

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven.*** False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken “war, famine, and pestilence” (Jer. 28:8). But if “the LORD has truly sent the prophet,” he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and “the word of that prophet comes to pass” (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, “sinful beyond measure,” thereby “producing death” in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, “we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive” (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong “to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God” (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come “to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and “loses his life” for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38–39). 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)  
Ginger Clifford-surgery (sister of Nancy Kasper)  
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)  
David Gersch-recovering  
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)  
Cathy Harrel-recovering (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)  
Nancy Kasper-medical testing  
Billy Krause-recovering  
Paula Krause-recovering  
Ruth Kluetz-recovering  
Mike Maass-recovering  
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)  
Chris Miertschin-recovering  
Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan Mitschke and Susan Schatte)  
Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)  
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)  
Linda Oltmann-recovering  
Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
LaVerne Urban-hospitalized  
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)  
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)  
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, 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  
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: 688, 685, 781 v. 1&2, 623, 655  
Sermon Text: Romans 7:1-13  
The Sermon: **“Freedom From the Law”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Allen & Mildred Perry’s 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (July 2) by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Kermit Schautschick by the Schautschick family.
- † **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for grandchildren and in honor of Kaden Kasper’s 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by Stephen and Nancy Kasper.
- † **The Window flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness of Nancy’s German and Stephen’s Wendish ancestors and in celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the USA by Stephen & Nancy Kasper.
- † **Pastor Schmidt and Lisa** will be leaving for vacation this afternoon and will return on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance during this time, please contact your Elder or the church office.
- † **Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** Pastor John Austin from Grace Lutheran Church, Elgin will conduct the service.
- † **Congratulations** to Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison who has been elected to his sixth term of office, 2026-2029, as president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.
- † **The July Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today in Weimar. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next weekend, July 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> there are no games scheduled. There were no games scheduled last Sunday, Jun 21<sup>st</sup>.
- † **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 School team.
- † **Tour to Colorado.** Hosted by Lee County Extension Education. August 10 – 15, 2026. RSVP by July 1. \$500 Deposit. Call 979-542-2753.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, **“Bloom Where You’re Planted”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Blessing in a Biblical sense, means God’s favor in any circumstance, no exceptions because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong. Genesis 39:21. 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 **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar –  
3:00 p.m. @ Weimar

Mon.- Fri Pastors Vacation

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt  
Greeter: Tammy Hartfield

**Birthdays: Today** – Samuel Beeman, Liliana Sanchez; 30<sup>th</sup> – Lucille Mitschke, Ronald Oltmann, Glenn Teinert; 1<sup>st</sup> – Andie Jenkins, Kalen Kalbas; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Byron Kalbas, Kaden Kasper; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ben Smith; 4<sup>th</sup> – Allan Marburger. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 250, Communion- 152.

**Offering Last Week:** \$24,696.19

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$12,686.28	Mission	\$324.00
Lunch Room	\$62.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$324.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$11,498.41	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 6/21/2026</b>	<b>\$24,247.19</b>	School Fund	\$25.00
		Scholarship	\$100.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$79,140.90</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>	Total	\$24,696.19

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Monroe Schatte, Sr. and Emmett Werchan on Father’s Day by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In honor to God and thankfulness for the many blessings on our 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Leonard & Lucy Mitachke - \$5,400.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Charles Malke by Darlene Schatte - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Charles Malke by Jerry Fischer - \$25.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Betty Orts Tedlock, Charles Malke and Lucille Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$100.00.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Whitlee Smolik and Nathen Barnett  
**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  
Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Clay Mertink  
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**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**Trinity 4**

“Am I in the place of God?” Joseph asked his brothers. Joseph’s brothers feared that because Jacob was dead, Joseph would finally take vengeance. In our human world, there is nothing more powerful than the ability to take vengeance on those who have done us wrong. It is a wild and hungry desire that is deep within our bones. We think we can correct the injustices done to us by our own hands and by our own devices and schemes. Joseph had every right to hate his brothers and desire vengeance according to the law of man. His brothers had removed him from the eyes of his father, lied to his father sold him into slavery, and caused him to suffer all sorts of trials—and now Joseph stood above them, able to command anything, and his father was dead. He could have killed his brothers, and no one in Egypt would have cared or been surprised. Even the Hebrews would have understood. But God says, “Vengeance is the Lord’s.” It is not for us to take in our own hands but for the Lord to accomplish through His kingdoms. Joseph was blessed for giving vengeance over to the Lord and we will be as well.



### **Summer Youth Camps Are in the Books!**

From sports to STEM to art, our community children experienced over a month of discovery, recreation, and friendship at our stellar summer camps. Thank you to everyone who participated; we are *all* blessed by these enrichment programs. Until next summer!

### **Which Leads Us to Thrivent Action Team Grants**

Thrivent member? To supplement ongoing summer projects and activities at Faith, we humbly ask those willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889 or [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). Thank you for helping us access these additional funds!

### **Faith-full Listeners**

Faith's 30-second radio spot that runs daily on local stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KBUK, 104.9 FM, and KNRG, 92.3 FM is transitioning to our back-to-school message. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS" and our awesome 2026-2027 enrollment deal. (see below)

### **HALF-PRICE Enrollment Fee**

Word is really getting out about FLHS; your referrals are helping us grow. To keep up the positive momentum throughout the summer and into the 2026-2027 school year, we are offering a 50% discount on the enrollment fee. That's a savings of \$200! Please spread the word, and remember to have interested families call (979) 242-2889 or visit [flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org).

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

If you have subject knowledge in history, English, art, vocal 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!

### **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/faithlhscentraltx>

### **Amazon Wish List**

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, for needed materials for the upcoming school year. You can click on the Amazon link on our website or Facebook page. It is also below:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28VCA56CBHF9O/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28VCA56CBHF9O/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1)

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