

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ. Those who are sent as "laborers for his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear "the burden of the day and the scorching heat" on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12-15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that "he may be found" (Is. 55:6), "have compassion" and "abundantly pardon" (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, "whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20), by "fruitful labor" (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are "worthy of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27). 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)
Karl Funk-recovering (brother-in-law of Heather Perry)
David Gersch-recovering
Nancy Kasper

Ann Kissman-hospitalized (sister of Billy Kieschnick)
Bobbie Krause-recovering
Paula Krause-recovering
Ruth Kluetz-recovering
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry
& Leroy Kalbas)

Carolyn Mitschke-recovering (Mother of Jonathan
Mitschke and Susan Schatte)

Andrea Muniz (mother of Robert Muniz)
Evelyn Richter-friend of Nancy Kasper
Kathryn Richter-recovering (sister of Willard and Milton
Albrecht)

Darrell Sanders-recovering from surgery (friend of James
& Kathy Kalbas)

Larry Schatte-recovering
Lucille Schatte-recovering
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

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)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
James Mertink (cousin of Fischer family and Rusty Mertink
family)

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 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: 826, 555, 781 v. 1&2, 712, 789, 627, 783

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:6-9

The Sermon: **“True Meaning in Life”**

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Arthur Urbans 90th birthday by James & Kathy Kalbas & family.
- ✝ **The Altar Stand flowers** last Sunday were placed to the glory of God in honor of Joyce Hinzes birthday by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht & family.
- ✝ **Special Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Special Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, September 13th are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✝ **Congratulations** to Tim and Stephanie Symm on the birth of a daughter, Mattie Jo Symm. She was born Thursday, September 10th, in Brenham, TX. She weighed 6lbs. 11ozs and was 19.5 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- ✝ **Thank You** to everyone who donated baked goods and/or purchased them this past Sunday to support the Lee County Young Farmers Giddings FFA officers who will be attending National FFA Convention in Indianapolis next month. This bake sale was a huge success and we can't thank everyone enough for their generous support!!
- ✝ **Thank You for Your Generosity!** Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and cash toward our Orphan Grain Train school kit project! Because of your generous support, **100 school kits and 81 quilts were completed and given to Orphan Grain Train on September 17, 2026.** We are grateful to everyone who helped make this mission possible. Your generosity will bless children with much-needed school supplies and remind them of God's love. **Be watching the bulletin for information about another special mission project coming in October and November!** We look forward to serving together and continuing to share God's love with others.
- ✝ **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!
- ✝ **LWML Post Oak Zone Fall Rally.** Ladies, you are invited to attend the **LWML Post Oak Zone Fall Rally** on **Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** at **Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln.** Registration begins at **1:30 p.m.** The ingathering for the rally will be for **Mites**, and our guest speaker will be **Rev. David Bailes from Living Savior Lutheran Church in Montgomery, Texas.** If you would like to ride with us, please meet in the **church parking lot at 1:15 p.m.** Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, worship, and learning with our LWML sisters!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

September 20 -Trinity 16

Let all men know that the Lord is God (Luke 7:11-17). Yes, He appeared in a form like ours. Yet He has revealed to us His divine power and majesty throughout the Scriptures. He healed diseases and rebuked unclean spirits. He gave the blind their sight. Finally, He even evicted death itself from the bodies of men, death that cruelly and mercilessly had tyrannized humankind from Adam even to you. That widow's son at Nain was raised from death to life amidst the finality of it all Truly unbelievable apart from faith. Jesus, your Lord, your God, will raise you with those same words: "I say to you, arise." For each of us baptized into Jesus, death has no power.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, September 27th, "**Teachable**". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. Matthew 21:31. 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel " See You at the Pole Event " – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Thurs-Fri	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Early Release – 11:45 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
Next Sunday	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Selah Hicks Greeter Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann German Wendish Festival Service – 10:30 a.m. Acolytes: Karly Hentschel and Madilyn Kalbas Greeter: Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann 38th Annual Wendish Festival

Birthdays: Today – Gail Albrecht, Mary Ann Prellop, Arthur Urban; 21st – Jace Bise, Emma Ender, Harviell Jackson, Kynlee Stewart, Martin Werchan; 22nd – Olin Carter, Kreed Schatte, Dorothy Schautschick; 23rd – Andrea Goedrich, Deanna Miertschin Delbert Prellop, Stephanie Symm, Christian Weddle; 26th – Nicole Arldt. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 208, Sunday School- 31, Offering- \$12.00.

Offering Last Week: \$27,137.76

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$10,800.23	Mission	\$1,375.00
Sunday School	\$12.00	Mission Total	\$1,375.00
Lunch Room	\$1,592.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$8,005.03	Savings/Other Total	
Tuition	\$5,353.50		
Received 9/13/2026	\$25,762.76	Total	
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$74,152.83		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		\$27,137.76

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Magdalene Iselt by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00. In memory of Melvin Bamsch by Janet Oltmann - \$25.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00.

Serving today: Elders— Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Greyson DeRouen and Max Faske

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann

Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Lane Gersch, Cole Kalbss,
Seth Kalbas, Nathan Michael, Kaleb Oltmann,
Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Gary Oltmann,
Grant Oltmann

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Mason Becker

Nathan Michael., Carson Becker, Clay Mertink



Goings On at a Glance:

- Tuesday, September 22 - Volleyball Game @ Citadel, Brenham, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, September 26 - Cross Country Race

- Sunday, September 27th - Wendish Fest, **FLHS snow cone booth**
- Monday, September 28th - Grade Check
- Thursday, October 1 - Volleyball Game @ Citadel, Brenham
- Saturday, October 3rd - Cross Country Race

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

Oktoberfest meal tickets are 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 11am to 1pm** at the Holy Cross Warda Picnic Grounds for dine-in or carry-out. **Tickets are \$15 each and available pre-sale only!** Talk to a FLHS student, staff, board member, or delegate today!

2026 Oktoberfest Auction Items

By now you've heard our annual Oktoberfest is **Saturday, October 24th**. 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.

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>

Amazon Wish List

FLHS has an Amazon wish list of continually needed materials. 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!

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!