

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Holy Trinity

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**Welcome! *The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus.*** The holy Triune God “created the heavens and the earth,” and “behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God” to be “crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “make disciples of all nations” by “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and “teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “very good” (Gen. 1:31).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

#### Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Troy Bise-recovering*  
*Chris Birnbaum-recovering from knee surgery*  
*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-hospitalized*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)*  
*Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)*  
*Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Kelsey Schatte-recovering*  
*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 Arthur & 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 and 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 Arldt’s from Germany)*  
*Carol Sander*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*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 Cullip (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-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*

**Those Who Mourn: Those Who Mourn:**  
*The family of Wayne Becker*  
*The family of Josiah Woelmer (infant son of Rev. David & Elizabeth Woelmer)*  
*The family of Suzanne Mogonye (mother of Lindsey Hansen)*

**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– Worship Insert

Today we welcomed to God's people through the  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
**Tate Ryan Kauffman**  
Tate is the son of DaCota and Tara Kauffman.  
His sponsors are Chase Oltmann, Cade Kauffman, and  
Chesney Kauffman

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Tate Ryan Kauffman's baptism by DaCota and Tara Kauffman.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the birthdays of Courtney Kaiser and Allison Haas by their family
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for every Sunday in June. If you would like to place altar flowers in June, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Congratulations** to Jordan and Candace Tappe on the birth of a daughter, Harper Reese Tappe. She was born on Friday, May 22, 2026 in College Station, Texas. She weighed 7lbs. 15ozs. and was 20 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **June Calendar.** The June calendar is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Special Voters Meeting:** There is a Special Voters Meeting this morning 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 is no Adult Bible Class.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Serbin will play New Ulm at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Results of last weeks game, Flatonia 2, Serbin 13.
- † **Thank you from the ladies of the Serbin LWMN!** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, canned items, and other items for our Church Picnic Bake Sale, and to all who purchased items and supported the event. Your generosity and participation helped make our booth a wonderful success.  
A special thank you to Michael Krause and Billy Krause for preparing the delicious potato salad, and Doug Hartfield for cooking the beans. It was enjoyed by so many! Your hard work and willingness to serve are truly appreciated. Thank you all for sharing your time, talents, and blessings with our church and community!
- † **BBQ Pork Steak Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having a BBQ Pork Steak dinner on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance plates will be sold for \$15.00 and all are to-go. If you would like to order plates, please contact Susan Michael at 979-540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 979-540-7154 by June 15<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- † **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](mailto: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.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, “**Peter's Restoration-and Ours**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, In His name. John 21:1-19 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.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Called Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m.  
Community League Baseball – Weimar @ Serbin-3:00 p.m.  
Monday Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Max Faske  
Greeter: Judy Boriack  
Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Courtney Kaiser; 1<sup>st</sup> – Baylie Becker, Levi Bise, Delvin Boriack, Ethan Miertchin; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Kieschnick; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clay Mertink; 4<sup>th</sup> – Caitlyn Grange, Robert Muniz, Carol Sander; 5<sup>th</sup> – Sherri Yurk. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 202; Sunday School- 16, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$51.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$15,649.61

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$12,392.00	Mission	\$637.00
Sunday School	\$51.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
ECC Operating	\$2,454.61	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$677.00</b>
<b>Received 5/24/2026</b>	<b>\$14,897.61</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		Scholarship	\$75.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$101,589.99</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>	Total	\$15,649.61

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Arthur Noack, Morgan Ray Karish, Ralph Wenke and Irene Boriack Schneider by Frances Mutscher - \$100.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00. In memory of Monroe Schatte, Sr. by Darlene Schatte - \$100.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Eunice Rose Witt by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Robin & Sherri Buacha - \$50.00; by Irene Buscha - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Morgan Ray Karish by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt  
**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  
Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Clay Mertink  
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## Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

### May 31 – The Holy Trinity

Life is precious. It is a gift. We cannot fathom all that God has intended and has in store for His people. “Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” (Romans 11). Yet we come before the Lord, like Isaiah, as those with “unclean lips,” and we dwell “in the midst of a people of unclean lips” (Isaiah 6). The willful taking of an innocent human life in abortion is an abomination on our nation. Those who are given a new birth by Jesus in Holy Baptism by water and the Spirit (John 3) must be people who speak the truth of God’s Word: “You shall not murder.” We are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” We dare not sit on the fence when it comes to life and death issues such as abortion or physician-assisted suicide. The same voice of the Lord that “thunders” over the waters of creation and the flood (Psalm 29) now responds over the waters of Holy Baptism, making us God’s own special people and calling us to be the voice of hope in a world shrouded by sin and death.

## The Athanasian Creed

### The Church’s Confession of the Holy Trinity

*Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene*

*Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.*

*Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.*

*The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord’s incarnation are the catholic faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given himself for our salvation.*



### Thank You, LCMS Community

We cannot express with words alone our gratitude for your heartfelt and dedicated support this past academic year. We faced some serious challenges that led to an amazing outpouring of love and assistance from our sustaining congregations. We simply would not be here without your steadfast belief in Faith’s mission to instill wisdom today to create faithful leaders for tomorrow. We now ask you to focus your prayers on our summer marketing, recruitment, and fundraising programs, efforts that will continue into the 2026-2027 school year (first day is Wednesday, August 12th). Thank You, and To God Be the Glory!

### Summer Camps

We have a few slots in each session still open. Feel free to call the day or week of to inquire about registration. Don’t let last minute ideas or changes of plans stop you from enrolling your children. We would love to have them join us!

June 1-2 Archery Total Cost \$15      June 8-10 Volleyball Total Cost \$20      June 15-17  
STEM Total Cost \$40      June 22-24 Art Total Cost \$40      Details:

<https://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com>

### **9th FLHS Golf “Fore” Education Tournament**

Our annual tournament benefiting Faith took place at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange last Friday, May 29th. We appreciate all players, volunteers, and sponsors who participated in this event. We are truly blessed!

### **Graduation**

2026 Commencement was Saturday, May 23rd at Holy Cross. Thank you to all who blessed our wonderful graduates with attendance and communal celebration!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2026-2027 is well underway, and we would love your help in growing FLHS by spreading the word in person and on social media. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org). Thank You!

### **Seeking 2 & 3 Days-a-Week Teachers**

We would love to see members of our supportive Lutheran community step into one of the new part-time teaching roles here at Faith. If you have subject knowledge in history, English, music, and/or Spanish, we seek your skills and experience. This is a perfect opportunity for retired teachers and other professionals who have a few days free in their weekly schedules. Teaching at Faith is rewarding and fun; please contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889 or email [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org) for more details. You may also send resumés directly to us at Faith Lutheran High School, P.O. Box 138, Warda, TX 78960. Thank you so much for considering serving in this way!

### **Faith-full Listeners**

Do you tune into local radio stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KBUK, 104.9 FM, or KNRG, 92.3 FM? If so, listen for our school’s 30-second spot that runs daily on all three stations. We are excited to introduce Faith to more of our surrounding communities and appreciate the nonprofit organizations and generous sponsors who are helping us do just that!

### **Follow Us On Facebook!**

Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following our Facebook page and sharing with friends, you’ll be in the know and help Faith grow!

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlhscenraltx>