

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! *Christ Jesus Delivers Us from Sin, Death and the Devil.* Those who teach the Word of God “will be judged with greater strictness” (James 3:1) because it is by the Word that saving faith is obtained, whereas false doctrine always threatens to destroy Christian faith and life. The tongue “boasts of great things,” whether for good or evil (James 3:5). In fallen man, “it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:8). But anyone who bridles his tongue with the Word of God, who “does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man” (James 3:2). It is Christ who opens His ear to the voice of His Father, so that, with “the tongue of those who are taught,” He is able to sustain the weary “with a word” (Is. 50:4–5). Entrusting Himself to His Father, even to death, He is not put to shame but is vindicated in His resurrection (Is. 50:6–9). By His faith and faithfulness, He casts out the “mute and deaf spirit” from us (Mark 9:25). He has compassion on us and helps us, so that we are not destroyed but cleansed from every evil and raised up from death to life (Mark 9:22–27).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)

Nicole Arldt-recovering

Chris Birnbaum-recovering

Christi Fritsche-recovering

George Hernandez-recovering

Beverly Johnson

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

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

Paula Krause-recovering

Mike Maass-recovering

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

Braycen Mersiovsky (son of Rodney and Gina Mersiovsky)

Sylvin Mersiovsky (father of Stephen Merisovsky)

Bobby Oltmann-recovering

Ethan Ray-recovering

Zelda Richards-recovering

Bradly Schautschick-recovering

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

Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

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

Ian Hailes (great-nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)

Judy Kalbas

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 Mitschke (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)

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

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

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: 688, 611, 781 v. 1&2, 618, 783, 724, 923

Sermon Text: James 3:1-12

The Sermon: **“Watch Your Tongue”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Ernest & Edna Oltmann by their family.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** October-December Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning or in the church office.
- † **July Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Lutheran Witness.** The church provides a subscription of the Lutheran Witness for each family in the congregation, at a cost of \$24.75.. If you are **not** receiving a monthly copy of the Lutheran Witness and would like to have it, or if you **are** receiving the monthly Lutheran Witness and do not want it, please contact the church office by Monday, October 7th.
- † **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.**
- † **Wendish Fest:** The 36th Annual Wendish Fest will be hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society on Sunday, September 22, 2024 in Serbin, Texas. Guest speakers for the 8:30 English Church Service and the 10:30 German Church Service will be Rev. Bernie Schey, Rev. John Schmidt, St. Paul Serbin (English Liturgy), and Rev. Thomas Obersat of Ebenezer Manheim (German Liturgy). Church tours will be offered at 12:30 & 1:30p.m. The day will offer lots of Wendish history, heritage, culture and family activities at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds. Tickets for the traditional Wendish noon meal will go on sale at 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$15 and children \$6. To-Go and drive-thru will also be available at 9:30 – all take-out meals are \$15. The joy of polka music will be shared throughout the day by the Jodie Mikula Orchestra, and students of St. Paul Lutheran School will present Ptači Kwas (Wendish Bird Wedding). The Texas Wendish Heritage Museum Complex will feature Wendish folkways, demonstrations and exhibits, a German Christmas Market and the traditional decorated Wendish Easter Egg demonstrations and sales. Research and genealogy assistance will be available. Wendish Fest is made possible through the work of many volunteers. We appreciate each and every one! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the museum or Katy Kasper. For information contact 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.org or www.texaswendish.org
- † **Wanted:** Volunteers to help with the Scholastic Book Fair on September 25th, 26th, and 27th in the afternoon/evening. Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw at 979-716-0163 if you are willing to help.
- † **Desserts Needed for Wendish Fest:** Wendish Fest is looking for desserts for their dessert station this year. We are also looking for any additional silent auction items (canned & baked goods are always welcome)! If you have any you would like to donate, please contact the museum about dropping them off.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 22nd, **“All He Has to Say”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of Jacob’s Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it’s a promise that God comes down to our level. (Genesis 25:15). 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 Through the Church Year:

September 15 - Pentecost XVII

Promoting or even permitting abortion and physician-assisted suicide condemns precious human being who are made in the likeness of God (James 3:9). Thanks be to God that in the good news of receiving every neighbor as gift and privilege, the Lord has given us a tongue to sustain with a word the one who is weary (Isaiah 50:4)!

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 1:30 p.m.

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.

Saturday JV & V Volleyball Tournament @ Bellville

Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
 Greeter: Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann
German Wendish Festival Service – 10:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt
 Greeter: Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann
36th Annual Wendish Festival

Birthdays: Today – Casey Gurka, Christopher Habel, Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser; 16th – Amy Billig, Judy Boriack, Ryan Henderson, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt; 17th – Shane Corn, Judith Kalbas, Rachel Schautschick, Nicholas Taylor; 18th – Max Faske, Loryn Henderson, Melinda Krause, Florine Werchan; 19th – Danielle Jones, Tommy Wilkins; 20th – Gail Albrecht, Mary Ann Prellopp, Arthur Urban; 21st – Jace Bise, Emma Ender, Harviell Jackson, Kynlee Stewart, Martin Werchan. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Addyson Early and Jagger Garner
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones
Ushers- John Hinze, Scott Jones, Russell Kappler,
 Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper, Kyle Kasper,
 Ty Kasper, Caleb Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,
 Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Brooks Kasper, Dan Marak, Pablo Rodriguez
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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 278, Bible Class- 20;
 Sunday School- 35, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Offering- \$32.00.

Offering Last Week: \$46,685.59

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$24,045.00	Mission	\$625.00
Sunday School	\$52.00	Mission Total	\$625.00
Lunch Room	\$1,372.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,774.09	Building Fund	\$1,110.00
Tuition	\$10,670.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$37.50
Received 9/8/2024	\$44,913.09	Savings/Other Total	\$1,147.50
Est. needed per week	\$29,635.00	Total	\$46,685.59
Received MTD	\$64,770.16		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of David Michael by William Krause - \$20.00; by Jason & Teshia Becker - \$100.00; by the Joe Munsch & Michael Cooper families - \$75.00; by Ora Lee Levien - \$20.00; by M/M Doug Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Chris & Connie Becker - \$50.00; M/M Randy Zingelmann - \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Jarrett & Stephanie Bise - \$50.00; by Leonita Sanders - \$50.00; by Ryan, Kristy, Karly, Rylee and Hadlee Hentschel - \$100.00; by Elaine Krause - \$25.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Steven & Tammy Lehmann - \$50.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00; by Daniel & Pam Krause - \$50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Rex & Heather Perry - \$100.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00; by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00; by Delbert & Mary Ann Prello - \$30.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield - \$50.00; by Janet Oltmann - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by M/M Mike Becker & family - \$50.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by Willard & Marjorie Albrecht - \$25.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Susan Bathe - \$50.00; by Rev. & Mrs. David Mumm - \$20.00; by M/M Troy Menzel - \$50.00; by M/M Keith Oltmann & family - \$100.00; by M/M Curtis Oltmann & family - \$100.00; by The Adult Choir - \$530.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$50.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$50.00 (Choir); by Dan & Suzet Engler - \$50.00 (Choir); by Pam Schmidt - \$40.00 (Lutheran Witness). In memory of Lillian Bamsch, Cindy Zoch and Clara Fridye by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$300.00. In honor of Myron & Kathryn Fischer's 65th wedding anniversary by Martin & Jennie Werchan - \$65.00. In memory of Michael Mitschke's birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$2,500.00.

ECC: In memory of David Michael by Janiece Becker - \$25.00. **Sunday School:** In memory of David Michael by M/M Mike Bradley - \$20.00. **Building:** In memory of David Michael by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$30.00; by John & Lisa Gay - \$30.00; by Eldor & Lori Becker - \$25.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of David Michael by Craig & Melodi Oltmann - \$200.00; by Judy & Delvin Boriack - \$25.00.



Volleyball Season Underway

Faith Lutheran has their first ever volleyball team this season. The first home game is Tuesday, September 24th vs. Austin Classical, beginning at 6pm at Faith. Come cheer on the Falcons!!

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Tickets for our annual Oktoberfest meal are now available! Meal includes brats, noodles, green beans, potato salad, kraut, bread and coffee cake. Drive through only meals will be available on Saturday, October 26 from 10:30 am to noon with pickup at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$15 each and available for pre-sale only! Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board, or delegate today!!

Oktoberfest!

FLHS's annual Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 26th. The event format is switched up a little bit this year, but we have lots of the favorites returning, including our traditional German meal, domino tournament, cornhole tournament, music, kids games, fellowship, live auction, and lots of fun. Find our Facebook event, or see our flier for all the details about the day!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are beginning to gather grants for our Oktoberfest event on October 26th.

Thank You! Thank you for all the prayers and support you have offered on behalf of FLHS. As we have just begun another year, we are thankful for each of you who faithfully pray and support the ministry God has created at FLHS. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support!