

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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22 June 2025

### Welcome! Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands “to a rebellious people” (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living “among the tombs” (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord’s house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in “the fullness of time” (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, “you are no longer a slave, but a son” (Gal. 4:7).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Wayne Becker-recovering  
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)  
Dorothy Exner-recovering  
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)  
Mike Hensel-hospitalized (friend of the Werchans)  
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)  
Ruth Kluetz-recovering  
Billy Krause-recovering  
Vic Lohberg  
Ruby Maass-recovering (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)  
Douglas Malke-recovering  
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny,  
Larry & Leroy Kalbas))  
Chris Miertschin-recovering  
Larry Schatte-recovering  
Camie Smiley-surgery (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)  
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)  
Wesley Yurk-recovering  
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)  
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
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)  
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle  
Birnbaum)  
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)  
Susan Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)  
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)  
Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie 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)  
Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)  
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  
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doeblbler) Ft.  
Huachuca, Arizona  
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville,  
NC  
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. Jackson, South Carolina  
Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-  
serving in Saudia Arabia

### Those who mourn:

The family of Elmo Miertschin (father of Tommy  
Miertschin)

### 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**— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 590, 570, 781 v. 1&2, 333, 650

Sermon Text: Galatians 3:23 – 4-7

The Sermon: **“What Do You Put On?”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Janiece Becker for her birthday by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a Special Voters Meeting after the service to approve a one-year contract to Kelsey Schatte as Principal for the 2025-2026 school year, and to extend a contract to Miss Emily Depine as the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at a salary of \$47,268.00 and Athletic Director stipend of \$4,000;00 plus benefits for a total cost to the congregation of \$67,557.80.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Shiner today at Shiner. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Serbin will play Flatonia at Flatonia. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Last week’s game against Weimar rained out. The Jackrabbits have now started a Facebook page so you can follow it for updates.
- ✠ **Clear Classrooms.** This morning, the classrooms will be cleared after the service, for waxing on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then they will be reset after service on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- ✠ **Attention Ladies!** If you would like a light-hearted evening away with the ladies, we will be having an informal gathering at Los Patrones in Giddings at 6:00 on Weds, July 9. Dinner (and drinks) is at your own expense, but it will be a fun time getting to know your Sisters in Christ! Bring a friend, your daughter, or your mom, if you wish! Please text Melodi Oltmann to RSVP at 979-540-0039.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, **“Honest to God”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Job can teach us something about prayer and about how we can talk honestly to God, covered by Jesus. (Job 1:210. 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.

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**June 22 – Pentecost II**

Death is the devil’s lair and destruction is his labor. Demonic forces lurk around the grave and lead to nowhere else (Luke 8:27). Feeble mortals do well not to dabble with such sinister powers, even if technology like abortion and assisted suicide make it accessible. Better to beg the Lord Jesus to rescue and safeguard human life even when it appears less than to us.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Special Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m. Clear Classrooms Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Shiner – 3:00 p.m. @ Shiner
Monday	Wax Classroom Floors Scholarship Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday	Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Song Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Reset Classrooms Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner Greeter: Bonnie Bise

**Birthdays: Today** – Devon Kalbas; 24<sup>th</sup> – Lydia Goodson, Hallee Oltmann; 25<sup>th</sup> – Marvin Matthijetz; 26<sup>th</sup> – Janiece Becker; 27<sup>th</sup> – Conway Davis, James House, Donnie Zoch; 28<sup>th</sup> – Samuel Beeman. God's Blessings to you.

## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 252.

**Offering Last Week:** \$13,904.60

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,205.00	Mission	\$550.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$4,999.60	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 6/15/2025</b>	<b>\$13,354.60</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>	Total	\$13,904.60
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$67,869.22</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS:** General: In memory of Ludwig Krause by Matt & Kelly Neal – \$25.00.

**Serving today:** Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

**Organist-** Susan Michael

**Acolytes-** Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn

**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker

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

**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas, Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,

Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann, Nathan Michael

**Counting and Posting offering this week:**

**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht

Daniel Marak, Virgil Becker, Pablo Rodriguez

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## 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 Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

\*\* FLHS now has ACH payment options available. You can set up monthly, quarterly, or even yearly payments to FLHS without the hassle of remembering to write a check. Please contact us to learn more.

## Be a Falcon!

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 academic year, we look forward to greeting many new students on campus! We offer an awesome high school experience with our caring faculty, safe Christian atmosphere, strong academics and numerous activities and athletics. If you know of a family with a high school student that would thrive in this environment, please reach out to them and us! We would love to share more about Faith! Contact us by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

**\*Any newly enrolled student at FLHS will receive \$1,000 off of their first semester tuition - Please reach out to Mrs. Kueck for more information about this.**

### **Amazon Wish List**

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. The easiest way to find it is by clicking on the link on the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!!

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for some summer projects!

### **Save the Date!**

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 25th. **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). Our traditional German meal, domino tournament, auction, cornhole tournament, live music, kids games, fellowship, and lots of fun are sure to be had. Make plans to attend this wonderful event! More details and information coming soon!

### **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.