

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts.*** “*The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel*” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “*on a very fertile hill*” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “*choice vines,*” but also building the “*watchtower*” of His prophets and hewing out the “*wine vat*” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “*he looked for it to yield grapes,*” there were only “*wild grapes*” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “*the fruits in their seasons*” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “*suffered the loss of all things*” in order to “*gain Christ and be found in him,*” to “*know him and the power of his resurrection*” (Phil. 3:8–10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Pam Becker-recovering*

*Delvin Boriack-recovering*

*David Brand-recovering (brother-in-law of Jim House)*

*Irene Buscha-recovering*

*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*

*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

*Ruth Kluetz-recovering (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)*

*Theresa Krause-hospitalized*

*Kenneth Lorenz*

*Chris Miertschin-recovering*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Franklin Richter-recovering (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)*

*Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)*

*Melvin Schulze-recovering*

*Louis Symons-recovering*

*Jordan Walch (grandson of Irene Noack)*

*Becky Weise-recovering*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Charles Arldt-recovering*

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Joyce Bise*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*

*Fritsche*

*Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*

*Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)*

*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*

*Harold Krause*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Mike Maass*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Mark Scharringhausen-father of Denee Wehr (friend of Dan Engler)*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Amy Wagner Bryant (niece of Joan Gersch)*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause's brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX*

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training*

*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea*

**Those who mourn:** *The family of Jerry Tallas (brother-in-law of Delvin Boriack)*

**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 Hymns: 633, 348, 556, 917  
Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16 & Romans 10:13-15  
The Sermon: **“We Do Not Begrudge but Rejoice in  
our Father’s Mercy”**

**Weekly Church Services**

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. Beginning in September we will begin celebrating Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. We will continue with private communion and ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. We will be following social distancing guidelines and ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. We will have one entry point for both the church and gymnasium and ushers will be available to direct you prior to entering either building---typical seating patterns will not apply. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on Facebook live on the school Facebook page or the Church’s Website.

All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website for the foreseeable future. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of the virus you are required to stay home.** We pray God’s protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the birthdays of Rev. Paul and Cydell Hartfield by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- † **Thank You.** Thank you to Rev. Bernie Schey for delivering the message this morning.
- † **Thank you** from the Wendish Society to all who supported the Wendish drive-through meal. We especially want to thank the LAF and all who donated their time to make the event a success. Your hard work and support are very much appreciated! Your Wendish work ethic makes things happen! Thank you!
- † **Voters Meeting.** The October Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend
- † **Educational opportunity-** As we continue through this pandemic attempting to keep our children safe and follow the guidelines established; we still want to provide the Sunday Morning education opportunity for our children. Towards that end we are offering short educational videos, on the school Facebook page and on our church website, after the worship services starting Sunday, October 11th. Please take advantage of this opportunity and watch the videos after worship with your family.
- † **Trunk or Treat.** Due to COVID restrictions and CDC guidelines, Trunk or Treat has been cancelled this year.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are inserted in this morning’s bulletin and may be turned in to the church office, the ushers or contact Paul Sommerfield at 713-922-7501.
- † **Countdown to National Wreaths across America Day** on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have identified 71 veteran’s graves on our cemetery. As of today we have sponsored wreaths for 20 veteran’s graves. Won’t you please consider purchasing a wreath(s) so we can honor all of our veteran’s. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need help in navigating the website.

**Serving today: Elders—**Doug Hartfield and Gary Oltmann

**Organist-** Jack Wiederhold

**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker

**Captain-** Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker

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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, **“What I’m Looking For”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We’ve all been asked to testify, to give witness to what it is that we’re looking for. We’re always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I’m looking for.” (Daniel 3). 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 – 8:30 a.m.**  
                   **Mission Festival**  
                   Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday         Columbus Day

Tuesday        Circuit Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
                   PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday     ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
                   School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
                   Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
                   LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Fri. – Sat.      Lutheran State Varsity Volleyball Championship  
                   Tournament @ Tomball

Next Sunday    **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**

**Birthdays:** 12<sup>th</sup> – Cydell Hartfield, Carolyn Oltmann; 13<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Prellor; 14<sup>th</sup> – Austin Andrews, Marvin Berger, John Kalbas; 15<sup>th</sup> – Alivia Eindorf, Michael Krause, Craig Oltmann, David Wittman; 17<sup>th</sup> – Bradley Albrecht. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 166, Communion- 96

**Offering Last Week:** \$23,603.38

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$10,834.91	Mission	\$473.00
Lunch Room	\$1,649.30	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$473.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$4,956.97	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$5,689.20		
<b>Received 10/4/2020</b>	<b>\$23,130.38</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$23,130.38</b>	Total	\$23,603.38
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Florence Reinhardt and Adelia Lorenz by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Eola Nell Tate Alspaw by Luke, Liana, Joshua & Sharron Adair - \$100.00. In memory of Adelia Lorenz by Linda Jones - \$25.00

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**October 11 – Pentecost XIX**

Jesus Christ has already swallowed up death forever. It belongs to Him and Him alone. He reserves the right to provide life to us on His terms and decide in His time when we die. His death and resurrection have freed us from needing to seek it for ourselves or for anybody else. His peace and presence, promises and power pass us not only into death’s shadow but through it—without ever setting up residence.

† **Wreaths Across America.** We will again be participating in National Wreaths Across America Day on December 19, 2020. Please consider sponsoring a wreath(s) so that we can honor all our Veterans at Christmas.

## **Wreaths Across America**

### **To sponsor a wreath(s):**

You can go online to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org). or you can call direct to 1-877-385-9504.

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Click on the MENU button at the top right of the home page

Click on Search Locations

Click on Participating Locations

Type in TXPLCS

Select dropdown-St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin, (TXPLCS) Giddings, TX 78942

Click on Sponsor

This page will appear:

#### Wreath Sponsorship

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At this point you can select to sponsor a grave specific wreath(s) and/or wreath(s) in honor or memory of.

Once you have selected grave specific and/or in honor or memory of, simply follow the instructions.

Cost of a wreath is \$15.00

All funds must be in the Wreaths Across America office by Monday, November 30, 2020, to be considered a 2020 Wreaths Across America contribution. Any funds received after that date will be considered a 2021 donation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 19, 2020.

If you have questions or need assistance contact the church office at 979-366-9650.



### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week, Pastor Timothy Appel will be leading us, beginning at 11:15 am. This is later than normal due to testing in the morning. Social distancing will be practiced. Please join us!!

### **Cross Country Meet**

Faith Lutheran High School is hosting the 2nd Annual Private Schools of Central Texas Cross Country Meet on Friday, October 30th for students in K to 8th Grade with the first race at 2pm. We are excited to host this fun event!

### **Oktoberfest**

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting a drive through to-go plated meal in place of our traditional Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds with pick-up from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Plate will include brats, kraut, green beans, warm potatoes, noodles, and bread. Pre-orders are required. Please call FLHS to reserve your plates today!

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!

### **Share the gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.