

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts.*

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-surgery

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)

Evelyn Richter-friend of Nancy Kasper

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

Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering

LaVerne Urban-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Marie Watson-recovering (sister of Wayne Zander)

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 Gruetznier, 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

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-Australia

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: 697, 446, 781 v. 1&2, 526, 706, 696, 700, 832

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:10-20

The Sermon: **“Supporting the Mission”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪“Day by Day”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, October 11th, 18th, and 25th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet Monday, October 5th, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Church Council** – This Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 11th Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 11th, will be our Mission Festival service. Rev. Peter Mueller, Mission Strategist for Area C. 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.
- † **LWML Post Oak Zone Fall Rally.** Ladies, you are invited to attend the **LWML Post Oak Zone Fall Rally today at 2:00 p.m.** at **Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau.** Registration begins at **1:30 p.m.** The ingathering for the rally will be for **Mites**, and our guest speaker will be **Rev. David Bailes from Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, Texas.** If you would like to ride with us, please meet in the **church parking lot at 1:15 p.m.** Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, worship, and learning with our LWML sisters!
- † **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!
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$80.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,928.60.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

October 4 – Trinity XVIII

To love God is to obey His commandments. “If you love Me, keep My commandments,” says our Lord. The commandments shape our love in how we live with one another. Therefore, love is not what I want, but what my neighbor needs. And what my neighbor needs for his or her body is care and protection, for “love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.” And God's love for us is that “Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.”

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 11th, “**Covered.**” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ’s perfect righteousness. Matthew 22:12-12. 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 w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. LWML Sunday
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Mission Festival Acolytes: Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor Greeter: Judy Boriack Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: 5th – Jozlyn Perry; 6th – Bernice Doebbler, Brent Haas, Cynthia Heuermann; 7th – Gladys Karisch; 8th – Tammy Hartfield; 10th – Nancy Bucholz, Jamie Jordan. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning English Worship-217, Morning German Worship- 253, Sunday School- 11, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$13,874.71

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,819.00	Mission	\$616.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Mission Total	\$616.00
ECC Operating	\$339.71	Savings/Other:	
Received 9/27/2026	\$13,178.71	Building Fund	\$80.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$80.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$104,439.75	Total	\$13,874.71
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Helen Mize by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$500.00; by Dianna Noack - \$25.00; by Dale, Kristi & Cooper Jurecka - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00. **St. Paul Lutheran Choir:** In memory of Helen Mize by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Melvin Bamsch, Magdalene Iselt and Helen Mize by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$100.00.

Serving today: Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield

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

Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch



Goings On at a Glance:

-Tuesday, October 6th - Testing Day

-Wednesday, October 7th - **Early dismissal (2:40pm)** for staff meeting

- Friday, October 9th - Archery @ Houston Rodeo (NRG Center Hall A3, Reliant Park), 11:00 am

- Saturday, October 10th - Cross Country Race @ Faith Academy, Bellville

-Monday, October 12th & Tuesday, October 13th - **Fall Break: NO SCHOOL**

-Wednesday, October 14th - **Grade Check**

-Thursday, October 15th - Board Meeting @5:30pm

- Saturday, October 17th - Cross Country Race @ Leander

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets & Auction Items

This year, our Oktoberfest meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread, and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on **Saturday, October 24th 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 FLHS student, parent, teacher, or delegate today. But Wait! There's more: stick around for all the wonderful music (LIVE polka), competitions, games, and auction fun. Enjoy all Oktoberfest 2026 has to offer! 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!

Free Wednesday mornings?

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

Sports & Activities

Volleyball, cross country, and archery seasons are in full swing. Please follow the dates above for competition details, and note **our archery team is traveling to Houston for the Rodeo Archery Competition on Friday, October 9th**. Fly Falcons Fly!

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!

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.

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!