

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

22 October 2023

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:

Royce Albrecht-recovering
Janice Becker-recovering
Wayne Becker-recovering
Chris Birnbaum
Robert House-healing from a fall (father of Jim House)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-recovering
Nancy Kasper
Dennis Kurio-recovering (brother of Kathleen Bigon and uncle of Kyle Jenke)
Elaine Mersiovsky-recovering
Shannon Miertschin
Ethan Ray-recovering
Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Kenneth Weiser-rehab
Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Matt Kelley (Hinze family member)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)
Theresa Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Jo Ann Nelson (grandmother of Sydney Shaver)
Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)
Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning, Georgia
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina

Those who mourn:

The Family of Melvin Schulze
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: 519, 940, 781 v. 1&2, 783, 733
Sermon Text: Isaiah 45:1-7
The Sermon: **“I Will Do It”**
Adult Choir Anthem: “On Eagles Wings”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Gersch/Tappe wedding.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Melvin Schulze. He fell asleep in Jesus Monday, October 16, 2023. Funeral services for Mr. Schulze were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 19, 2023. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** A corrected copy of the minutes of the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, October 8th is included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **Cedar Putzen** (trimming of the cemetery cedars) is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at 4:30 p.m. Please bring tree trimming equipment and rakes. All members and volunteers are welcome to help.
- † **Trunk or Treat – Tuesday, 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. The St. Paul cheerleaders will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 29th 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, the church office or contact Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 23rd.
- † **BAKE SALE** - The Serbin LWML will be having a bake sale in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser on Sunday, 10/29/23. It will be a free-will donation to raise funds for the Texas District LWML Mites goal, which supports many different mission programs throughout the state of Texas. You can help by bringing various baked goods to the picnic grounds before church or buying a delicious item at the bake sale to go with your SLCVFD lunch! Let Melodi Oltmann know if you have any questions. We thank you for all of your support!
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 16th. We have identified **99** veteran’s graves on our cemetery. Cost of a wreath is \$17.00. As of today, we have sponsored wreaths for **60** 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.
- † **Second Chance.** Have you ever considered volunteering at Second Chance in LaGrange? There is an opportunity to work together with the Mt Calvary group on a 6-week rotation. You can come one or more days during the group’s rotation. If you’re interested in learning more you are invited to come Thursday October 26 at 6 pm to Holy Cross Fellowship Hall in Warda for a brief presentation on how you can be a part of this group.
- † **All Saints Observance:** As a part of our worship Sunday, November 5th, 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 30th *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”* (Rev. 14:13)

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 29th, **“What Are People Good For?”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our family and friends are with us in life but they can’t shield us from life and all its uncertainty. Where will you find security? (Psalm 46:1). 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.

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones
Ushers- Joahua Adair, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Carson Becker, Payton Oltmn

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 4:00 p.m.

Mon – Fri Red Ribbon Week

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Reformation Day
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Hudson Short and Kenzie Stewart
Greeter: Deanna Miertschin
SLCVFD BBQ Chicken

Birthdays: Today – Linda Schonhoeft; 23rd – Madilyn Kalbas, Edwin Schmidt, Jr. Brooks Spivey; 24th – Dustin Schatte, Kenedy Schatte, Ralph Wenke; 25th – Laurie Kasper; 26th – Eldor Becker, Christine Grange; 28th – Jim Bob Bigon, Susanne Maass, Tyler Roeber. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 268, Communion- \$123, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 33, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$21,759.75

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,815.00	Mission	\$1,220.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$979.00	Mission Total	\$1,260.00
ECC Operating	\$3,921.25	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$8,762.50	Savings/Other Total	
Received 10/15/2023	\$20,499.75	Total	\$21,759.75
Est. needed per week	\$27,230.00		
Received MTD	\$74,955.12		
Est. needed per month	\$118,000.00		

MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour: In memory of Marvin Bamsch by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. **Cemetery fund:** In memory of Mary Krause by Janiece Becker - \$25.00.

Life Through the Church Year:

October 22 – Pentecost XXI

Taxes and politics may belong to Caesar, but every human life belongs to God from fertilization to forever. He made our bodies—and those of our neighbors—in His own image (Matthew 22:19-21). And since He retains responsibility for deciding the manner of our life and the timing of our death, abortion and euthanasia are choices no one needs to make.



Oktoberfest

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 28th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds.

Events for the day include:

- German meal of brats, kraut, green beans, noodles, bread and coffee cake for dessert will be served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm by pre-sale tickets only. \$15/plate *Tickets are available NOW!
- Concession stand will also be available for purchase all day with items like hot dogs, warm pretzels, cheese and nuts.
- The NEW **Battle of the Brew and Battle of the Vine Contest** submissions need to be made by 10:00 am. See our Facebook page for more information regarding this contest.
- Silent Auction items will be available for bidding until 1:15 pm.
- Live Auction of items will take place at between 12:15 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Children's games and activities will begin at 12:00 pm and include activities such as a bounce house, temporary tattoos, photo backdrop, pumpkin painting, hayride, and more!
- 42 Domino and Cornhole tournaments will begin at 1:30 pm.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! (www.flhstx.org)

Cross Country Meet

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 5th Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, November 3rd for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. 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, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

Follow Us On Facebook!

With a new school year 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 you can share them with your friends!