks may come against us. For that reason, it has often been sung around the yearly remembrance of the Reformation, when God called His Church back to the truth that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. We'll take a look at the text of the hymn together in this article.

In the first stanza of the hymn, we sing: "Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done." The initial prayer of the hymn is drawn from Psalm 119:5, "Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!" Such a prayer is necessary because the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature are constantly attacking us, whether by lies or by force. In this stanza, we ask God for the same thing that we do in the 3rd Petition of the Lord's Prayer: that God would hinder the attacks of our enemies so that His will of keeping us as members of His Church would be done.

In the second stanza, we sing: "Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally." This stanza calls upon Jesus as the Ascended Lord of His Church. Jesus promised in Matthew 28:18, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Jesus uses His almighty authority to protect His Church and to work all things for the good of His people (Romans 8:28). Not even the gates of hell will prevail against the Church (Matthew 16:16) because Jesus is her defender. As a result, we sing the praises of our Savior: "I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:6).

In the third stanza, we sing: "O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life." This stanza is a prayer to the Holy Spirit. He is the Comforter or Counselor or Helper who brings the Word of God to our remembrance so that we have the peace of Christ (John 14:26-27). We ask the Holy Spirit to do His work of calling, gathering, and uniting the Christian Church around Jesus: "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). By the Word of God, the Holy Spirit sustains us in faithfulness to God's Word until the end, when we will be raised from the dead and dwell in body and soul for all eternity with Christ.

Though this hymn is short, both the text and the tune are powerful. As together we sing and pray this hymn, God grant that our faith in His Word increase, no matter what attacks we might endure, so that on the Last Day, we will be together with Him and the whole Church in the joys of resurrection!

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm- Youth Group	3 7pm-Elders	4	5 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	6 6pm LWML 	7 Pastor Away-Family Day	8
9 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	10 4pm-Quilting 7pm LLL 	11 9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg	12 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	13	14 Pastor Away-Family Day	15
16 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	17 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism	18	19 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	20	21 Pastor Away-Family Day	22
23 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion Quarterly Voters Meeting after service!	24 8am Braille 4pm-Quilting	25	26 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm-Youth Confirmation	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	28 Pastor Away-Family Day	29
30 8:45am Sunday School & Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	31					

Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 8:45 AM
Midweek Classes 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

401 Wilkes Street
Smithville, TX 78957
Office Phone: 512-360-2800
Fax Number: 512-237-5990

Email address: gracelutheranlearn@att.net

We now accept CCMS enrollment

Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.



In the Hospital

If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you. **Pastor Appel**

Elders: Colby Zimmerhanel
Jack Page

Oct. Altar Toni Ann Kadlecek
Guild: Jean Miller

Organist(s):
June Parker
Esther Wolff
Kim Appel
Ruth Eaton



As of September 21, 2022

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	70,642.72
CEF-General	2,493.14
CEF-Land/Youth	12,546.90
CEF Scholarship	12,701.57
Legacy Deo	12,978.63
Total Dedicated Funds	38,274.69
General Fund Balance	32,368.03

Opportunities to Receive God's Gifts

When you are not able to make it to the weekly Divine Service on a regular basis, please know that opportunities to receive the gifts of God at other times are available. I encourage you to be in touch with me to let me know how I can deliver these gifts of God to you, because no Christian should go without God's gifts in Word and Sacrament. When circumstances do not allow you to join the congregation for a time, I certainly encourage you to make use of the Facebook livestream to hear the Scriptures and the sermon; I also would welcome the opportunity to set an appointment with you to study God's Word with you and bring you the Body and Blood of Jesus on an individual basis. ***This offer is made in earnest. You are not imposing on my time by requesting this of me; this is precisely why God has given time to me.*** Please let me know how I can best serve you in Christ's name! –Pastor Appel



Pastoral Check-Up

Many go to their doctor regularly to check on their physical health; why not do the same with your pastor concerning your spiritual health? I know that the previous year was difficult in many respects. How has your Christian faith been challenged? How has your Christian faith grown? Let's visit! Let's find some time to talk so that I can minister to you with the Word of God so that your faith in Christ will grow even in the midst of this life's troubles and trials..





Oct. 15	Tammy & Doug Teague
Oct. 20	Barbara & Steve Pauley
Oct. 22	Rose & Ronnie Pietsch



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am. We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.



Thank you to all the donors and shoppers. Your support allows us to give back to support the community. Grace will partner with First Presbyterian the week of September 26th to October 1st. The last rotation for the year will be November 7th to November 12th. Join us as you are able. Work days are Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 2. Sale days are Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2. Donations accepted Friday and Saturday from 9 to 2.

Gifts for Organ Repair



On June 12, the voters approved organ repairs that will cost approximately \$11,800. Fischer Pipe Organ Tuning and Service will be putting us on their schedule so that these repairs can be made this fall. If you'd like to make a special gift to help with the cost of these repairs, you can make use of the "Organ Fund" envelopes in your offering envelope box. Thanks for

your generosity in providing for music that glorifies God in our worship services at Grace!



Oct. 1	Mary Appel
Oct. 2	Keatyn Becker
Oct. 3	Kaylee Claiborne
	Alice Percy
Oct. 4	Frances Pool
Oct. 7	Brenda Anderson
	Kristin Appel
	Corbin Davis
	Kolten Langer
Oct. 8	Milly Cheak
	Nickolas Claiborne
	Sherri McCullough
	Abigail Vanegas
Oct. 9	Juanita Bertsch
	Kathy Kasper
	Alex Vanegas
Oct. 11	Linda Read
	Marlene Wallace
Oct. 12	Jimmy Davis
Oct. 13	Madeline Moore
	Andrea Oates
Oct. 16	Joshua Phillips
Oct. 19	CathySmith
Oct. 20	George Helmcamp
	Davey Kadlecek, Jr
	Keegan Langer
	Barbara Pauley
Oct. 21	Don Young
Oct. 22	Nancy Young
Oct. 23	Daniel Robinson
Oct. 26	Marilyn Randle
	Rowan James
Oct. 31	Michael Langer
	Zoey Wendland

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring our Trunk-or-Treat event again this year, which will take place on **Monday, October 31** beginning at **6 PM**. We're asking individuals and families to sign up on the bulletin board next to the office to decorate a table in our parish hall and bring candy to hand out to the many children who will come (three years ago, about 600 people total came through). If you can't be there to help, we'd love for you to donate candy that can be used by those who are here; a box in the narthex has been provided for this purpose. Thanks for supporting this community outreach event!



KFUO Bible Study Resources



Looking for Bible study opportunities during the week? Make use of the fantastic resources for growth in your Christian faith produced by our very own LCMS radio station, KFUO (www.kfu.org). Their variety of

programs will provide something of value to every person who listens. Of particular interest for Grace, every weekday morning at 8 AM, you can hear Pastor Appel host the Bible study, *Sharper Iron*, with guest pastors from around the country. If you can't catch the show live, you can listen to archived episodes at www.kfu.org/category/sharper-iron/.



There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info

Poinsettias for Christmas



The LWML is selling poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary during the upcoming celebration of our God's birth on Christmas. Please indicate how many poinsettias you would like on the sign up sheet in the Narthex; each one is \$10.

Payment can be placed in the envelope hanging by the sign up sheet; checks should be made out to "Grace Lutheran LWML." **The deadline to order is much earlier this year on October 30th!**



Dear Member of Grace Lutheran Church,

We are excited to have Sunday School back at 8:45 am every Sunday. Our classes will be in the fellowship hall for all ages. 3yrs old through kindergarten teachers will be Kim Appel and Ester Wolff, 1st grade through 4th grade will be Kayla Herschap and Kristin Appel, 5th grade through 8th grade will be Donna Zimmerhanzel and High School will be Gene Brown. We are always in need of volunteers to help teach or to sub when one of the teachers is out, so please feel free to contact a board member and we will gladly assist you in getting set up to volunteer.

Rally Day was a lot of fun, it was great to see everyone together enjoying fellowship and the joy of life that God has given to all of us.

We will be discussing our Holiday events in the near future. Be sure to stay tuned for update!!!

The Board has chosen our next Sunday School Mission to be the Bastrop County Pregnancy Resource Center. We would like to invite everyone to contribute to the Sunday School offering for this very worthy mission. There are envelopes on the Board of Ed Bulletin Board for anyone who would like to contribute to our Mission.

Our Board members for this year are: Charlie Johannessen, Toni Ann Kadlecek, Kathy Kasper, Mary Lou Oliver, Melissa Brown, June Parker, Barb Johannessen and the Sunday School Superintendent is Donna Zimmerhanzel. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time if you have questions.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,
 Barb Johannessen
 Board of Education

Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages has returned to its regular time slot of 8:45 AM. The response from so many members of our congregation has been tremendous.

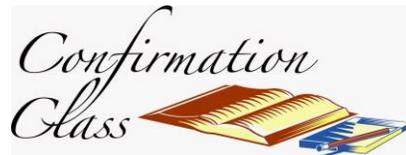
The parish hall has been filled with great joy each Sunday morning as so many children and adults are eager to learn God's Word—and there's always room for more! Please join us each week in the Parish Hall for a short opening with everyone together before we go to our separate classes. You won't regret making time to read, learn, and rejoice in God's Word!



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues **our study of 1 and 2 Samuel!** These books provide the historical background for the Psalms of King David, and many moments may leave

you saying, "I can't believe that's in the Bible!" Yet all of it is recorded for our instruction to point us toward our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please join us!



Youth Confirmation

Youth confirmation classes are continuing **each Wednesday evening** this fall in the parish hall from **5:30-6:30 PM**. Please keep our 7th and 8th graders and their families in your prayers as they grow in the knowledge and grace of God's Holy Word.

Youth Group

All middle school and high school students and their parents are invited to join us at Youth Group! We normally meet every first Sunday of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM. Each month, we have time for Bible study, games, and snacks! Please join us!



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission

UPCOMING:

Oct. 2nd
LWML Fall Rally-
Warda

Oct. 6th
6pm-Regular
Meeting with Guest
Speaker

Oct. 10th
4pm-Quilting

Oct. 24th
Quilting

Oct. 30th
Last day to sign up
for poinsettias

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness." Please contact any LWML member or June Parker at 512-581-1168 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Mission offering for September was the ingathering for the Fall Rally to support Epiphany Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran High School.

Donations to the large Mite Box in the Narthex are joyfully accepted.

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

ACTS of Love Early Childhood
Education Center, Leander -
\$25,000

Almighty God, You have given us the blessings of children to nurture, teach and love. We ask You to work through Acts of Love to show the children Your love and care. As this ministry also seeks to help parents to both bring up their children in Your ways and to continue with their own education for the support and good of their families, please help us to reach out with love and support. Please give them wisdom and guidance as they meet this vital need in their community to Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People — \$100,000

Deaconesses are continually pointing those they serve toward the cross, sharing the Gospel with them so they gain the wonderful gift of eternal life through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Concordia Seminary has requested, through this mission grant, much-needed scholarships for deaconess students and assistance with seminary costs to provide high-quality theological education. Enrollment in the new online Deaconess Studies Program is expected to increase, enabling the faculty to form more well-trained deaconesses and bring more people to Jesus and provide compassionate, Christ-centered help to those who are hurting and suffering — physically, emotionally, and spiritually.



The Widow's Mite --- And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." Mark 12:42-44 ESV



THE LADIES' AID GROUP AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE POST OAK ZONE FALL RALLY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
AT



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

600 FM 1482, GIDDINGS (TURN WEST OFF HWY. 77 IN WARD) (MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THEME: HERE AM !! SEND ME!

GUEST SPEAKERS:

NIKKI KUECK, ADMINISTRATOR OF FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
BARBARA HOFFMAN, MEMBER OF EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BASTROP



REGISTRATION BEGINS: 1:30PM

RALLY BEGINS: 2:00PM

MONETARY INGATHERING TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FAITH AND EPIPHANY

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "POST OAK ZONE LWML"

You are invited to come to Grace LWML October Meeting

When: October 6, 2022 – 6PM

Where: Parish Hall

A light meal will be served

Speaker: Missionary Becky Bartelt

Missionary Becky is going to Taiwan to serve as a sacred music educator throughout Asia and would like to tell us about her work. She is unable to meet on a Sunday with our congregation and the members of Grace LWML invited her to speak during their October meeting.

Please come. This invitation is for men as well as the women of the congregation



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!
"Build Up" - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thank you!

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS - through donations of wish list items, monetary donations and so much more. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support. THANK YOU!!

Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 22nd at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. **New this year will be - The Battle of the Brew** - a home brew competition. Returning will be our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, and lots of fun! Watch for our Oktoberfest flier coming soon!

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest celebration are now available. Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Meals will be available on Saturday, October 22 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$12 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

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, memorial contribution, or a Thrivent Action Grant, please contact us.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am

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

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.

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.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year almost underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website (fhlstx.org) which is updated regularly as well.



Read Through the Bible in 2022

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

“God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!” Continue your daily Bible reading during 2022. God’s blessings for you in His Word abound! (Note: On days listed as “OFF,” consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.)

Readings for the Month of October

October 1	1 Thessalonians 4-5	Job 34-37
October 2	2 Thessalonians 1	Job 38
October 3	2 Thessalonians 2-3	Job 39-42
October 4	1 Timothy 1-2	Ecclesiastes 1-3
October 5	1 Timothy 3-4	Ecclesiastes 4-7
October 6	Proverbs 21:23-22:16	Psalms 117-118
October 7	OFF	
October 8	1 Timothy 5:1-6:2	Ecclesiastes 8-12
October 9	1 Timothy 6:3-21	Song of Songs 1-4
October 10	2 Timothy 1-2	Song of Songs 5-8
October 11	2 Timothy 3-4	Jeremiah 1-4
October 12	Titus 1	Jeremiah 5-6
October 13	Proverbs 22:17-23:16	Psalms 119:1-40
October 14	OFF	
October 15	Titus 2-3	Jeremiah 7-9
October 16	Philemon	Jeremiah 10-12
October 17	Mark 1	Jeremiah 13-15
October 18	Mark 2:1-17	Jeremiah 16-19
October 19	Mark 2:18-3:19	Jeremiah 20-22
October 20	Proverbs 23:17-24:7	Psalms 119:41-80
October 21	OFF	
October 22	Mark 3:20-35	Jeremiah 23-25
October 23	Mark 4	Jeremiah 26-28
October 24	Mark 5	Jeremiah 29-31
October 25	Mark 6:1-29	Jeremiah 32-33
October 26	Mark 6:30-56	Jeremiah 34-36
October 27	Proverbs 24:8-34	Psalms 119:81-120
October 28	OFF	
October 29	Mark 7	Jeremiah 37-39
October 30	Mark 8:1-21	Jeremiah 40-44
October 31	Mark 8:22-9:13	Jeremiah 45-47