

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 August 2026

Welcome! Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God. By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Troy Bise-recovery
Chris Birnbaum
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy
Kalbas)

Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)
Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)
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-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry
& Leroy Kalbas)

Chris Miertschin
Shannon Miertschin
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)

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.

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 Dorothy 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

The Order of Service— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 633, 642, 781 v. 1&2, 618, 699, 712, 895

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:1-5

The Sermon: **“Come and Waste Not”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Oltmann.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – Congratulation to the Serbin Jackrabbits on winning the league Championship by beating Flatonia by a score of 15-0 in 5 innings.
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow August 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Today is Endowment Sunday.** This year two scholarships are being awarded to Timothy Meyer and Ayla Droegemueller. You can support the work of the Scholarship Committee in providing resources for students preparing for fulltime church work. Gifts given to the **Scholarship Fund** are used for scholarships each year. Gifts given to the **Endowment Fund** build an endowment the interest of which is used for scholarships. Envelopes for each of these purposes are found in your offering envelope sets.
- ✠ **The South Lee County Volunteer Fire Departments annual BBQ and Auction is Saturday August 8th.** They are requesting baked goods to be served with the Barbecue meal. If you would like to provide baked goods, please bring any items to the Picnic grounds on Saturday. Thanks for your support!
- ✠ **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 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.
- ✠ **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!
- ✠ **Re-dedication of Teachers.** The re-dedication of our School, Early Childhood Center and Sunday School Teachers will be held during the worship service on Sunday, August 9th.
- ✠ **Sunday School Promotion.** Sunday School Promotion will be held on Sunday, August 9th. Sunday School Teachers will be introduced and students will be dismissed by class to go with them. Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, August 16st.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 9th, “Extreme Neighborliness”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltaz. Archives August-Jesus is the ultimate “Good Samaritan,” the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross. Luke 10:25-37. 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 9

It's easy for us to sit and point our fingers at those who omit sins against life. But we must all remember that we were “brought forth in iniquity” and “conceived in sin” (Psalm 51:5). We have each committed our own sins against life and must “take heed” lest we fall into the same sins of sexual immorality and grumbling (1 Corinthians 10:10-12). Thankfully, God is faithful to “cleanse us from our sins” (Psalm 51:2) and “provide the way of escape” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Mon. – Fri. Staff Training Days
Monday Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Faith Lutheran High School Opening Service – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday SLCVFD BBQ/Auction
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Karly Hentschel and Madilyn Kalbas
Greeter: Pam Krause
Rededication of School and Sunday School Teachers
Promotion Sunday
School Opening Service – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Everlee Oltmann; 3rd – Megan Becker, Bonnie Bise, Tucker Kalbas, Marcus Sander; 4th – Meghan Cooper; 5th – Amanda Becker, John Grange, Lindsey Hansen; 7th – Joan Gersch, Sharon Hoffman; 8th – Heather Mersiovsky, Grant Oltmann. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 230.

Offering Last Week: \$23,876.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$19,355.22	Mission	\$299.00
ECC Operating	\$2,001.78	Mission Total	\$299.00
Tuition	\$20.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 7/26/2026	\$21,377.00	School Fund	\$600.00
		Daycare Savings	\$600.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Received MTD	\$139,589.72	Savings/Other Total	\$2,200.00
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		
		Total	\$28,927.94

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Charles Malke by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00; by Jerrilyn Zoch - \$50.00. In memory of Glenn Luedke by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. In memory of Clara Zoch by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00. In memory of Bernice Boriack and Robert Carney y Marton & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Bernice Boriack by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00; by Philip & Rose Tharp \$80.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00. **Tuition Fund:** In memory of Bernice Boriack by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Bernice Boriack by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Susan Michale

Acolytes- Max Faske and Lucy Gurka

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

Cole Mertink, Ethan Miertschin, Tommy Miertschin



Opening Worship Service & Lots More

Opening Worship Service for the 10th academic year of Faith Lutheran High School will take place on **Wednesday, August 5th at 5:30pm** and will be led by our association pastors. Offering will be collected to support the FLHS Scholarship Fund. **The school will have an open house and be open for tours beginning at 4:30pm.** Immediately following the service, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served with 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!

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!

Fall Semester Start Date & HALF-PRICE Enrollment Fee

FLHS officially begins the 2026-2027 school year on **Wednesday, August 12th**. 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 have interested families call (979) 242-2889 or visit flhstx.org.

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"!

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!

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

Save the Date - Oktoberfest

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