

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Welcome! *Living as Humble Little Children of the Father.*** True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “*you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,*” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “*the greatest in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “*drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “*is the fulfilling of the law*” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “*pay to all what is owed to them*” (Rom. 13:7) and we “*owe no one anything, except to love each other*” (Rom. 13:8).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Gail Albrecht-recovering*

*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*

*Lillian Wenke-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-hospitalized (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 mourn:** *The family of Jenny Priem (mother of Louise Wittman)*

**Rain**

**Those affected by hurricane Laura**

**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: 686, 578, 605, 725  
 Sermon Text: Matthew 18:1-20  
 The Sermon: **“The Church In Action”**

**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 Paula Weiser by Alton Weiser.
- ✠ **Trustee’s Meeting.** The Trustees will meet on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department Raffle.** In the interest of keeping our community safe during this pandemic, SLCVFD has canceled their annual Auction and BBQ. They are instead holding a raffle. Contact any fireman for tickets. All proceeds go toward updating Fire Equipment.
- ✠ **Fried Chicken Dinner:** The St. Paul Lutheran Church Adult Fellowship in Serbin is having their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual fried chicken dinner on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Only advance meal tickets will be sold for \$12.00 and all plates are to-go. If you would like to order plates please contact Susan Michael at 540-0854 or Sharon Claxton at 540-7154 by TOMORROW. All proceeds will be going toward future church/school projects. Thank You!
- ✠ **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 w/Communion— 8:30 a.m.**  
 Monday **Labor Day**  
 ECC Closed  
 No School  
 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday Circuit Meeting @ Grace Lutheran , Elgin – 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
 Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**

**Birthdays:** 7<sup>th</sup> – Linda Jones; 8<sup>th</sup> – Michael Becker Tammy Kasper, Conner Ray; 9<sup>th</sup> – Trevor Rumuly. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today: Elders**– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Keith Oltmann

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, “**Fireplace Spirituality**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our relationship with God is not something to “set and forget” like a thermostat. (Acts 2:37-47). 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

**Offering Last Week:** \$15,041.72

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$10,160.00	Mission	\$646.00
Tape Ministry	\$40.00	Lutheran Hour	\$120.00
Lunchroom	\$12.20	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$766.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$2,613.52	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Gifts from the Heart	\$1,155.00	School Fund	\$200.00
Received 8/30/2020	<b>\$13,980.72</b>	Building Fund	\$70.00
		Scholarship Fund	\$25.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$145,180.63</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	Total	\$15,041.72

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Ivan & Donna Faldyn - \$50.00; by Earl & Pam Steinbach - \$50.00; by Jo Lynn Schoenberg - \$25.00; by Brad, Ashley & Kylie Schmidt - \$100.00. In memory of Edna Krause, Charles Williams and Elbert Becker by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$150.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Hildegard Krause - \$20.00; by Walter & Penny Noack - \$100.00 **Tape Ministry:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Beverly & Nick Ramos - \$25.00; by Mark & Leann McClain - \$15.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Aunt Eola Nell Tate Alspaw by John Tate - \$100.00. In memory of my sister-in-law Eola Nell Tate Alspaw by Linda Tate - \$100.00. **Building:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$40.00; by Tommy & Linda Wilkins - \$30.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Elbert Becker by Curtis & Lyndy Krause - \$50.00.



*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!





### **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.

### **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. Lots of games, activities and food will be available. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Thank you!**

There have been so many people, organizations, groups and churches who have contributed to the success and growth of FLHS - through donations of wish list items, monetary donations and so much more. Thank you, on behalf of the students who will be instilled with wisdom as they become faithful leaders tomorrow, for your generous support. 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.