

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven. Having rescued Israel “out of the land of Egypt” (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with “meat to eat” in the evening and with “bread from heaven” in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the “true bread from heaven,” which the Father gives to you, is the Son, “who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him “shall not hunger,” and whoever believes in Him “shall never thirst.” He is “the bread of life,” who gives Himself to you as “the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have “one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one Body of His Church, in which you “are to grow up in every way into him who is the head” (Eph. 4:15). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Wayne Becker-hospitalized

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Christi Fritsche-recovering

Garry Fritsche-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)

George Hernandez-recovering

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Judy Kalbas

Russell Kappler-recovering

Pastor Joshua Knippa, Holy Cross, Nederland, recovering from liver transplant surgery

Ludwig Krause

Paula Krause-surgery

Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)

Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)

Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Mersiovsky)

Bobby Oltmann-recovering

Ethan Ray-recovering

Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Jim Wells (cousin of the Oltmann families)

Jeannie Werchan-recovering

Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins:

Those fighting cancer including:

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

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

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 Mischke (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 Wesbrook (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 Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Those who mourn:

The family of Louise Schubert (aunt of Bonnie Bise and Steven Schautschick)

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: 593, 918, 781 v. 1&2, 633, 662, 699, 922

Sermon Text: Exodus 16:2-15

The Sermon: **“Are You a Grumbler?”**

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

Conway Lee Davis

Conway is the son of Jeremy and Mary Davis. His baptismal sponsors are John Hinze, Ashley Hinze, Nicholas Hinze, Karla Hinze, Jarrett Bise, Stephanie Bise, and his baptismal witnesses are Jeff Davis and Tara-Leigh Davis

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in Conway's baptism by Larry and Sylvia Davis and Robert and Joyce Hinze.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Alfred Buscha, and in thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed on Irene Buscha throughout the years by Robin & Sherri Buscha & family and Ralph Buscha.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 18th and Sunday, August 25th. If you would like to place flowers on either of these Sunday's, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **THANK YOU** to the 20 plus volunteers who came out on Monday evening to assemble the new desks.
- † **Today is Endowment Sunday.** This year four scholarships are being awarded to Timothy Meyer, Kurtis Hankemeier, Maggie Obersat and Nikki Kueck. You can support the work of the Scholarship Committee in providing resources for students preparing for full time 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.
- † **Adult Instruction Class.** Pastor Schmidt will begin an Adult Instruction class on September 8th. If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in taking the class, please call Pastor Schmidt or the church office.
- † **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Shiner today in the first semifinal game at the Fair Grounds in LaGrange. Time for the game is 6:00 p.m. The results of last week's game, Serbin 7 Weimar 0. The game was called after the 5th inning due to lightening. Weimar has since conceded the game.
- † **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow August 5th at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher/Helper to help with the 1 & 2 grade. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- † **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 11th.
- † **Sunday School Promotion.** Sunday School Promotion will be held on Sunday, August 11th. 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 21st.
- † **Ebenezer Lutheran Church** will be sponsoring a sit-down Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread lunch fundraiser at its fellowship hall, on August 11, 2024 starting at noon. A free will offering will be collected to help support Deaconess Jane Obersat in her mission work. She will be working with Pastor Hugo Gevers and Deaconess Kim Bueltmann, who work with former Muslims in Leipzig, Germany.
- † **The Lee County Wildlife Association** will be selling pre-sale tickets on Friday August 9th from 1:00-5:00 at the Lee County Extension Office for their South Lee County Wildlife Association Annual Coop Meeting and Dinner to be held on September 6, 2024 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Social Hour begins at 5:30, Dinner will be served at 6:30 all you can eat fried fish and sides, and Entertainer Chase Kimey will be playing. Tickets will be \$15.00 Members, and \$25.00 Non-Members. All proceeds to go towards Lee County Wildlife Association Scholarships and Events. For more information, please contact Joyce Jenke at 979-540-7342.
- † **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, August 11th, “**God’s Peacemakers for a Troubled World**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Archives August: Don’t let anger disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers. (Philippians 4:4-13). 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.

Serving today: **Elders**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Jasmine Bailey and Everett Corn
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- Glen Albrecht
Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann, Tommy Miertschin

Life Through the Church Year:

August 4 - Pentecost XI

Abortion and euthanasia require twisting words and redefining terms. With craftiness and deceit (Ephesians 4:1) they do not only protest laws and beliefs but ultimately grumble against God (Exodus 15:8). Jesus the Savior instead offers the truth and love that every life is His gift (John 6:3). And He enthusiastically invites Christian citizens to share His joy by speaking and showing it,

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Special Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m. Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Shiner – 6:00 p.m. @ LaGrange Fair Grounds
Mon. – Tues.	Faculty Pre-Service Meeting
Monday	Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday	SLCVFD Barbecue & Auction
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner Greeter: Tammy Hartfield LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. School Opening Service – 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays: **Today** – Meghan Cooper; 5th – Amanda Becker, John Grange, Lindsey Hansen; 7th – Joan Gersch, Sharon Hoffman; 8th – Heather Mersiovsky, Grant Oltmann; 9th – Wilma DroegeMueller; 10th – Seth Kalbas, Alyssa Wilkins. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 236.**Offering Last Week:** \$28,694.24**Home:**

		Mission:	
General	\$5,268.37	Mission	\$305.00
General-PTLS	\$19,512.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$1,142.87	Mission Total	\$330.00
Received 7/28/2024	\$25,923.24	Savings/Other:	
		School Fund	\$441.00
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Cemetery Fund	\$1,000.00
Received MTD	\$91,418.64	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$200.00
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00	Endowment	\$500.00
		Scholarship	\$300.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$2,441.00
		Total	\$28,694.24

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Paul Kappler by LaNell Mahler Koenig - \$100.00; by Wanda Jean Dyloes - \$50.00; by Lucille, Lynette and Darlene Schatte - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. In memory of Mirlyn Griffin by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Linda Arldt by M/M Mark Arldt & family - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Mirlyn Griffin by Philip, Rose, Courtland and Libbi Tharp - \$100.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Paul Kappler and Mirlyn Griffin by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$40.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In honor of Harold & Judy Faske's 65th wedding anniversary by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00.