

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

13 July 2025

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan. The Law commands that “you shall love the Lord your God” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves “to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “you go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). By “your faith in Christ Jesus” and “because of the hope laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

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 (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Dorothy Exner-recovering
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Ruth Kluetz-recovering
Billy Krause-recovering
Hildegard 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
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)
Arthur Richards-recovering
Camie Smiley-recovering (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)
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. Eisenhower, Georgia
Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

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: 803, 706, 781 v. 1&2, 716, 842

Sermon Text: Colossians 1:1-14

The Sermon: **“You’ve Been Transferred”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God by Craig & Melodi Oltmann on their anniversary.
- † **Congratulations** to Brent and Allison Haas on the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Paige Haas. She was born Wednesday, July 9, 2025 in College Station, TX. She weighed 8lbs. 2ozs and was 20½ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Thank You** to Pastor Paul Droege Mueller for conducting the service this morning.
- † **Community League Baseball.** Serbin is idle this week. Next week, Sunday July 20th, Serbin will play New Ulm at New Ulm. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m.
- † **Voters Meeting.** The July Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend.
- † **May Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **In Thanksgiving for Service.** Thursday, July 24 marks the 121st anniversary of the dedication of the organ. For 20 years Jack Wiederhold has led us in worship through playing the organ, and has announced his retirement from full time service at the beginning of the year. Since 1991 Jack and Marian have rung the church bells at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening which they have discontinued. On Sunday, July 20 we wish to recognize and give thanks to God for their service all these years.
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for grades 1 & 2, 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.
- † **Camp Lone Star.** Join us for our Annual Barbecue & Auction Fundraiser. Worship-Barbecue Lunch-Silent & Live Auction 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Sunday, July 27, 2025, 2016 Camp Lone Star Road, La Grange, TX 78945

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, July 20th, **“God’s Plan = Jesus”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God’s plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr Zeigler talks with “Soul Surfer” author, Bethany Hamilton. (John 16:33) 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:

July 13 – Pentecost V

Aborting complicated pregnancies is like depriving the destitute by leaving not one last gleaning of hope (Leviticus 19:9-10). Euthanizing terminal loved ones is like striding right on by on the other side because the neighbor is dying (Luke 10:30-32). Almighty God clearly commands against both. But the Gospel of love for every life never fails to bear fruit whenever we dare to declare it (Colossians 1:6).

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker
Ushers- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,
Mike Krause, Dan Marak, Ethan Miertschin,
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Community League Baseball – Serbin Idle
 Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Pastors Vacation
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Acolytes: Cole Kalbas and Emmalynn Knott
 Greeter: Debra Hartfield

Birthdays: Today – Everett Corn, Jace Heuermann; 15th – Brenda Irwin, Brenda Symm; 16th – William Kappler, Jarrene Mitschke; 17th – Charlyn Matthijetz. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 212, Communion- 141.

Offering Last Week: \$42,210.40

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$27,531.00	Mission	\$1,027.68
ECC Operating	\$12,051.72	Mission Total	\$1,027.68
Received 7/6/2025	\$39,582.72	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$1,300.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$100.00
Received MTD	\$39,582.72	Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00	Endowment Fund	\$100.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$1,600.00
		Total	\$42,210.40

MEMORIALS: