

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus. Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is “at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Wayne Becker-recovering

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)

Cindy Hardy-hospitalized (cousin of Harold Krause)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carrie Oltmann)

Seth Kalbas-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Stephen Mersiovsky-recovering (son of Stephen Mersiovsky)

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Naomi Mumm-recovering

Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)

Carol Jean Noack-recovering

Richard Schonhoeft-recovering

Barbara Schmidt-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)

Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)

Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)

Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)

Sherri Fritsche

Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Betty Jenkins (mother of Jared Jenkins)

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)

Jensyn Lesikar (nephew of Kasey Rosales)

Suzanne Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)

Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)

Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carrie Oltmann)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)

Carol Sander

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)

Christopher Taylor

Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)

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, New York

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, North Carolina

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina

Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia

Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in Flori

Thanksgiving: Ruth Kluth for successful recovery & return to work

Those who mourn: The family of Velma Jean Behrens (sister of Ken Weiser and Carolyn Oltmann)

Seasonal Weather

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: 664, 662, 781 v. 1&2, 790, 924

Sermon Text: Luke 11:17-19

The Sermon: **“Lord Have Mercy On Us”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Gilbert and Dorothy Krause’s 65th wedding anniversary in thankfulness to God for all His blessings through the years.

✝ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 26th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

✝ **Mission Festival.** Thank you to Rev. Isaac Schuller, Associate Pastor at Grace, Brenham for delivering the message this morning.

✝ **Thank You** to all the ladies who made the beautiful quilt for me. I never expected that, but I appreciate you thinking of me. I can tell it took a lot of time to make. Thank you very much and God bless you all.

Irene Buscha

✝ **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 26th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers this morning. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 20th.

✝ **The ladies of Serbin LWML** will have a bake sale at the SLCVFD Chicken BBQ on Oct. 26. The proceeds are designated for the Church General Fund and for supporting LCMS seminarian, Kurtis Hankemeier. Please drop off any goodies before church and be sure to stop by to select items to take home. Thanks for your support!!

✝ **Trunk or Treat – Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Halloween finds children of all ages dressing up and sharing treats with one another. We would again like to invite families to the church picnic grounds to decorate your “area”, share your treats and fellowship together. The children will then be able to walk from area to area or vehicle to vehicle to receive the treats.

✝ **Faith Lutheran High School:** Grant Oltmann is selling tickets for FLHS Oktoberfest lunch meal for Oct 25.

✝ **Trinity Lutheran Church** located at 3887 Texas Highway 21 in Old Dime Box, TX celebrates 125 years of Grace in Christ on All Saints’ Sunday, November 2nd, 2025. At 3 PM a Service of Thanksgiving is to begin with a fine catered meal to follow. Our guest preacher for the day is the Rev. Tab Ottmers of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fairview, TX, and all are asked to pass the word around for this day of gratitude. To God Alone Be The Glory!

✝ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 13th. We have identified **105** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **41** veteran’s graves. 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.

✝ **Texas Wendish Heritage Society.** The annual Texas Wendish Heritage Society Membership Meeting is on Sunday, October 19 from 10am-2:30pm at the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum! We require guests to register for this event by contacting museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441. This is a family friendly event and there will be door prizes, games, and activities for the kids! The noon meal is similar to the lunch we serve at Wendish Fest which consists of sausage, noodles, sauerkraut, beets, and green beans. We hope to see you and your family at the Membership Meeting and Olde Tyme Wendish Sunday!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

October 12

Nearly all of Jesus’ contemporaries would have been taught that lepers justly suffered the consequences of their own sinful decisions and were unworthy of God’s compassion. Jesus, whose words are always “faithful and just” (Psalm 111:7), shows us that there is no one who is unworthy of His care and compassion. Every single person regardless of their size, condition, or past decisions, is loved by God, precious in His sight, and covered by His redeeming grace.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 19th, “**God’s Help Dwells in Us**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (Numbers 11:29). 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.**
Mission Festival
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Mon. – Fri. **No School-Fall Break**

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Max Faske and Lucy Gurka
 Greeter: Nancy Beckcom

Birthdays: Today – Cydell Hartfield, Carolyn Oltmann; 13th – Nikoli Sanchez; 14th – Austin Andrews, John Kalbas; 15th – Alivia Eindorf, Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, David Wittman; 17th – Bradley Albrecht, William Hansen. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Ryleigh Bailey and Nathen Barnett
Head Ushers- Glen Albrecht
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
 Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
 Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann, Nathan Michael
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Dan Marak, Virgil Becker

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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 256, Communion- 144, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 26, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$57,074.72

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$28,840.00	Mission	\$775.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$775.00
Lunch Room	\$2,645.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,726.17	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Use of Facilities	\$500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,000.00
Tuition	\$12,568.05		
Received 10/5/2025	\$55,299.72	Total	\$57,074.72
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$55,299.72		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Valerie Namken by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00. In memory of Herman & Flora Noack by the Noack Reunion - \$200.00. In honor of Leonard & Lucy Mitschke by Rodney Fritsche - \$475.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Velma Jean Behrens by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$100.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00.



Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on Saturday, October 25th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only by October 16th! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. It is going to be a great day - you aren't going to want to miss this! Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

Battle of the... Competition !

The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions, are back so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below).

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. KEEP NO RECORD! The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Rev. John Schmidt, Pastor , will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

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.