

00St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

16 August 2026

Welcome! *The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy.* By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Troy Bise-recovery

Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy
Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)

Carl Dittmar-testing (father of Jennifer Smith)

Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)

David Gersch-recovering

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-recovering

Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry
& Leroy Kalbas)

Heather Mersiovsky-surgery

Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan
Mitschke and Susan Schatte)

Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)

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)

John Boy Weiser-recovering

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)

James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink
family)

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: 832, 615, 781 v. 1&2, 588, 571, 722, 823

Sermon Text: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

The Sermon: **“Only By Mercy”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Rev. Paul Hartfield by his family.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 30th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **Installation of Acolytes and PTLs Officers.** Being installed this morning are Acolytes: Greyson DeRouen, Macy Sommerfield and Logan Taylor. PTLs Officers: Anna Miller, President; Kristi Hentschel, Vice President; Christine Mittasch, Secretary; and Danielle Jones, Treasurer.
- ✠ **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!
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 29th annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 13th from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Preorders are preferred and all to-go plates will be sold for \$15.00. If you would like to order plates, please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by September 7th. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers and helpers to assist in the various classes. Please consider donating your time and talents in service to the Lord and join our Sunday School team.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 19, 2026. We have 100 Veterans that will have wreaths placed on their graves. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) in memory of or in honor of Veterans so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas. **Cost of a wreath is \$17.00.**

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 23rd, **“Real Riches”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Ken Klaus. Archives August—It’s not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. Luke 12:15. 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 11

As Cain and the Pharisee prove, when we place our trust in our own righteousness, the result is that we “treat others with contempt” (Luke 18:9), including sometimes our own flesh and blood. But Jesus has died for all the children of wrath, and we are saved by God’s grace through faith (Ephesians 2:3-8). Therefore, we need not trust in our own righteousness, and we walk in the good works created for us in Christ (Ephesians 2:10), treating each of our neighbors—regardless of their size, age, or condition—as gifts for whom Christ died.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
PTLS Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Max Faske and Lucy Gurka
Greeter: Dianna Noack
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Joyce Jenke, Jeffrey Kanevsky, Marshall Schautschick, Randolph Schautschick; 17th – Max Sommerfield; 18th – Shelby Becker, Kyle Kasper; 19th – Brett Kasper; 20th – Kathleen Kalbas, Dwayne Schulze; 21st – Donald Menzel; 22nd – Wyatt Arldt, Russell Kappler, Ethan Ray. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 222.

Offering Last Week: \$22,974.32

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,311.11	Mission	\$310.00
ECC Operating	\$10,240.71	Mission Total	\$310.00
Received 8/9/2026	\$22,551.82	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$112.50
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Savings/Other Total	\$112.50
Received MTD	\$34,954.22		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00	Total	\$22,974.32

MEMORIALS

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- James Miertschin and Nicholas Taylor

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Glen Albrecht

Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Virgil Becker, Dan Marak, Jeff Claxton



Goings On - Two Weeks at a Glance:

Wednesday, August 26th - Staff Meeting: EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:40 pm

Thursday, August 27th & Friday, August 28th - All School Retreat to Camp Lone Star

Let the Learning Begin

FLHS students & faculty returned to campus this past Wednesday. The first few days are all about reacclimating to school life after a long, schedule-free summer. We're off to a great start, and this week we really dive into learning. Please pray for a successful transition for all!

2026 - 2027 Faculty and Staff

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

It's not too late to take advantage of our awesome **enrollment discount of 50%. That's a savings of \$200!** Please have interested families call (979) 242-2889 or visit flhstx.org.

Camp Lone Star Retreat

FLHS students & faculty are preparing for our **annual retreat to Camp Lone Star, 8/27-8/28**. Prayers are welcome, as we prepare for this valuable experience for all students. As always, we greatly appreciate food and monetary donations. Please reach out, if you can support our retreat. Thanks!

Save the Date - Oktoberfest

FLHS's Oktoberfest is set for **Saturday, October 24th**. We are already planning for our best event yet!

Wait! Is that Faith on the big screen?

Coming soon to a theater near you...we are spreading the news about FLHS farther and wider than ever before. In a few weeks, you'll see us at the movies, both in Bastrop and Brenham. Get to your theater a little early to see our ad playing before every movie in both locations!

Faith-full Listeners

Faith is also on the air! 30-second radio spots run daily on local stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KBUK, 104.9 FM, and KNRG, 92.3 FM. Our back-to-school message runs through August. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS"!

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!

The List That Keeps On Giving. Thanks to You

FLHS has an Amazon wish list of needed materials for the upcoming school year. Just click on the Amazon link on either our Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support, as we provide the necessary supplies for both students and staff!