

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us.*** In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “*mercy on your fellow servant*” and “*forgive your brother from your heart*” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “*are the Lord’s*” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “*stand before the judgment seat of God,*” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “*will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand*” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “*to bring it about that many people should be kept alive*” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “*I will provide for you and your little ones*” (Gen. 50:21).

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)*  
*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Doris Fritsche-recovering*  
*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Ruth Kluetz-recovering (friend of Harold & Paula Krause)*  
*Kenneth Lorenz*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Shannon Miertschin*  
*Leonard Mitschke-recovering*  
*Gary Oltmann-recovering*  
*Franklin Richter-hospitalized (brother-in-law of Willard and Milton Albrecht)*  
*Monroe Schatte, Jr.-recovering*  
*Kermit Schautschick-recovering (son of Hattie Schautschick)*  
*Louis Symons-recovering*  
*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)*  
*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 Wesbrook (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*

**Those who rejoice:** *Stephen & Nancy Kasper on their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary*

### Rain

**Those affected by natural disasters**

**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 Folder  
 The Hymns: 816, 843, 621, 895  
 Sermon Text: Romans 14:1-12  
 The Sermon: **“What’s So Important?”**

**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 loving memory of Ernest & Edna Oltmann by their family.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kevin & Debbi Schkade on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Stephen & Nancy Kasper on their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary by Stephen & Nancy Kasper.
- † **August Financial Statements.** The August Financial Statements are available in the church office.
- † **Holy Cross, Warda** extends a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our BBQ fundraiser last Sunday! We sold out, and it was a great success!! Thanks for your support!
- † **Fried Chicken Dinner:** Just a reminder to pick up your fried chicken dinner plates from the St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship today at the Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00-12:00. Thank you for your support!
- † **TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SOCIETY TO GO MEAL FUNDRAISER.** The TWHS board made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel our normal Wendish Fest for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have an alternative event on Wendish Sunday, September 27th, at St. Paul that will allow us to safely celebrate the rich heritage of the Wends here in Texas and raise some funds for the society. Please join us for a pick-up only meal at the St. Paul Picnic Grounds in Serbin. Meal tickets are \$12 and will be loaded with sausage, Wendish Noodles, pickles, beets, sauerkraut, green beans, bread, and peaches. Pick up your plate from 10am to 1pm. Reserve your plate by buying a ticket, or calling, (979)366-2441, or emailing ([museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org)) the Wendish Museum. After you pick up your meal, stop by our drive-through country store where you can purchase uncooked sausage & noodles, pickles, sauerkraut, pot holders, hats, and other Wendish related goods. While we are disappointed not to host Wendish Fest this year, we look forward to seeing you at the festival in 2021. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Campus Lockdown Drill  
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**

**Birthdays: Today** – Rebecca Burgdorf, Frances Roeber; 14<sup>th</sup> – Ryleigh Bailey, Joyce Hinze, Gabrielle Teinert; 15<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Habel, Kyle Jenke, Allen Kaiser, Paul Kappler, Logan Teinert; 16<sup>th</sup> – Amy Billig, Judy Boriack, Ryan Henderson, James Kalbas, Pamela Schmidt; 17<sup>th</sup> – Shane Corn, Judith Kalbas, Rachel Schautschick, Nicholas Taylor; 18<sup>th</sup> – Max Faske, Loryn Henderson, Melinda Krause, Florine Werchan; 19<sup>th</sup> – Danielle Jones, Tommy Wilkins. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist**- Jack Wiederhold  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones

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**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, “**I Stand at the Door**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him. New Series, “Households of Faith”. (Luke 24:13-35). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 152; Communion- 98

**Offering Last Week:** \$31,635.63

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$17,772.00	Mission	\$305.00
Tape Ministry	\$75.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>
Lunchroom	\$175.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$7,155.63	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
Gifts from the Heart	\$685.00	Scholarship Fund	\$150.00
LWML	\$40.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>
Tuition	\$4,278.00		
Received 9/6/2020	<b>\$30,180.63</b>	Total	\$31,635.63

**Est. needed per week** \$22,500.00

**Received MTD** \$30,180.63

**Est. needed per month** \$97,500.00

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Hattie Mutschink - \$50.00; by Hunter & Peggy Schappaugh - \$100.00; by Michael Ripper - \$10.00. In memory of Uncle Elbert Becker by Linda Jones - \$50.00. In memory of Michael Mitschke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$1,000.00. In memory of George Spacek by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00. **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$75.00. **LWML Quilting Group:** In memory of Kenneth Foerster by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Elbert Becker by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$150.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Monroe Schatte by Lucille Schatte - \$100.00.



*A Gift from the Heart for Our Little Ones at St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center*

As many of you may be aware, St. Paul Lutheran ECC typically holds an annual Golf Outing. However, with the pandemic, the golf course is not holding tournaments. The ECC has utilized the funds from the tournament to cover regular operating costs.

We would like to ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation. These donations will help us maintain our efforts to cover costs at the Center. Any thoughts, prayers, or donations are so greatly appreciated for this ministry to our little ones! May God bless all gifts from the heart!





### **Busy Night? Dinner's On Us**

FLHS is selling 8 X 8 Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up on Tuesday, September 29th. Pre-orders only. Cost is \$20 each. Call FLHS to order yours today, as limited amounts are available.

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am. We will be social distancing.

### **Oktoberfest**

FLHS will be hosting a family friendly event on Saturday, October 24th at the Holy Cross Picnic grounds. This event may look different than in years past, so stay tuned for more details!

### **Follow Us On Facebook!**

With a new school year underway, you may want to see the exciting things happening inside here on a daily basis! By "liking" our Facebook page and "sharing" our posts, you will be in the loop on all the great things happening and sharing Faith with your friends as well. If you're not on social media, head to our website ([faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://faithlutheranhighschool.com)) which is updated regularly as well.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you so much for your participation in the Fall Envelope fundraiser. It has been a wonderful blessing to us. Your generous contributions continue to enable Faith Lutheran High School to grow and instill wisdom as the students become faithful leaders for tomorrow. THANK YOU!!

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants for our Family Fun Nights and Oktoberfest.