

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood.* The Lord our God has chosen us to be “his treasured possession,” not because of any strength in us, but solely “because the LORD loves” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “great value” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “hidden in a field,” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “to be conformed to the image of his Son” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “are called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “at the right hand of God” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:39).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Troy Bise-recovery

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

Steven Kasper-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)

Marie Watson-surgery (sister of Wayne Zander)

Linda Wilkins-recovering

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 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: 588, 713, 781 v. 1&2, 818, 922

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44-52

The Sermon: **“Cherished Treasure”**

Today we welcomed to God’s people through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Harper Reese Tappe

Harper is the daughter of Jordan and Candace Tappe.

Her sponsors are Alison and Louis Symons, Scott and Sherry Schramm, Ryan and Kristy Hentschel and her witnesses are Minnie Roberts and Brayla Roberts

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Harper’s baptism by her parents Jordan and Candace Tappe and her sister Haisley.
- ✝ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Bonnie Menzel by her family.
- ✝ **August Calendar.** The August Calendar is available from the ushers this morning.
- ✝ **The 2026 Picnic Fund Report** is included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✝ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Flatonia today in LaGrange in the Championship Game. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Results of last week’s game Serbin 9, Weimar 1.
- ✝ **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!
- ✝ **Organ Dedication.** The organ was dedicated on July 24, 1904 and turned 122 years old on July 24, 2026.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 2nd, **“Why Jesus Told Parables”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Archives August-Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus’ parables point us to Himself. Mark 4. 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:

Trinity 8

The world tells us that we should follow our own hearts, changing or forsaking God’s Word about life and sexuality, and promising that it will be well with us when we do (Jeremiah 23:16-17). Beware of these false prophets who are ravenous wolves, seeking to draw you away from Christ (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:30). Instead, as God’s children and heirs of His kingdom in Christ (Roman 8:17), pay attention to the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), and you will stand on level ground (Psalm 26:12).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Flatonia –
3:00 p.m. in LaGrange

Mon.-Fri. **ECC Closed**

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Max Faske and Lucy Gurka
Greeter: Laurie Kasper

Birthdays: Today – Carl Kasper, III, Teresa Krause; 27th – Addilyn Handrck; 28th – Mary Davis, Marilyn Miertschin, Rita Schatte, Angela Schautschick, Susan Sweeney; 29th – Jony Hill, Rebecca Klepac; 30th – David Hempel, Russell Mertink, Erin Michael, Malynda Schautschick Austin Schmidt; 31st – Trisha Albrecht, Whitney Faske, Lois Kalbas, Royce Schulze; 1st – Kristin Lehmann, Brian Miertschin. God's Blessings to you.
– 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 Worship- 209, Communion- 115.

Offering Last Week: \$35,084.53

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,255.11	Mission	\$1,582.50
Thrivent Choice	\$444.00	Mission Total	\$1,582.50
Use of Facility	\$200.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,374.42	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$8,228.50		
Received 7/19/2026	\$33,502.03	Total	\$35,084.53
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$118,212.72		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Bernice Boriack by Chris & Connie Becker - \$50.00.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin

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- Mason Becker

Clay Mertink, Nathan Michael, Carson Becker



Opening Service, Open House, & Family Game Night

Opening Worship Service for the 10th academic year of Faith Lutheran High School will take place on **Wednesday, August 5th at 5:30 pm**. The school will be open for tours and an open house beginning at 4:30 pm. The service will be led by our association Pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. Immediately following the service, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served, as well as a potluck dessert bar. Family game night fun is on the docket too! Please save the date and plan on attending; we would love to fill Holy Cross with our Falcon family!

Fall Semester Start Date

FLHS officially begins the 2026-2027 school year on **Wednesday, August 12th**.

HALF-PRICE Enrollment Fee

To keep up the positive momentum during this active referral season 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.

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 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

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 carrying our back-to-school message. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS" and our **awesome 2026-2027 enrollment deal**.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

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

Help us clear our 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 as we provide the necessary materials and supplies for our students and staff!

2026 - 2027 Faculty and Staff

- Mrs. Margie Clifton - Part-Time Handbells
- Pastor E.B. Holschuh - Part-Time Religion, English
- Mr. Gary Himmler - Part-time Science, Math
- Mr. Jonathan Kueck - Religion, English, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, Math, History
- Mrs. Kristin Lehmann - Science, Math, Technology
- Mrs. Laura Phillips - Office Manager and Marketing