

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Welcome! *Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest.*

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find “another law waging war” in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we “desire to do what is right,” but we are not able to do so because “nothing good” dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). “Thanks be to God,” therefore, “through Jesus Christ our Lord,” who delivers us from “this body of death” (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes “righteous and having salvation” (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us “free from the waterless pit,” and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we “labor and are heavy laden,” He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are “wise and understanding,” but by the “gracious will” of God the Father, whom “the Son chooses to reveal” in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

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-recoverin (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)
- Bradly Schautschick-recovering
- 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: 868, 684, 781 v. 1&2, 965, 527, 924

The Sermon: **“Celebrate Our Freedom”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Barbara Symm’s birthday (July 6) by Mike Symm.
- † **The Altar Stand and Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness of God’s many blessings and in honor of our grandchildren, Kaden, Allison, and Will Kasper and for God’s healing hands upon Ginger Clifford and Nancy by Stephen & 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.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Dorothy Schauatschick at 979-716-0094.
- † **Thank you** to Pastor John Austin for leading us in worship and delivering the message this morning.
- † **Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Michael Buchhorn will conduct the service.
- † **Community League Baseball** – There are no games scheduled for today. Next weekend Serbin will play New Ulm at New Ulm. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Results of the game last Sunday, Serbin 15, Weimar 3.
- † **Church Council** – This Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the July 12<sup>th</sup> voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council.
- † **Hi Ladies!** You’re invited to a Ladies’ Night Out on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Los Patrones in Giddings! Bring a friend, sister, mother, or grandmother and join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Please RSVP via text to Melodi at 979-540-0039 by July 17. We’d love to see you there!
- † **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.
- † **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 12<sup>th</sup>, **“Knight, Death, and the Devil”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev, Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear. Ephesians 6:12. 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 w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Sun – Sat **Pastors Vacation**  
Thursday Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Max Faske  
Greeter: Irene Hempel  
Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Lana Kaiser; 6<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Gruetzner, Tracy Oltmann, Kari Stewart; 7<sup>th</sup> – Dustin Faske, Conner Kalbas, Antoinette Richardson, Philip Tharp; 8<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Beckcom, Douglas Hartfield, Stephen Iselt; 9<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn Haas; 10<sup>th</sup> – Selah Hicks, Keeley Schautschick; 11<sup>th</sup> – Stephen Mersiovsky. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 170, Bible Class- 17; Sunday School- 9, Offering- \$9.00

**Offering Last Week:** \$9,407.41

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$5,714.00	Mission	\$586.00
Sunday School	\$59.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
ECC Operating	\$2,758.41	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$626.00</b>
<b>Received 6/28/2026</b>	<b>\$8,531.41</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		Tuition Assistance Fund	\$100.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	Scholarship	\$150.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$87,672.31</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>		
		Total	\$9,407.41

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Charles Malke by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Robin & Sherri Buscha – \$75.00 **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Charles Malke by Lucille and Lynette Schatte - \$40.00 **Scholarship Fund:** (Correction) In memory of Charles Malke by Jerry Fischer - \$50.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by Randal & Gloria Hoppens - \$50.00.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt  
**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  
Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Ethan Miertschin  
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**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**Trinity 5**

We labor night and day in the monotonous—in the diapers, in the dishes, in the routine of our day-to-day lives—and it can often seem to be in vain (Luke 5:1). We wear ourselves out and despair with Elijah that we alone are left to overcome the challenges (1 Kings 19:14). But even when it seems foolish or absurd, we take God at His Word, knowing that He brings the catch (Luke 5:5-7). The cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but for us it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). The cross redeems our work and gives us hope, even when our works feel vain or when despair takes over (1 Kinga 19:14),



### **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!

### **Office Closed**

The FLHS office will be closed the week of July 13-17 for staff vacations. Please call 979-242-2889 and leave a message or send an email to [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org) if you need anything.

### **Summer Mailers**

We had so many of you step in to help pack and post our 2026 summer mailers. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, and many hands made light work. These mailers have already been delivered locally, and the distant addressees will see them this week. Thanks to all who helped us get these on their way. Here's to a fruitful return!

### **Opening Service**

Opening Service for the 10th academic year of Faith Lutheran High School will be on **Wednesday, August 5th** in the evening. We will share more information about the details of the event as they are finalized, but please make plans to attend. We would love to fill Holy Cross with our Falcon family!

### **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**. (see below)

### **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](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). Thank you for helping us access these additional funds!