

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

23 August 2026

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God.* Jesus asked His disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even "the gates of hell shall not prevail" (Matt. 16:18-19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness "will never be dismayed" (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that "joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (Is. 51:3). Therefore, "according to the measure of faith that God has assigned" (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-surgery

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

Edwin Schmidt-recovering

Peggy Siegeler-recovering (sister of Billy Kieschnick)

LaVerne Urban-recovering

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Marie Watson-surgery(sister of Wayne Zander)

Alton Weiser-surgery

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 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)

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: 913, 645, 781 v. 1&2, 644, 783

Sermon Text: Isaiah 51:1-6

The Sermon: **“Hewn From The Rock”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings on their anniversary by Jack & Marian Wiederhold.
- ✠ **Installation of Acolytes.** Selah Hicks name was inadvertently left off the list of Acolytes that were installed last Sunday.
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters meeting on Sunday, August 30th immediately following the service. This meeting is to approve signing an oil lease with Sage Natural Resources, LLC. Terms of the lease are \$900.00 an acre, 3-year term with a 2-year renewal and 25% royalties. There will be no Bible Class.
- ✠ **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!
- ✠ **Bake Sale...Free Will Donation!** Sunday, September 13th in conjunction with the LAF Fried Chicken Luncheon. All donations support the Lee County Young Farmers Giddings FFA board members attending National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. If you would like to donate bake goods, they can be dropped off on that Sunday beginning at 7:45am at the picnic grounds. For questions, please contact Laurie Kasper 979-540-9073. **Thank you in advance for supporting our youth!**
- ✠ **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.**
- ✠ **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 30th, **“Tell Me a Story!”** Lutheran Hour Speaker” Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer. Archives August-God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary. Mark 4:1-20, 26-34. 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 12

Jesus never saw those with disabilities as burden to be dealt with or impediments to His own life. Instead, He, makes “no distinction” between people (Roman 10:12), treated the sick and disabled in the same way He treats every other person: as one affected by sin and in need of His love and redemption. As we await the day of the resurrection, at which time all the deaf will hear and the blind will see (Isaiah 29:18), let us sanctify the name of God (Isaiah 29:23) by following Jesus’ example in loving each one of our neighbors.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
LYF Meeting and Social – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Song Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Karly Hentschel and Lucy Gurka
Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick
Special Called Voters Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

Birthdays: 25th – William Todd; 26th – Suzet Engler; 27th – Wesley Carter; 28th – Bob Caster, Ruby Haas, Makayla Tomblin, Kayla Weddle; 29th – Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steely Schatte, Steven Schautschick. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 250, Communion- 132, Bible Class- 29; Sunday School- 44, Offering- \$11.00.

Offering Last Week: \$59,946.51

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$17,930.00	Mission	\$751.00
Thrivent Choice	\$25.00	Mission Total	\$751.00
Sunday School	\$11.00	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$2,518.50	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
ECC Operating	\$11,949.51	Bus Replacement Fund	\$1,650.00
School Registration	\$450.00	Savings/Other Total	\$2,650.00
Tuition	\$23,661.50		
Received 8/16/2026	\$56,545.51	Total	\$59,946.51
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$91,499.73		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Evelyn Maass by Dianna Noack - \$25.00; by Ruby Weiser - \$50.00. In memory of Cynthia Wied and Evelyn Maass by Susan Michael - \$50.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$100.00. In honor of Willie Wagner's 80th birthday by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$50.00.

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Max Faske and Madilyn Kalbas

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- Mason Becker

Carson Becker, Nathan Michael, Clay Mertink

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Goings On - Two Weeks at a Glance:

- Wednesday, August 26th - **EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:40 pm**
- Thursday, August 27th & Friday, August 28th - **All School Retreat to Camp Lone Star**
- Saturday, September 5th - Fayette County Parade Float

Camp Lone Star Retreat

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

Faith on the Big Screen

Starting in September, you'll find 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. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS"!

Future Falcons Are Out There

Please help us spread the word about our small but mighty FLHS! In person and on social media, don't forget to mention our **HALF-PRICE enrollment fee!** Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at flhstx.org. Thank You, All!

Follow Us On Facebook!

Keep up with all the exciting things happening here at FLHS. By following our Facebook page and sharing with friends, you'll be in the know and help Faith grow!

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlhscentraltx>

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!

2026 Oktoberfest - SAVE the DATE

Oktoberfest will take place **Saturday, October 24th**. We are currently planning, recruiting, and creating. If you or someone you know has items to donate for either auction, please contact the school or simply bring them to Mrs. Phillips in the office. If you are interested in volunteering on a team, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Kueck for details. It takes a German village!

The Battle of the Vines and Brew, our home brew competitions are back too, so start planning your brews now, in addition to our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti** (see description below).

Sapientia Infiniti (infinite wisdom)

Spend this year preparing an infinity bottle* of whiskey for yourself at home. Please submit a pint or half-pint of this bottle for judging. Submissions will be judged, by our judges and the attendees, in separate categories.* Infinity Bottle rules: start with a clean, empty bottle. Throughout the year, add a pour of any size from the whiskeys you've enjoyed this year. **KEEP NO RECORD!** The infinity bottle is intended to be unique to you and unrepeatable.