

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ.*

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Lori Becker-recovering

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)

Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James
& Kathy Kalbas)

Larry Schatte-recovering

Lucille Schatte-recovering

Barbara Schmidt-recovering

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 Dorthy 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

Those who mourn:

The family of Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)

The family of George Locke (brother-in-law of Wilma
Droegemueller)

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: 549, 940, 781 v. 1&2, 813, 851, 806, 733

Sermon Text: Isaiah 45:1-7

The Sermon: **“I Will Do It!”**”

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 25th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, October 11th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **August and September** financial statements are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **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 available from the ushers 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.
- ✠ **Serbin LWML Bake Sale – October 25.** The Serbin LWML will be having a Bake Sale on **Sunday, October 25**, in coordination with the **SLCVFD BBQ Chicken Fundraiser!** We are asking for donations of your favorite homemade baked goods. Cookies, cakes, pies, breads, brownies, candies, and other delicious treats are all welcome. Please bring your baked goods to the **church picnic grounds before church services** on October 25. **After church, come by and purchase some delicious goodies for a free-will donation!** Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used to support **various mission projects**. Thank you for sharing your time and talents and helping the Serbin LWML support missions!
- ✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. The nominating committee is composed of those elected officers and board members whose terms of service are coming to an end. Any voter who is unable to accept a nomination for health or other compelling reasons, please contact Chairman Rusty Mertink, Pastor Schmidt or another member of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve in a position, are over 65 and still willing to stand for nomination, or would like to recommend someone for an office, please also contact Chairman Mertink or Pastor by Sunday, November 1st.
Members of the Committee can pick up their packet of information this morning.
- ✠ **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. **We currently have 41 wreaths purchased for veteran's 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!
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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!
- ✠ **Bless Their Feet and Cover Their Seats!** The Serbin LWML is collecting **new socks and underwear (ALL sizes), and new/gently used stuffed toys** for **Orphan Grain Train** through Sunday, November 8, 2026. Please bring your donations to the **Church Office Meeting Room. Please help us fill the collection area! Pick up an extra package of socks or underwear the next time you shop and donate it to this special mission project. Every donation, large or small, can make a difference! Cash donations are also welcome** and will be used to purchase needed items and help cover Orphan Grain Train transportation costs. Together, let's **“Bless their feet and cover their seats!”** For questions, please contact **Melodi at 979-540-0039**. Thank you for helping the Serbin LWML share Christ's love through your generous support!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 25th, “**Relief**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. You don’t have to earn God’s favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. Romans 3:23-24 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 18 – St. Luke

The Church remembers the evangelist St. Luke, Physician, on October 18. A physician’s first and foremost duty is to provide healing and relief to a patient, not destruction or harm. While there may not always be a cure for a terminal disease, we must always give bodily care and spiritual comfort. When death is in the near future, we do not use our enemy (i.e., death/euthanasia) as the tool. Rather, we give the care and comfort of the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come promised us in our Holy Baptism.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 4:30 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Karly Hentschel and Selah Hicks Greeter: Doris Fritsche Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. SLCVFD BBQ Chicken

Birthdays: 19th – Kamrie Stewart; 20th – Brazos Hinze, Melanie Jenkins, Jonathan Kanevsky; 21st – Mark Hull, Erica Iselt, Luna Jackson; 22nd – Patrice Caster, Rowdy Chaddock, Linda Schonhoeft; 23rd – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr., Brooks Spivey; 24th – Dustin Schatte, Kenedy Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 228, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 19, Offering- \$62.00.

Offering Last Week: \$34,477.76

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,568.30	Mission	\$370.00
Sunday School	\$62.00	Mission Festival	\$5,545.00
Lunch Room	\$1,657.25	Mission Total	\$5,915.00
ECC Operating	\$894.71	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$14,380.50	Savings/Other Total	
Received 10/11/2026	\$28,562.76	Total	\$34,477.76
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$65,265.17		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Curtis Christiansen by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Greyson DeRouen and Max Faske
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- Mason Becker
Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Clay Mertink



Goings On at a Glance:

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

-Monday, October 26th - **Grade Check**, State Cross Country Meet in Waco

-Friday, October 30th - **Lutherfest @** St. Paul, Serbin

OKTOBERFEST NEXT WEEKEND

Please join us this Saturday for all the wonderful Oktoberfest food, music (LIVE polka), competitions, games, and auction fun! We have been working so hard to make it a day the whole family won't soon forget. If you have an auction item yet to be turned in, please deliver it to the school office asap. We are finalizing the lots and getting ready to print lists. (979) 242-2889 or PhillipsL@FLHSTX.org. Thank you, All!

Free Wednesday mornings?

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

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 8th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 6th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 1:30 pm. We are excited to host this fun event on our campus!

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!

Faith at the Movies

We want FLHS to be a household name in Central Texas, and we're working towards that goal. Get to your theater a little early to catch our ad running before every movie in both Bastrop and Brenham.

Making Radio Waves

Faith is also on the air! 30-second radio spots run daily on local stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KNRG, 92.3 FM, and KBUK, 104.9 FM. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS"!

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 right up until the day of. 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!

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!