

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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

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)

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)

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 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)

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 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

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: 817, 717, 781 v. 1&2, 816, 715

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:22-33

The Sermon: **“SFJTD”**

✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

✝ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday's, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.

✝ **School Opening Worship Service:** The Opening worship service for the 2026-2027 school year will be this evening at 4:00 pm with parent orientation immediately following the service. Everyone is welcome to attend! We encourage families to visit the classrooms, bring school supplies and set up lockers at this time. We are looking forward to a great school year, and hope to see everyone there!

✝ **Installation of Acolytes.** The installation of Acolytes and PTLS Officers will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 16th.

✝ **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!

✝ **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

✝ **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.**

✝ **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$112.50. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,848.60.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, August 16th, **“Look at Me”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Archives August-God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8). 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 10

As in Jeremiah's day, it may seem to us that in this culture of death, “everyone turns to his own course” and that many around us “have rejected the Word of the Lord” (Jeremiah 8:6, 9). However, recognizing that every person is created, redeemed, and called by God, we do not see them as our enemies. Instead, we weep over them and pray, along with Jesus and St. Paul, that their eyes would be opened to “know the things that make for peace” (Luke 19:42) that “they may be saved” (Romans 10:1).

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 233, Communion- 150, Bible Class- 29;
Sunday School- 28, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$13,306.40

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,149.00	Mission	\$904.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Mission Total	\$904.00
ECC Operating	\$1,234.40	Savings/Other:	
Received 8/2/2026	\$12,402.40	Savings/Other Total	
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$13,306.40
Received MTD	\$12,402.40		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Bernice Boriack by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. In memory of Alton Mutschink by Linda Jones - \$50.00.

Serving today: Elders— Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

Organist- Susan Michael

Acolytes- Karly Hentschel 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

Philip Tharp, Robert Zoch, Chase Oltmann



Goings On - Three Weeks at a Glance:

Wednesday, August 12th - 2026-2027 Academic Year Begins (1st day of school)

Wednesday, August 26th - Staff Meeting: EARLY DISMISSAL at 2:40 pm

Thursday, August 27th & Friday, August 28th - All School Retreat to Camp Lone Star

HALF-PRICE Enrollment Fee

It's not too late to take advantage of our awesome **enrollment discount of 50%. That's a savings of \$200!** Please have interested families call (979) 242-2889 or visit flhstx.org.

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!

Wait! Is that Faith on the big screen?

Coming soon to a theater near you...we are spreading the news about FLHS farther and wider than ever before. In a few weeks, you'll see 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. Our back-to-school message runs through August. 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, Health, P.E.
- Mrs. Nikki Kueck - Administrator, History, Spanish
- 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!