

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

11 October 2026

Welcome! Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast. By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).
We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Troy Bise-recovery
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Patrice Caster-recovering
Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)
David Gersch-recovering
Nancy Kasper
Ann Kissman-hospitalized (sister of Billy Kieschnick)
Bobbie Krause-recovering
Paula Krause-recovering
Ruth Kluetz-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan Mitschke and Susan Schatte)
Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)
Kathryn Richter-recovering (sister of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Larry Schatte-recovering
Lucille Schatte-recovering
Barbara Schmidt-surgery
Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering
LaVerne Urban-recovering
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
Alton Weiser-recovering
John Boy Weiser-recovering
Linda Wilkins-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Dianna Noack)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Cathy Harrel (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
John Huenefeld (friend of Craig and Melodi Oltmann)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink family)

Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Nancy Schautschick-recovering
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)
Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, NY
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, North Carolina
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, NC
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Camp Pendleton, California
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida
Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK
Henry Kalbas U.S. Naval Academy-Annapolis, MD
Rain

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: 605, 835, 781 v. 1&2, 832, 388

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14

The Sermon: **“From Apology to Action”**

Adult Choir Anthem:  *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Alliyah, Hazel, Watson and Elsie Mattocks on their baptism by their family.
- † **Thank You.** Thank You to Rev. Peter Mueller, Mission Strategist for Area C, for delivering the message this morning. Pete enjoys gathering with friends over a meal, staying active with a good workout, reading a well-written book, or exploring new places around the world. He serves the mission of ACTS Church Lakeway through teaching, disciple-making, and pastoral leadership. Beyond the local church, Pete helps facilitate church planting across Central Texas through the ACTS Church Network and the Texas District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- † **Voters Meeting.** The October Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 25th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are included in the bulletin this morning. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact the church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 19th.
- † **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 19, 2026. We have 100 Veterans that will have wreaths placed on their graves. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) in memory of or in honor of Veterans so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas. **Cost of a wreath is \$17.00.**
- † **FLHS Oktoberfest** is on Saturday 10/24/26, with a German meal served from 11 am to 1 pm. Meal tickets are available this morning from **Grant Oltmann** for \$15/each. You can also get your tickets from any delegate, staff, or FLHS student. They sell fast and you don’t want to miss out on this Schnitzel!
- † **St. Paul Lutheran School** is seeking a **JV Girls Basketball Coach** and a **Varsity Boys Basketball Coach** for the upcoming season. If you have a love for basketball and a heart for mentoring our student-athletes in a Christ-centered environment, we would love to have you join our Voyager athletics program! Please contact Emily Pearson (edepine@stpaulserbinschool.org) if you would like to volunteer by October 20th!
- † **A trip to Upper Lusatia**, the homeland of the Texas Wends, is being planned for April 24 to May 4, 2027. For more information contact Glenn Pittsford (member Holy Cross- College Station) at 979-777-2880 or email at aggiegp@gmail.com.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 18th, **“The Heart of the Matter”**. Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. Matthew 22:15-22 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.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

October 11 – Trinity XIX

What care and compassion are seen by the men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus! What burden they gladly bore to carry this man that he could be brought to Christ! They sought nothing for themselves, but only the welfare of their brother! What great compassion, therefore, does our Lord have for us? “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” And so, then, our Lord commands: “Therefore, go and do likewise.”

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Mission Festival
Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. **Fall Break – No School**

Tuesday 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Fri-Sat State Volleyball Tournament

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Greyson DeRouen and Max Faske
Greeter: Nancy Bucholz
LYF Meeting & Social – 4:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Sheilla Barnett, Haisley Tappe; 12th – Cydell Hartfield, Carolyn Oltmann; 14th – Austin Andrews, John Kalbas; 15th – Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, David Wittman; 17th – Bradley Albrecht, William Hansen. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 200, Communion- 117 Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$12.00.

Offering Last Week: \$38,287.41

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,560.00	Mission	\$535.00
Sunday School	\$12.00	Mission Total	\$535.00
Lunch Room	\$615.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,564.41	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Use of Facility	\$500.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$5,451.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,050.00
Received 10/4/2026	\$36,702.41		
		Total	\$38,287.41
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$36,702.41		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Marvin Arldt by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. In memory of Helen Mize by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Nelson Zoch by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke – \$50.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In memory of Helen Mize by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker

Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,

Trenton Grange, Lukas Iselt, Mike Krause,

Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt,

Tim Symm

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Dan Marak, Virgil Becker, Jeff Claxton

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Goings On at a Glance:

- Monday, October 12th & Tuesday, October 13th - **Fall Break: NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, October 14th - Grade Check
- Thursday, October 15th - Oktoberfest Meal Ticket Pre-Order Deadline; Board Meeting @5:30pm
- Saturday, October 17th - Cross Country Race @ Leander

- Saturday, October 24th – **OKTOBERFEST**

Sports & Activities

Our archery team traveled to Houston for the Rodeo Archery Competition this past Friday. We are so proud of all competitors, and it was an amazing experience for the entire school! For cross country season updates, please follow the calendar for competition details. Thank You!

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets & Auction Items

This year's Oktoberfest meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread, and coffee cake. They will be available from **11am to 1pm** at the Holy Cross Warda Picnic Grounds for dine-in or carry-out. **Tickets are \$15 each and available pre-sale only!** Ask a Falcon or Falcon friend today. Make sure to stick around for all the wonderful Oktoberfest music (LIVE polka), competitions, games, and auction fun!

NOTE: For those still planning on donating auction items, please get your offerings to Mrs. Phillips in the office, (979) 242-2889 or PhillipsL@FLHSTX.org. Thank You!

Follow Us On Social Media!

Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following us on **Facebook and/or Instagram**, you'll be in the know and help Faith grow. Just click either icon on our website landing page to find us. Currently, we are showcasing Oktoberfest auction items each day at 5pm. Don't miss these sneak peeks!

The More Falcons the Merrier

When you come across a student that we should meet, please send them our way. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at flhstx.org. Our **HALF-PRICE enrollment fee** will continue through the end of the year!

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has an Amazon wish list of continually needed materials. Just click on the **Amazon link on either our Facebook page or website**. Thank you for your generous support, as we provide the necessary supplies for both students and staff!

Thrivent Action Team Grants

Thrivent member? To supplement ongoing projects and activities at Faith, we ask those willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889 or kueckn@flhstx.org. Thank you for helping us access these additional funds!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 11:05 am.