

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25 August, 2024

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**Welcome! *The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior.*** The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not “[reject] the commandment of God” in order to establish or hold to “the tradition of men” (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord “with their mouth” and to honor Him “with their lips,” while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is “the Holy One of Israel,” who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, “the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,” but “the deaf shall hear” and “the eyes of the blind shall see” (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He “gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word” (Eph. 5:25–26).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*  
*Christi Fritsche-recovering*  
*George Hernandez-recovering*  
*Beverly Johnson*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Judy Kalbas*  
*Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery*  
*Paula Krause-recovering*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)*  
*Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)*  
*Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)*  
*Bobby Oltmann-recovering*  
*Ethan Ray-recovering*  
*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)*  
*Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*  
*Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*  
*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)*  
*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Stephen Kasper)*  
*Dana Herzog (friend of Becky Wiese)*  
*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*  
*Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)*  
*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)*  
*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*

*Vic Lohberg*

*Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*  
*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*  
*Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)*  
*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*  
*Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)*  
*Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)*  
*Carol Sander*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)*  
*Martin Werchan*  
*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso*  
*Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX*  
*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York*  
*Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia*  
*Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona*  
*Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC*  
*Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina*  
*Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

**Those who mourn:**

*The family of Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)*

**Seasonal Weather**

**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: 596, 865, 781 v. 1&2, 555, 862

Sermon Text: Mark 7:1-13

The Sermon: **“We Always...”**

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

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

**Joselyn Ann Sanchez**

Joselyn is the daughter of Jorge Sanchez and Kristina Kanevsky. Her baptismal sponsor is Benjamin Schonhoeft and her baptismal witness is Jessica Jakobeit.

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God for Joselyn’s Baptism by Benjamin Schonhoeft.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on either of those Sunday’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **September Calendar.** The September Calendar is available from the ushers this morning and can also be picked up in the church office.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin are having their 27<sup>th</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **Adult Instruction Class.** Pastor Schmidt will begin an Adult Instruction class on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in taking the class, please call Pastor Schmidt or the church office.
- ✠ **Financial Peace University:** Saint Michael’s Lutheran Church in Winchester will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University during the months of September and October. Financial Peace University is a comprehensive financial education program designed to help individuals and families create a plan for getting out of debt, managing their money, and building wealth. This nine-week course will meet every Wednesday in September and October at Saint Michael’s Park. A meal will be served at 6:00pm and the class itself will run from 6:30-8:00pm. The cost for the course is \$79 but anyone who has previously taken the class can participate again for free. If you would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Nate Hill at [pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org](mailto:pastor@stmichaelswinchester.org) or at 979-966-8036.
- ✠ **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, 2024. 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, September 1<sup>st</sup>, **“The One”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Universe does not have a plan for your life but God does! (Genesis 24:14). 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.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**August 25 - Pentecost XIV**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ liberates us from living for ourselves alone. We reside in the hands of Almighty God like clay and potter (Isaiah 29:16). So we don’t have to settle for “my body, my choice.” Instead, we get to benefit from Him deciding life and death on our behalf. May our marriages and parenting replicate the magnificent way Christ and Church abandon themselves to one another (Ephesians 5:22-23).

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 PTLs Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 JV Volleyball @ First Baptist, Brenham – 4:00 p.m.  
 JV Football @ First Baptist, Brenham – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 JV Football-TNT @ Serbin – 4:00 p.m.  
 V Football @ Redeemer – 5:30 p.m.  
 V Volleyball @ Redeemer – 5:30 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Acolytes: Dylan Arldt and Jasmine Bailey  
 Greeter: Joyce Hinze

**Birthdays: Today** – William Todd; 26<sup>th</sup> – Suzzet Engler, Dylan Lambert; 27<sup>th</sup> – Wesley Carter, Tara Kauffman; 28<sup>th</sup> – Ruby Haas, McKayla Miertschin, Kayla Weddle; 29<sup>th</sup> – Raymond Arldt, Erich Schatte, Steeley Schatte, Steven Schautschick; 30<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry; 30<sup>th</sup> – Heather Perry, Pablo Rodriguez, Jr. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today: Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Acolytes**- Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker  
**Ushers**- Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,  
 Michael Krause, Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry,  
 Bradley Schmidt, Timothy Symm  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman**- Rex Perry  
 Virgil Becker, Nathan Michael, Tim Symm  
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**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 273, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 43, Banner Classes: Grade 1, Grade 5, Offering- \$33.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$40,574.69

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$11,417.52	Mission	\$755.00
Sunday School	\$33.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Lunch Room	\$1,724.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$795.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$9,241.17	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
School Registration	\$650.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$1,537.50
Tuition	\$15,176.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,537.50</b>
<b>Received 8/18/2024</b>	<b>\$38,242.19</b>	Total	\$40,574.69
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$90,570.61</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Linda Arldt by Randy & Janice Becker & family - \$40.00