

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer.** “Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

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)

Mary Ann McCombs-hospitalized

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)

**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

**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.

**As we gather at the Lord's Table**, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

**The Order of Service**— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 686, 655, 781 v. 1&2, 725, 636, 628, 773

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

The Sermon: **“Love Prompts Action”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kenneth and Ruby Weiser's 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary in thankfulness to God for all His blessings through the years.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the October Voters Meeting, that was held on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **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 – Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- ✠ **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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!
- ✠ **Turkey Supper.** Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Christ Lutheran Church – Loebau, 4654 CR 114, Lincoln, TX 78948. All Plates \$15.00. Drive-Thru Only. Serving Begins at 5:00 pm. First come, First served – No Pre Orders.
- ✠ **The Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✠ **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will remember those who have entered into their heavenly rest over the course of the past year by reading their names during our worship service. Those who died as members of our congregation will automatically be included. If you have a departed family member or loved one who died in the faith this past year that you would also like remembered, please notify the church office by Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)
- ✠ **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 **51** 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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, **“Worn In”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ. (Numbers 20:13). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

#### **October 19**

The world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God’s Word and are not willing to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4), especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we can’t force people to believe God’s Word and value God’s precious gift of life, we “lift up our eyes to the hills,” trusting that “...our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 12:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts, and He does so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).

### **THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Today       | <b>Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.</b><br>Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Monday      | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tuesday     | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday   | School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.<br>Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday    | Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.<br>Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Friday      | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Next Sunday | <b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b><br><b>Reformation Day</b><br>Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.<br>Acolytes: Madilyn Kalbas and Emmalynn Knott<br>Greeter: Bonnie Bise<br>Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.<br>LYF Meeting & Social – 6:00 p.m.<br>SLCVFD BBQ Chicken |

**Birthdays: Today** – Kamrie Stewart; 20<sup>th</sup> – Brazos Hinze, Melanie Jenkins; 21<sup>st</sup> – Mark Huff, Erica Iselt, Luna Jackson, Bertha Walch; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rowdy Chaddock, Linda Schonhoeft; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr., Brooks Spivey; 24<sup>th</sup> – Dustin Schatte, Kennedy Schatte, Ralph Wenke; 25<sup>th</sup> – Laurie Kasper. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist**- Daniel Krause  
**Acolytes**- Max Faske and Lucy Gurka  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**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**- Mason Becker  
Carson Becker, Tim Symm, Nathan Michael

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## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 208, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 14, Banner Classes: Grade 6, Offering- \$9.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$23,891.96

| <b>Home:</b>                 |                     | <b>Mission:</b>            |                   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| General                      | \$7,285.25          | Mission                    | \$8,008.83        |
| Sunday School                | \$9.00              | <b>Mission Total</b>       | <b>\$8,008.83</b> |
| Lunch Room                   | \$149.50            | <b>Savings/Other:</b>      |                   |
| ECC Operating                | \$4,187.00          | <b>Savings/Other Total</b> |                   |
| Use of Facility              | \$250.00            |                            |                   |
| Tuition                      | \$4,002.38          | Total                      | \$23,891.96       |
| <b>Received 10/12/2025</b>   | <b>\$15,883.13</b>  |                            |                   |
| <b>Est. needed per week</b>  | <b>\$31,870.00</b>  |                            |                   |
| <b>Received MTD</b>          | <b>\$71,182.85</b>  |                            |                   |
| <b>Est. needed per month</b> | <b>\$138,103.00</b> |                            |                   |

## MEMORIALS:



### Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

We have a limited amount of meal tickets remaining. Please call us today to reserve your plates. 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.

### 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! However, a quick run down of the day is below:

- Plated meal - served 11am to 1 pm
- LIVE POLKA Music - noon to 4 pm - from Pivo and Polka Band with Kelsey J. Lien
- Concessions and Beer stand open at noon
- Homebrew Competition - Submissions at 1pm, Judging at 2:30 pm, People's Choice Tasting 4pm
- 42 Domino Tournament begins at 1:30 pm (registration starts at 1pm)
- Cornhole Tournament begins at 2pm (registration starts at 1pm)
- Kids Games and Activities including a Hay Ride - 2pm to 5 pm
- Wear your Lederhosen and Dirndles competition and fun games - 5pm
- Silent Auction - Closes at 5pm
- Live Auction - Begins at 5:30 pm

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Pastor at St. James, Lexington and Holy Trinity, Fedor, will be leading chapel this week, beginning at 11:05 am.

### Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 7th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 7th 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!

### 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.