

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

27 September 2026

Welcome! *The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God.*

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has "no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, "shall surely live; he shall not die" (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, "he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now "shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even "the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 21:31-32).

We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book. Greeting you at the register this morning, Janet Oltmann and Melodi Oltmann.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Troy Bise-recovery
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
Patrice Caster-recovering
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)
Jarrene Mitschke-hospitalized
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-recovering (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 Gruetznier, 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 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— Worship Insert

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends who left their homeland in September of 1854 to begin their journey to Texas in search of religious freedom and the right to speak their language, by the Wendish Society.
- † **The October Calendar** is available from the ushers and in the Church Office this morning.
- † **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!
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 25th at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are available from the ushers this morning. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact the church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, October 19th.
- † **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.**

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

September 27 -Trinity 17

Humility is the posture of the Christian (Luke 14:1-11). The lower place is our preference. After all, we are the creatures. Yet, pride is the great prize of our old man. Pride kills the humble new man. Therefore, our pride must be put to death. The One who fulfilled the Law does just that. Humility was on full display in Jesus on the cross. He took our lower place, a place we deserved, that we might be moved up to rejoice in the presence of our Creator Host, our Triune God. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, October 4th, “**Embrace Life**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli Oliveros. Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. John 10:10-11. 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	English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Sunday School– 9:30 a.m. German Wendish Fest Service – 10:30 a.m. Thirty-eighth Annual Wendish Festival
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 – 8:30 a.m. LWML Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: James Miertschin and Macy Sommerfield Greeter: Bonnie Bise

Birthdays: Today – Mark Gruetzner, Jonathan Mitschke; 28th – LeeAnne Jones, Chase Oltmann; 1st – Troy Bise, Leonard Mitschke; 2nd – Sandra Kalbas; 3rd – Gary Oltmann. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 209, Communion- 105, Bible Class- 21, Sunday School- 23, Offering- \$18.00.

Offering Last Week: \$17,438.21

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$7,189.00	Mission	\$330.00
Thrivent Choice	\$90.00	Mission Total	\$330.00
Sunday School	\$18.00	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$325.00	Savings/Other Total	
ECC Operating	\$4,464.71		
Tuition	\$5,021.50	Total	\$17,438.21
Received 9/20/2026	\$17,108.21		

Est. needed per week \$33,625.00

Received MTD \$91,261.04

Est. needed per month \$145,708.00

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Wayne Becker, Kenneth Weiser, Gilbert Krause, Ralph Wenke, Arthur Noack and Charles Malke by Douglas Malke - \$400.00. In memory of Melvin Bamsch by Larry Kalbas - \$100.00. In memory of Marvin Arldt by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. **School Operating:** In memory of Melvin Bamsch by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by William Krause - \$50.00.

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

Organist- 8:30 a.m. – Susan Michael

10:30 a.m. – Susan Michael

Acolytes- 8:30 a.m. – Lucy Gurka and Selah Hicks

10:30 a.m. – Karly Hentschel and Madilyn Kalbas

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- Mason Becker

Nathan Michael., Carson Becker, Clay Mertink



Goings On at a Glance:

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

- Wednesday, October 7th - Early dismissal (2:40pm) for staff meeting
- Friday, October 9th - Archery in Houston
- Saturday, October 10th - Cross Country Race

Oktoberfest Meal Tickets

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, but plan to stick around for our LIVE polka band! **Tickets are \$15 each and available pre-sale only!** Ask a FLHS student, parent, teacher, or delegate today.

Oktoberfest Auction Items

Silent and live auction donations are welcome. Please get your item/s to Mrs. Phillips in the office, (979) 242-2889 or PhillipsL@FLHSTX.org.

The More Falcons the Merrier

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. Our **HALF-PRICE enrollment fee** will continue through the end of the year!

Faith at the Movies

We want FLHS to be a household name in Central Texas, and we're working towards that goal. Get to your theater a little early to catch our ad running before every movie in both Bastrop and Brenham.

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!