

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith. The good Seed, which is “the Son of Man,” Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in “the sons of the kingdom” (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets “both grow together until the harvest” (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is “the King of Israel and his Redeemer” (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, “fear not, nor be afraid” (Is. 44:8). For “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God” (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:18).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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-recovering (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
Douglas Malke-medical testing
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Chris Miertschin-recovering
Shannon 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)
Larry Schatte-recovering
Bradly Schautschick-recovering
Peggy Siegeler-recovering (sister of Billy Kieschnick)
LaVerne Urban-recovering
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 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 Gruetznier, 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: 913, 728, 781 v. 1&2, 827, 663, 761, 923

Sermon Text: Isaiah 44:6-8

The Sermon: **“God Knows Best!”**

† **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

† **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar today in LaGrange in the Semi-Final Playoff Game. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Results of last weeks game, Serbin 4, New Ulm 5.

† **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, July 12th, are included in the bulletin this morning.

† **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 School team.

† **The ladies of Serbin LWML** are collecting donations to make school kits for Orphan Grain Train. Each kit will include the following specific items:

2 spiral notebooks 2 pencils 2 pens 10 sheets of construction paper 1 box of 24-count crayons
1 ruler 2 glue sticks Scissors 1 rectangular eraser 1 Box of 12-count colored pencils 1 pencil sharpener 1 single-pocket folder

Please bring your items to the church office meeting room by Sept. 1. Cash donations to help purchase items and cover shipping costs are also appreciated. At a later date, we will need volunteers of all ages to help assemble the kits. If you have any questions, please call/text Melodi at 979-540-0039. Thank you for supporting this project and helping children in need all around the world!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, July 26th, **“Worth the Wait”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It’s the certainty of a promise of secure relationship. Matthew 13:44 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**

Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar – 3:00 p.m.

@ LaGrange

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**

Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin

Greeter: Lana Kaiser

Birthdays: 20th – Tommy Miertschin, Melodi Oltmann; 21st – Larry Durrenberger, Austin Mattocks, Carol Jean Noack; 22nd – Pamela Becker, Shane Hoffman, Dorothy Krause; 23rd – Dylan Arldt, Ty Kasper, Brandy Todd; 24th – Frances Miertschin, Kelly Neal, Payton Oltmann, Louise Wittman; 25th - Weston Jenkins, Garrett Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning English- 265.

Offering Last Week: \$18,470.36

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,062.00	Mission	\$324.00
ECC Operating	\$5,834.36	Mission Total	\$324.00
Use of Facilities	\$250.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 7/12/2026	\$18,146.36	Savings/Other Total	
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$18,470.36
Received MTD	\$84,710.69		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Martha Koslosky by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Charles Malke by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Kermit Schautschick by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00.

Serving today: Elders— Tim Weise and Keith Oltmann

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones

Ushers- Copper Hinze, John Hinze, Scott Jones,
Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,
Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank,
Troy Wiederhold

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman: Glen Albrecht

Dan Marak, Virgil Becker, Jeff Claxton

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Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

Trinity 7

God fashioned and formed Adam from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). He knits us together in our mother's wombs, and He provides for us in all the needs of life, both in body and in soul (Mark 8:2-3). Precious in His sight are all the children of men because He has formed and created each of us and continues to sustain our earthly lives. Additionally, He also offers us the free gift of everlasting life in His own blood (Romans 6:34), thus declaring each person worthy of our love and protection.