

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life.*** The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: **“Thus says the Lord GOD,”** whether the people **“hear or refuse to hear”** (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus **“went about among the villages teaching”** (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, **“many who heard him were astonished,”** marveling at His wisdom and at the **“mighty works done by his hands,”** and yet **“they took offense at him”** (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His **“authority over the unclean spirits”** (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, **“cast out many demons”** and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ **“is made perfect in weakness”** (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Lori Becker-recovering*

*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*

*Eleanor Berger*

*Chris Birnbaum*

*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*

*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*William Johnson (father of Heather Perry)*

*Gracie Kalbas-recovering*

*Gladys Karisch*

*Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and*

*Melodi Oltmann)*

*James Lilly (grandson of Bertha Walch)*

*Ruth Lorenz*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker*

*Pat Nusbaum-recovering (mother of Melissa Ray)*

*Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)*

*Calvin Robertson-recovering*

*Larry Schatte-recovering*

*Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)*

*Melvin Schulze-hospitalized*

*Brenda Symm*

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

*Becky Weise*

*Bonnie Wenke-recovering*

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

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Joyce Bise*

*Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton*

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

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

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

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Ross Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

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

*Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie*

*Mutschink)*

*Mike Maass*

*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*

*Carie Oltmann*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

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

*Karen Schmidt*

*Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

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

*Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)*

**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 rejoice:**

*Richard & Linda Schonhoeft on the birth of a granddaughter-Liliana Martha Sanchez*

**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: 686, 743, 655, 917

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

The Sermon: “Chosen”

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Lily Maass on her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.
- ✠ **Altar Stand flowers** are placed in the glory of God in memory of Herman Gooding’s birthday by the Mitschke family.
- ✠ **Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Glen Luedke’s birthday by the Mitschke family.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting.** The July 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
- ✠ **Mid-Year Contribution Statements** are available from the finance Co-Chairmen this morning. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, please call the church office. Please pick up your mid-year contribution statement to avoid the expense of mailing them. You may also pick them up in the church office during the week.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Weimar on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Weimar. Time for the game is 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Serbin will again play Weimar at Weimar. Time for the game is 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ **School Office Summer Hours.** The school office will be staffed June 21<sup>nd</sup> thru July 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you need assistance call the school office 979-366-2218 or Mr. House at 972-948-3980.
- ✠ **Clean out Classrooms and reset.** The School Board is requesting your help on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service, to clean out the classrooms so that the floors can be waxed on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your help is also requested on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service, to reset the classrooms.
- ✠ **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2021 semester. 20201 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 17<sup>th</sup> online at [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org) and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.net](mailto:museum@texaswendish.net). In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Clean out Classrooms  
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar –  
4:00 p.m. @ Weimar

**Birthdays: Today** – Stephen Mersiovsky; 12<sup>th</sup> – Lily Maass; 13<sup>th</sup> – Everett Corn, Jace Heuermann; 15<sup>th</sup> – Gladys Arldt, Brenda Irwin, Brenda Symm, Laverne Weiser; 16<sup>th</sup> – William Kappler, Jarrene Mitschke; 17 Charlyn Matthijetz. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today: Elders**– David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, **“The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion”**.  
 Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers?  
 Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions. (Ephesians 2). 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.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 187, Communion- 103

**Offering Last Week:** \$27,856.04

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$18,996.54	Mission	\$623.00
ECC Operating	\$6,311.50	Lutheran Hour	\$100.00
<b>Received 7/4/2021</b>	<b>\$25,308.04</b>	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$723.00</b>
		<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	School Fund	\$175.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$25,308.04</b>	Building Fund	\$1,150.00
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	Scholarship	\$500.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,825.00</b>
		Total	\$27,856.04

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Gary & Tracy Oltmann, Tara & Chase - \$50.00; by Nancy & Stephen Kasper - \$50.00; by Adelia Becker - \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$200.00; by Irene Buscha - \$20.00; by Rev. John & Cheryl Selle - \$50.00; by Jan & Steven Schulze - \$50.00; by Jim, Debra & Riley Carter - \$50.00. In memory of Garry D. Sanders by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Marvin & Eleanor Berger - \$100.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Garry D. Sanders by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In honor of Ailene Schramm’s 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by Chris Becker family - \$25.00. In memory of Thelma Dopslauf by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00. In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Tommy & Flora Fischer - \$25.00; by Bruce & Tammy Key - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00. In memory of Garry D. Sanders by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$50.00.

The LWML Dal-North Zone invites all sisters in Christ (no age limit - so bring your daughters and teen-age daughters, your mothers and your friends) to come hear and learn from Donna Snow who will be leading the (in-person) Bible Study **CHOSEN: A Study of Esther** based on her recent CPH Publication.

**CHOSEN: A STUDY OF ESTHER**

**Saturday, August 7 | 10:00 - 2:00 | Lunch is included**

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

**1801 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano, TX 75075**

**RSVP and \$10 registration fee required by July 12**

**Contact Priscella Reid at [reid.priscella@gmail.com](mailto:reid.priscella@gmail.com) or 214-564-6107**

I hope to see you there. Serving with joy and gladness,

Mary Afsharirad

President, Dal-North Zone

# Annual Barbecue & Auction | July 25, 2021

We would like to invite you to join us for Camp's Annual Barbecue & Auction event! This celebration day includes special music starting at 10:30 am, an outdoor worship service at 11, a barbecue meal at noon, and the benefit auctions from 1-3 pm. The swimming pool will also be open from 1-2:30 pm for those wanting to enjoy the cool water.

**Rev. Ryan Neuhaus** (Director of Spiritual Life at Concordia Lutheran High School in Tomball) will be our Sunday Worship Leader. Ryan served as a summer staff member for five years. Camp Lone Star is also where he met his wife, Jill, who also spent many summers at Camp.

Seating for worship will be outside under the trees or inside the air-conditioned Koop Center where the service will be shown on a big screen.

Each year Camp Lone Star serves over 11,000 individuals through our retreats, outdoor education, and of course our summer camp ministry. This annual event is a great opportunity to show support for Camp Lone Star and help it to continue the ministry into the future.