

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

13 September 2026

Welcome! *Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us.* In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Gary D. Becker-recovering
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
Nancy Kasper
Billy Krause-recovering
Bobbie 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)
Evelyn Richter-friend of Nancy Kasper
Kathryn Richter-heart procedure (sister of Willard and Milton Albrecht)
Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Larry Schatte-recovering
Lucille Schatte-hospitalized
Edwin Schmidt, Jr.-recovering
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
Ron Zoch-medical testing (member of SLCVFD)
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)
Cathy Harrel (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)
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)
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, NY
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, North Carolina
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, NC
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 Hymns: 609, 501, 781 v. 1&2, 512, 818

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:21-35

The Sermon: **“As We Forgive Others”**

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor and memory of our grandparent, those who are with us and remembering those who have gone before us. Their love, faith, and legacy live on in our hearts and continue to bless our family by Kyle, Katie, Zoey and Kinlea Jenke.
- ✝ **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a Special Voters Meeting after the Service this morning to approve the Concordia Plan rates for 2027. There will be no Bible Class.
- ✝ **Portals of Prayer.** October-December Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning or in the church office.
- ✝ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!
- ✝ **Bake Sale...Free Will Donation!** This morning 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. **Thank You in advance for supporting our youth!!**
- ✝ **Thank you** to everyone who has generously donated school supplies for our Orphan Grain Train school kits! Your support is helping provide children around the world with the supplies they need to succeed in school. OGT will pick up these items on September 17.
- ✝ **Cash donations** are still needed to purchase additional supplies and help cover shipping costs, and will be accepted through **September 13**. If you wish to help assemble the school kits, please text Melodi at 979-540-0039. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this mission!
- ✝ **The 2026 Annual Book Fair** is coming to St. Paul September 20th to 25th. With the wide selection of books and other materials being made available for purchase by our students and families, we know we'll have lots of book-loving customers throughout the week. Plan to attend this awesome literacy event.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ **Wendish Fest Dessert Donations:** We are looking for homemade desserts to fill our Dessert Booth at Wendish Fest! If you would like to donate, please bring your desserts on the morning of the festival. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to help make Wendish Fest a success!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 20th, **“High Bar to Clay Jar”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. Matthew 20:16. 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:

September 13 - Trinity 15

The evil, the world, and your easily influenced sinful flesh preach doubt in God's Word, which is false faith (Matthew 6:24-34). Consider who it is that knows your need, who loves you, who watches over you day and night? It is He who rules all creation, directing everything in the entire cosmos for the benefit of His children. He is your God. True faith overcomes false faith. Jesus is the object of true faith. We fill our hearts and minds with Him. We daily read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Him in the Holy Scriptures and His Supper. Beloved in Christ all your needs are met, and true peace is yours in Jesus.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Called Voters' Meeting – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m. LAF Fried Chicken Dinner
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.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: Greyson DeRouen and Max Faske Greeter: Nancy Beckcom Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Rebecca Burgdorf, Kathy Lohberg, Anthony Schautschick; 14th – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze; 15th – Casey Gurka, Christopher Habel, Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser; 16th – Judy Boriack, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt; 17th – Shane Corn, Preston Jacobs, Rachel Schautschick, Nicholas Taylor; 18th – Max Faske, Melinda Krause, Florene Werchan; 19th – Danielle Jones, Sara Miertschin, Tommy Wilkins. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 248, Communion- 148, Bible Class- 16; Sunday School- 20, Visitors- 1, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$50,945.07

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$25,303.36	Mission	\$585.00
Sunday School	\$22.00	Mission Total	\$585.00
Lunch Room	\$1,251.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,204.71	School Fund	\$20.00
Tuition	\$11,608.50	Bus Replacement Fund	\$450.00
Received 9/6/2026	\$48,390.07	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
		Endowment	\$500.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,970.00
Received MTD	\$48,390.07		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00	Total	\$50,945.07

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Melvin Bamsch by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Caol Jean Noack - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by William Krause - \$50.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Allan Marburger by Linda Jones - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Allan Marburger by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Melvin Bamsch by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Paige Historical Commission:** In memory of Allan Marburger by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00.

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.
Organist- Jack Wiederhold
Acolytes- Logan Taylor and Nicholas Taylor
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Lane Gersch, Cole Kalbas,
Seth Kalbas, Nathan Michael, Kaleb Oltmann,
Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Gary Oltmann,
Grant Oltmann
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Dan Marak, Virgil Becker, Jeff Claxton



Goings On at a Glance:

- Monday, September 14th - Grade Check
- Thursday, September 17th - Board Meeting 5:30 pm; Delegate Meeting 7pm
- Friday, September 18th - 5pm Volleyball Game @ Citadel, Brenham
- Tuesday, September 22 - Volleyball Game @ Citadel, Brenham
- Sunday, September 27th - Wendish Fest, **FLHS snow cone booth**
- Monday, September 28th - Grade Check
- Thursday, October 1 - Volleyball Game @ Citadel, Brenham

2026 Oktoberfest - Spread the Word

We know it's difficult to think "fall" when we are still in triple digit temps. However, the gorgeous weather is on its way for this event! Tell all who will listen that Oktoberfest will take place **Saturday, October 24th**; the flier is attached. For silent and live auction donations, please contact the school or bring the item/s directly to Mrs. Phillips in the office. If you are interested in volunteering on a team, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889. It takes a German village, both in person and on social media!

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! The meal includes schnitzel, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Plated meals will be available on **Saturday, October 24th** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Holy Cross Warda Picnic Grounds for dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Tell a Friend...or a Stranger

A Faith-full Christian education is such a blessing. When you come across a student that we should meet, please send them our way. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at flhstx.org. Don't forget to mention our **HALF-PRICE enrollment fee**!

Faith at the Movies

Starting this month, 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!

Making Radio Waves

Faith is also on the air! 30-second radio spots run daily on local stations KTIM, 89.1 FM, KNRG, 92.3 FM, and KBUK, 104.9 FM. Listen for "The Voice of FLHS" heralding 2026 Oktoberfest!

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!

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.