

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

4 July 2021

**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-recovering*  
*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*  
*Ruth Lorenz-recovering*  
*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)*  
*Brenda Symm-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*

**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: 966, 663, 965, 527  
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:13-17  
The Sermon: **“Living Under 2 Flags”**

Beginning Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Lutheran Church plans to return to full seating capacity in the church. The gym will remain available for those wishing to gather there and will be set up with current social distancing guidance. We also plan to again gather at the altar for Holy Communion during the worship service beginning July 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue using individual cups during the distribution. Services will remain on YouTube and be livestreamed. The bulletin information and announcements will continue to be posted on the church website. We thank and praise our gracious heavenly Father for His continued protection. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Eders or Pastor Schmidt.

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Thank you** to Pastor David Mumm for again leading us in worship and delivering the message this morning.
- † **Thank You** St. Paul Serbin, for your thoughts, prayers and heartfelt support shown to each of us during this time of loss. We thank Pastor Schmidt for his home visits, family prayers and funeral message. Thank you to the ushers, and Mr. Wiederhold for the beautiful music. We also thank the LWML for coordinating the luncheon and the ladies who served. May God continue to bless you as He continues to bless us!!!  
*The Hartfield family*
- † **Active Member Attendance** - Beginning today we are renewing the attendance recording toward our active member tuition policy. Just a reminder that the policy is 15 services from July 1 through December 31st. Forms will be available at both doors of the church and the double doors of the gym.
- † **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.
- † **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. 2021 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 w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**  
**Independence Day**  
Sun. – Thurs. Pastor’s Vacation  
Wednesday LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Voter’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Amy Noack; 5<sup>th</sup> – Lana Kaiser; 6<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Gruetzner, Tracy Oltmann, Kari Stewart, Barbara Symm; 7<sup>th</sup> – Dustin Faske, Conner Kalbas, Antoinette Richardson, Philip Tharp; 8<sup>th</sup> – Douglas Hartfield, Stephen Iselt, Ricky Lehmann; 10<sup>th</sup> – Paige Havel, Keeley Schautschick. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today: Elders**– David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker  
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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, **“Inheritance as Intended”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An inheritance that’s more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people. (Ephesians 1). 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- 177.

**Offering Last Week:** \$16,384.28

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$7,852.00	Mission	\$390.00
Lunch Room	\$1,012.00	Lutheran Hour	\$45.00
ECC Operating	\$507.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$435.00</b>
School Registration	\$625.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$186.00	School Fund	\$300.00
<b>Received 6/27/2021</b>	<b>\$10,182.50</b>	Building Fund	\$120.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$5,296.78
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$63,142.88</b>	Scholarship	\$25.00
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$5,766.78</b>
		Total	\$16,384.28

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Lance Krause - \$50.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - \$250.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$30.00; by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00; by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00; by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$35.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack & family - \$50.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$20.00; by Darlene Schatte - \$25.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00; by Randy & Janice Becker - \$30.00; by Jeanette Mitschke - \$25.00; by Daniel & Brenda Parker - \$25.00; by Nolan & Tanya Jacok - \$30.00; by Katy Beeman & Sam - \$20.00; by Hunter & Peggy Schappaugh - \$50.00; by Dennis Kappler - \$20.00; by Calvin & Lillian Robertson - \$50.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. – \$25.00; by the Chris Becker family - \$25.00; by David Fritsche family - \$40.00; by Michael, Amanda, Shelby & Baylie Becker - \$20.00; by Gladys Arldt & Raymond – \$25.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$100.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00; by Dennis & Rhonda Iselt - \$100.00; by Clarence & Gladys Iselt - \$50.00; by Paulie & Sharon Sanchez - \$20.00; by Charles & Margaret Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by Shirley Lorenz - \$100.00 ; by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00 (for Quilting Group); by Monroe Becker - \$25.00 ( for Tape Ministry); by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$50.00 (for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom); by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$50.00 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom); by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00 (for Higher Things, Inc.); by Mary Ann Liebscher - \$40.00; by James & Carolyn Keng - \$50.00; by Hildegard Krause - \$40.00. In memory of Helen Alpin by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. In loving memory of Mary Fenzlein and Pastor Paul Hartfield by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$100.00. **Mission:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Mark & Nicole Arldt & boys - \$25.00; by Lucille Schatte - \$20.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Dan & Suzzet Engler - \$50.00; by Arthur & LaVerne Urban – \$100.00; by Linda Tate - \$25.00; by Charles & Dean Cox - \$50.00; by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$30.00; by Ken & Ruby Weiser - \$25.00; by Rev. David & Kathy Mumm - \$20.00. **Building:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Melva Richter and Pastor Paul Hartfield by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00. **Cemetery Fund:** In memory of Pastor Hartfield by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Marsha Brademan by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Pastor Paul Hartfield by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$25.00.

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

**As we gather at the Lord's Table**, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.