

vSt. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth. On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21-22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13-14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13). We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book. Greeting you at the register this morning, Lisa Schmidt.

In Our Prayers: Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Troy Bise-hospitalized
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)
David Gersch-recovering
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Cathy Harrel-recovering from surgery (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)
Billy Krause-recovering
Paula Krause-recovering
Ruth Kluetz-recovering
Mike Maass-recovering
Reuben Melcher (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)
Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Nicholas Taylor-recovering
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Alton Weiser-recovering

Linda Wilkins-recovering

Bev Witt (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)

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)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

John Huenefeld (friend of Craig & 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)

Jensyn Lesikar-nephew of Kasey Rosales

Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)

Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)

Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldts from Germany)

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 Wesbrook (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

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC

Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy 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 Allen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

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.



Sunday School and Bible Class: The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. Today, we will study “Abomination Nation.” God reveals the future of Israel to the prophet Ezekiel. Because of Israel’s abominable behavior, the presence of the Lord departs the temple with cherubin and spinning wheels. Yet God promises to cleanse and restore His people: they will once again dwell in the land God promised, and He will put His Spirit within them. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church continuing to look at Ephesians.

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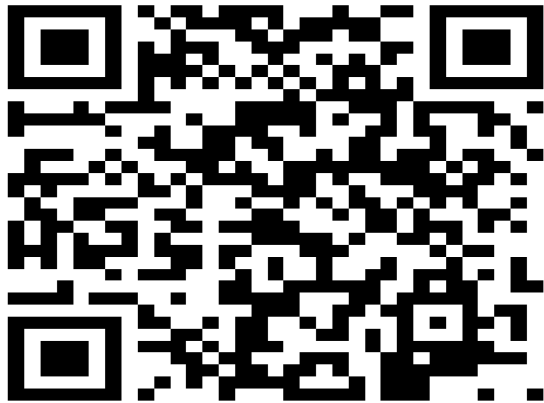
THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. Pre-K Graduation Service – 2:00 p.m. K-8 th grade Graduation Service – 4:00 p.m. Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Final Day of School School Picnic – 9:00 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Faculty Clerical Day
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Whitley Smolik and Max Sommerfield Greeter: Janet Oltmann and Lil Robertson 132nd Annual Homecoming Picnic

Birthdays: Today – Nancy Kasper, William Krause, Lillian Robertson; 18th – Glen Albrecht; 19th – Kim Droegemueller; 20th - Kasey Rosales, Lucille Schatte; 22nd – Katherine Beeman; 23rd – Elaine Mersiovsky. God’s Blessings to you.

Thank you to Alicia Moerbe and Kelsey Schatte for co-directing Vacation Bible School this year.

Register NOW for VBS JUNE 8th-12th! During the Tropical Trek VBS, we will have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Register before May 18th to receive a free VBS t-shirt! Scan the QR code, or visit the church website, to register.



The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 650, 539, 781 v. 1&2, 493, 728, 525, 921
Sermon Text: Acts 1:12-26
The Sermon: “Be My Witness”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends and Rev. Jan Kilian who was called in 1854 as the Pastor for the Lutheran Congregation that formed to emigrate to Texas.
- † **Special Voters Meeting:** There will be a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, May 31st, immediately following the service, to approve Contract Teacher salaries, ECC Director salary, and also to approve Billy Isom to wax the floors in the school. There will be no Adult Bible Class.
- † **Graduates.** Congratulations to the 2026 St. Paul Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center Graduates:
Early Childhood Center: Efred De La Rosa, Jr., Brooks Hansen, Everett Meuth, Hattie Mae Prellop, Miles John Satterfield, Jimmie Kellen, Jack Le.
Kindergarten: Everly DeRouen, Preston Jacobs, Andie Jenkins, Breck Lynch, Hazel Mattocks, Jacob Moore, Gabriella Randal, Levi Wiederhold.
8th Grade: Nathen Ray Barnett, Bryn Leigh-Anne Henderson, Addisyn Kate Hoover, Sarah Rose Meyer, Whitlee Rynn Smolik, Max Michael Sommerfield.
- † **GHS Top Ten.** 8 of the top ten student at GHS this year are graduates of St. Paul Serbin:
Seniors: Valedictorian: Brandon Burgdorf, Salutatorian: Ayla Droegemueller, Top 10 Sharron Adair, Emma Short, Rylee Smolik.
Sophomore: Top 10 Cooper Hinze,
Freshmen: Top 10 Trenton Grange, Alice Gurka.
- † **Graduation Cards** are available in the Church office. Cards are \$1.00 each or \$12.00/box.
- † **Picnic Worklist** is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Picnic and Auction.** Sunday, May 17th at the KC Hall in La Grange. Dinner served 11-12:30 pm (Brisket, sausage, German-style potatoes, green beans, etc). Meal tickets \$20, Eat in or drive thru. Tickets available at the door.
- † **St. Paul Lutheran School** is seeking a part-time Head Cook for the 2026–2027 school year. Pay is dependent on experience. Interested applicants should send a resume to kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org.

† **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for grades 3 & 4, and a helper for Kindergarten. Please consider donating your time and talents in service to the Lord and join our Sunday.

† **Serbin LWML Church Picnic Bake Sale.** We are excited to again host a Bake Sale at our upcoming Church Picnic! We are asking for donations of **homemade baked goods and canned items** to help make this event a success. Donations may include cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, breads, muffins, and other baked treats. We also need jams, jellies, pickles, and other canned goods! All proceeds will support our various mission projects. Please bring your items to the picnic grounds before church on May 24. If you have questions, contact Melodi Oltmann 979-540-0039. **Thank you for your generosity and support—we couldn't do it without you!** *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."* – Psalm 34:8

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 281, Bible Class- 29; Sunday School- 33, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Grade 8, Offering- \$22.00.

Offering Last Week: \$24,184.89

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$20,423.00	Mission	\$834.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$64.00	Mission Total	\$874.00
ECC Operating	\$2,440.89	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$351.00	Building Fund	
Received 5/10/2026	\$23,300.89	Ascension	\$10.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$10.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$56,461.89	Total	\$24,184.89
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In honor of Jeannie Werchan on Mother's Day by Chris & Becky Werchan Klepac - \$100.00. In memory of Morgan Ray Karish and Margurite Lawrence by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In honor of Lucille Schatte on Mother's Day and in memory of Adeua Werchan on Mother's Day by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Donald Hudgen by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** in memory of Morgan Ray Karish by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00.

Large Print Worship Guides are available. If you have difficulty finding your way in the hymnal or seeing smaller print, ask an usher for a large print worship guide.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 24th, **"Misery Loves Company"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. Acts 2:38. 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**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Lane Gersch, Cole Kalbas, Seth Kalbas, Nathan Michael, Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch

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.



**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter.**

The Israelites, through their idolatry, profaned God's holy name. Yet in Ezekiel 36, God acts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring the sinner back to Himself through repentance and faith. He cleanses them from every uncleanness and gives them a new heart. The sin of abortion profanes God's holy name. But there is hope and healing in Christ for those who have been haunted by the sin of abortion. Like the psalmist, the sinner cries out, "Have mercy on me, O God...wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!" (Psalm 51). And He does. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, sin is covered, forgiveness is given, and life is restored. As those who have received "the spirit of truth" (John 15), we endeavor to speak the truth about life issues, to uphold the value and dignity of human life, and to, "keep loving one another earnestly," since "the end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4).