

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus. After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12). 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-recovering
Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan Mitschke and Susan Schatte)
Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)
Kathryn Richter-heart procedure (sister of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Larry Schatte-recovering
Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-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-recovering
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)
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 Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Erwin Fritsche and Hermine Zoch by Doris Fritsche.
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, September 6th, 13th, and 20th. If you would like to place altar flower on any of these Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a Special Voters meeting this morning 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 is no Bible Class.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting after the Service on Sunday, September 13th to approve the Concordia Plan rates for 2027. There will be no Bible Class.
- † **July Financial Statements.** The July Financial Statements are available from the ushers the morning and in the church office.
- † **September Calendar.** The September calendar is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Adult Choir Practice Begins.** Adult Choir practice will resume on **Wednesday, September 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. in the church under the direction of Susan Michael. New voices are very welcome. Use your gifts to praise our faithful God.
- † **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.**
- † **WENDISH FEST:** The 38th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 27, 2026, in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 a.m. English and 10:30 a.m. German Church Services will be Rev. Christopher Ahlman and Rev. John Schmidt of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Church tours will be offered at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. The day will feature Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Traditional Wendish meal tickets go on sale at 10:30 a.m.; adults are \$15 and children are \$6. To-go and drive-thru meals will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. for \$15. Enjoy polka music by the Shiner Hobo Band and performances by Tanzenfest Volkstanzkreis, a German dance group from Houston. The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market, traditional decorated Wendish Easter egg demonstrations and sales, and genealogy assistance. Wendish Fest is made possible by many wonderful volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, contact the museum or Katy Kasper at 979-366-2441, museum@texaswends.org, or www.texaswends.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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 5th, “**Come and See**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who’s been there. John 1:46. 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 13

Jesus exemplifies the Good Samaritan, bearing the burden of sin and pouring out the healing balm of His blood for all people, even those who sought His death (Luke 10:33-34). Through His Gospel, which forgives all transgressions and covers all sins (Psalm 32:1), we learn that our mercy is to extend to every neighbor whom God places in our path, regardless of how doing so might affect our way, and we are empowered to “go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37)

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Song Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Called Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board off Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.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: James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield Greeter: Lisa Schmidt

Birthdays: Today – Carolyn Noack, Rex Perry; 1st – Willard Albrecht, Gracelyn Kalbas; 3rd – Stella Jackson; 4th – Nancy Schautschick; 5th – Cooper Hinze, Jady Robinson. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 225, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 33, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$52,717.59

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,598.81	Mission	\$764.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Mission Total	\$764.00
Lunch Room	\$600.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$9,988.28	Scholarship	\$25.00
Tuition	\$31,722.50	Savings/Other Total	\$25.00
Received 8/23/2026	\$51,928.59		
		Total	\$52,717.59
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$143,428.32		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Evelyn Maass by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$30.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Harold Galipp by Linda Jones - \$25.00.

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Karly Hentschel 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, Tommy Miertschin, Ethan Miertschin



Goings On at a Glance:

- Tuesday, September 1st - Volleyball game 5pm at Texas School for the Deaf
- Wednesday, September 2nd - School Picture Day
- Saturday, September 5th - Fayette County Parade Float

- Sunday, September 6th - Holy Cross Picnic with FLHS nachos/snow cone booth
- Monday, September 7th - **Labor Day/No School**
- Tuesday, September 8th - Volleyball game, 5:30 pm at Valor South Austin

Retreat Success

FLHS students were privileged to spend last Thursday and Friday at Camp Lone Star. This was part of our annual student retreat. Students were able to participate in challenge courses, learn about personality types, grow together as a family, and have loads of fun! We are thankful for this opportunity to grow together as a Falcon family!

Weekly Chapel Service - You're Invited

Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Please join our staff and students **any Wednesday beginning at 11:05am**, as they gather in the Holy Cross sanctuary for dedicated worship.

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 Brews, our homebrewing competitions, are back too. Start planning your wine and beer submissions now. Plus, this is the inaugural year of our newest competition, **Sapientia Infiniti/Infinite Wisdom**. Details: 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 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.