

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness.* We are surrounded by "destruction and violence" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). "Temptations to sin are sure to come" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "unworthy servants" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "life and immortality to light" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard," by which He guards you "in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:13)

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)

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 Dorthy 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—Worship Folder

The Hymns: 512, 849, 830, 781 v. 1&2, 832, 823, 839, 539, 837

The Sermon: **“When Will We Meet Him Again?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God by the LWML in honor of LWML Sunday.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in celebration of Nancy Bucholz on her 70th birthday by friends and family.
- † **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Max's baptismal birthday (Sept. 30) and his Grandpa Becker's heavenly birthday (Sept. 30) by Paul, Tina & Macy Sommerfield
- † **Thank you.** I would like to thank the LWML Quilters for the beautiful lap quilt. *Hildegard Krause*
- † **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society & Museum** would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers to make the 37th Annual Wendish Fest a success! Without your generous support and the support of our amazing community, our beloved festival would not be possible. TWHS greatly appreciates everyone who supported, volunteered, brought their family and friends out or participated in any capacity! We look forward to seeing everyone next year on September 27, 2026!
- † **LWML Fall Rally.** The Post Oak Zone LWML Fall Rally is today at St. John Lutheran-Lincoln. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the rally starts at 2:00 p.m. Patricia Fick from GO MISSIONS of Concordia University will be the guest speaker. A monetary ingathering for GO MISSIONS is appreciated. Participants are encouraged to enjoy fellowship and a light meal following the business meeting.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 7th, 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 Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the October 12th Voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the Church Council.
- † **Mission Festival.** Next Sunday, October 12th, will be our Mission Festival service. Rev. Isaac Schuller, Associate Pastor at Grace, Brenham will deliver the message.
- † **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 included in the bulletin 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.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$24.75. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 13th.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 12th, **“When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. (Numbers 14:30-31). 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 5

As the world continues to devalue human life, we cry out to God like Habakkuk, “Violence!” (Habakuk 1:2). Knowing the One in whom we have believed (2 Timothy 1:12), we are not shaken, for He is our rock, our salvation and our fortress (Psalm 62:2). Our Lord, who abhors even the thought that His little ones should be enticed to sin (Luke 17:2), certainly does not sit idly by as those little ones are abused neglected, and killed. He hears our prayers and answers them all in the way He knows best. “If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay” (Habakuk 2:3).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. LWML Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Dev/JV Volleyball game @ home – 4pm & 5pm JV & V Football game @ home 4pm & 5pm
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ St. James, Lexington – 9:00 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study– 7:30 a.m. JV Volleyball game @ home 4pm V Volleyball game @ Coupland 5pm Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Saturday	JV ILS Volleyball Tournament
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Mission Festival Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Ryleigh Bailey and Nathen Barnett Greeter: Marian Wiederhold Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Keith Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann

Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
Grant Oltmann, Nathan Michael

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Mason Becker

John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann

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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning English Worship- 324, Morning German Worship- 173, Sunday School- 18, Visitors- 4,
Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$68,563.50

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$60,731.20	Mission	\$643.80
Sunday School	\$22.00	Mission Total	\$643.80
Lunch Room	\$914.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$1,037.50	Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Tuition	\$4,965.00		
Received 5/29/2025	\$67,819.70	Total	\$68,563.50

Est. needed per week \$31,870.00

Received MTD \$190,461.96

Est. needed per month \$138,103.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Valerie Namken by Ronnie & Linda Oltmann - \$100.00. In memory of Monroe Schatte, Sr. by the Schatte family - \$200.00. In memory of Harold & Edna Noack by Gene & Cathy Noack and Vic & Kathy Lohberg - \$100.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Harold & Edna Noack by Gene & Cathy Noack and Vic & Kathy Lohberg - \$100.00.

Birthdays: Today – Jozlyn Perry; 6th – Wayne Becker, Bernice Doebller, Brent Haas, Cynthia Heuermann; 7th – Abigail Eindorf, Gladys Karisch; 8th – Tamera Hartfield; 10th – Jamie Jordan, Johanna Osborne, Haisley Tappe; 11th – Sheilla Barnett. God's Blessings to you.



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 14th! 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. Mr. Justin Fierro, ILS Principal, 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.