

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel. *The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “shepherds over them who will care for them” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “reign as king and deal wisely” (Jer. 23:5). He is “our righteousness,” in whom we “dwell securely” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “to set before the people” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “to you who were far off,” and “by the blood of Christ,” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “separated from Christ” by your sin, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12), now “you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19).*

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)  
Chris Birnbaum  
Rev. Dale Bohm-recovering  
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  
Tim Kleinschmidt-hospitalized (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)  
Theresa Krause-surgery  
James Lilly (grandson of Bertha Walch)  
Chris Miertschin  
Shannon Miertschin  
Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker  
Pat Nusbaum-recovering (mother of Melissa Ray)  
Glenda Paskett-recovering (mother of Lyndy Krause and Melodi Oltmann)  
Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)  
Calvin Robertson-recovering  
Melvin Schulze-recovering  
Brenda Symm  
Linda Tate-recovering  
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 mourn:**  
The family of Frances Roerber

**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: 592, 644, 861, 725, 689, 912

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:11-22

The Sermon: **“Brought Near”**

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Audrey Elizabeth Hempel**

Audrey is the daughter of John and Anjelika Hempel.

Her baptismal sponsor is Amy Billig and her baptismal witness is Joey Billig

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Audrey Hempel’s baptism by her parents and grandparents.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Ervin Fritsche’s birthday by Doris Fritsche.
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Frances Roeber. She fell asleep in Jesus on Friday, July 16, 2021. Funeral services for Mrs. Roeber are pending at this time. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✠ **Voter’s Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the Voter’s Meeting that was held on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> are included in the bulletin this morning.
- ✠ **Trustee’s Workday.** The Trustee’s will hold a workday tomorrow Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the evening, to take care of several projects.
- ✠ **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 today 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 this morning, 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.
- ✠ **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee will begin to meet after the service on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to count and post the collection. As per the 2021 Finance Committee Schedule the members scheduled for that Sunday are: Chairman: Glenn Albrecht, Members: Ty Kasper and Carson Becker.
- ✠ **Benefit.** A benefit for Conway Whited, infant son of Justin and Amanda Whited, will be held Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds. Conway was recently diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. A drive-thru pork steak meal will be served from 10 am till 1 pm, along with a bake sale. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased from Brad (540-8319) or Ashley Schmidt (979 966-2917.) Proceeds will be used to help cover medical expenses.
- ✠ **Office Administrator Position:** Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in La Grange is looking for a part time office administrator. Must have solid computer and word processing skills, including Microsoft Office products. Please send resume to [pastor@mtcalvary-lcms.org](mailto:pastor@mtcalvary-lcms.org) or call 979-968-3938 for more information.
- ✠ **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$131.00 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3,205.70.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Clean out Classrooms  
Community League Baseball – Serbin v. Weimar –  
4:00 p.m. @ Weimar  
Monday Trustee Work Day  
Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday Strip & Wax Classroom Floors  
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays:** 20<sup>th</sup> – Tommy Miertschin, Melodi Oltmann; 21<sup>st</sup> – Larry Durrenberger, Carol Jean Noack; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pamela Becker, Shane Hoffman, Dorothy Krause; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dylan Arldt, Ty Kasper, Brandy Todd; 24<sup>th</sup> – Kelly Becker, Frances Miertschin, Payton Oltmann, Louise Wittman. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today: Elders**– David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
**Organist**- Daniel Krause  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Payton Oltmann  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, “**The Peace Child**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A story about warning tribes and the peace which comes only through the giving of a son. (Ephesians 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.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 203

**Offering Last Week:** \$9,558.50

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,250.00	Mission	\$240.00
ECC Operating	\$737.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>
<b>Received 7/11/2021</b>	<b>\$8,987.50</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
		School Fund	\$200.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Building Fund	\$131.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$34,295.54</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		
		Total	\$9,558.50

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Lee Wiederhold - \$100.00; by Mark & Leann McClain - \$25.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Lynette Schatte - \$25.00; by Bluebonnet Electric Technical Services - \$150.00; by Peggy Bertsch - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by M/M Herbert Zoch - \$50.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00; by Dr. Robert & Madonna Lorenz - \$100.00.

# 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.