

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

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**Welcome! God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross.** "The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7-8). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### In Our Prayers:

#### Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Ralph Bamsch  
Chris Birnbaum-recovering  
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)  
Anna Boriack-recovering (daughter-in-of Delvin & Judy Boriack)  
Ginger Clifford-recovering (sister of Nancy Kasper)  
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)  
Ken Gage-hospitalized (father of Patrice Caster)  
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)  
David Hempel-recovering  
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)  
Nancy Kasper-recovering  
Billy Krause-recovering  
Mary Ann McCombs-recovering  
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)  
Stephen Mersiovsky-recovering (son of Stephen Mersiovsky)

Chris Miertschin-recovering  
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)  
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)  
Alton Weiser-recovering  
John Boy Weiser-recovering  
Ruby Weiser-recovering

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

##### Those fighting cancer including:

Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)  
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)  
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)  
Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)  
John Enrique (nephew of Dorothy Schautschick)  
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)  
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)  
Darlene Jackson (friend of Bobbi Krause)  
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)

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

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)  
Jensyn Lesikar (nephew of Kasey Rosales)  
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)  
Suzanne Mogonye-recovering (mother of Lindsey Hansen)  
Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)  
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)  
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)  
Carol Sander  
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)  
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)  
Christopher Taylor

Tina Warren (mother of Jason Heuermann)  
Jordan Weidemann (friend of Byron Kalbas)  
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

##### Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso  
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York  
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, North Carolina  
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina  
Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain  
Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina  
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Eisenhower, Georgia  
Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida  
Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

### Rain

**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**

Sermon Text: Genesis 2:1-17

The Sermon: **“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for blessings shown to South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department and all first responders.
- † **One Altar Stand** flower is placed to the glory of God in honor of Milton Albrecht's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by Geraldine, Sharon, Jeff, Sadie and Glenn.
- † **One Altar Stand** flower is placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Nancy's parents' birthdays, Eldie Odies Voight 1-21-1936-8-27-2018 and Edna Emma (Ihlo) Voight 1-21-1940-9-19-1990 given by Nancy & Stephen Kasper.
- † **The Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of George Hernandez's birthday by Shelbey, Patricia and Nathen.
- † **Thank You** Pastor Schmidt for your many, many visits and prayers while mom was at home and in the hospital. She really appreciated all of them. Thank you to the LWML ladies for serving a meal after mom's service and for taking into account special dietary needs. Thank you to all who sent cards and prayers while she was home bound. Mom was truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in her life. *The Hildegard Krause family.*
- † **Voters Meeting Minutes.** The minutes of the January Voters Meeting that was held on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> are included in the bulletin this morning.
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department:** The annual membership meeting and election of officers of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department is scheduled for this evening at the fire station in Northrup. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m. All area residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments and a meal will be provided.
- † **St. Paul Lutheran School** is seeking a part-time Head Cook for the 2026–2027 school year. Pay is dependent on experience. Interested applicants should send a resume to [kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org).
- † **St. Paul Lutheran School** is seeking a part-time PE Teacher for the Spring semester. Pay is dependent on experience. Interested applicants should send a resume to [kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org)
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, and a helper for kindergarten. Please consider donating your time and talents in service to the Lord and join our Sunday School team.
- † **Year End Contribution Statements** are available from the finance Co-Chairmen this morning. Please review your statement and if there are any errors, let the finance Co-Chairmen (Glen Albrecht or Mason Becker) know, or call the church office.
- † **HB Stand Griddles.** If anyone would like to purchase the old griddles in the HB Stand, please contact Mike Becker or call the church office.
- † **Annual Report.** Reports from various committees and organizations for our congregation's annual report are asked to be completed and turned in to the church office by Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- † **Help Needed.** If you would like to volunteer to help grade or judge for PSIA on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Immanuel, please contact Maxine at 979-716-0163
- † **The Wendish Society** will have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year, the menu will again be grilled pork steaks, noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$15 (payment will be taken the day of pick up). Reserve your plates by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-2441 or emailing [Museum@TexasWendish.org](mailto:Museum@TexasWendish.org). Drive thru/to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:00pm at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2025 there were twenty-five Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients totaling \$23,000 being awarded! We thank you for supporting our Wendish students!
- † **The Mt. Calvary Men's Club** will be selling barbecue racks of pork ribs on Sunday, Feb. 8 (Super Bowl Sunday). The racks will be \$25 per rack pre-sale tickets only. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Ribs can be picked-up at the Mt. Calvary BBQ pits across from the church from 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. See Jason Lehmann after church or contact Milton Bamsch at (979) 966-3881 for tickets.

- ✠ **You are Invited.** Sunday, February 1, 2026. St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Annual BBQ Dinner & Auction at the Thorndale Fireman's Hall. BBQ plates will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dine-In and Drive Thru. Plates are \$15 each and are prepared with BBQ Brisket w/BBQ sauce, Noodles, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Pickles, Onions, and Bread. Desserts are available for a free will offering, Live Auction of arts, crafts, bakery, etc. begins at 1:00 p.m.
- ✠ **Mesquite wood needed** – if you have a **grove** of mesquite trees that would be available to cut and used for the church picnic, please contact Troy Menzel (979-412-0341) or Russell Kappler (979-540-0741). Having multiple trees for a crew to go through would be preferable.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, “**Cross Words-Words of Power**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. A crossword puzzle uses an answer only once, but Christ is the answer for all people in every place and time. 1 Corinthians 1:17-18. 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.

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	<b>Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Parents Meeting – 10:15 a.m. SLCVFD Annual Meeting
Monday	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr, Day</b> <b>No School</b>
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ Holy Cross, Warda – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Max Faske and Lucy Gurka Greeter: Marian Wiederhold Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Milton Albrecht, Sierra Bradshaw; 19<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Birnbaum, Jarrett Bise, Christopher Taylor, Alton Weiser; 20<sup>th</sup> – Geraldine Albrech, Michael Symm; 21<sup>st</sup> – Grace Cooper; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia Habel; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Clayton Kalbas, Donnie Krause, Maison Schautschick, Emma Short, Tina Sommerfield; 24<sup>th</sup> – Corie Flory, Shannon Handrick, Savannah Wieser. God's Blessings to you.

### ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 254, Bible Class- 29; Sunday School- 29, Banner Classes: Grades 6 & 7, Offering- \$21.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$20,667.08

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,118.30	Mission	\$287.00
Thrivent	\$439.00	Lutheran Hour	\$40.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$327.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,820.40	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$1,880.46	Building Fund	\$75.00
Tuition	\$7,960.92	Scholarship	\$25.00
<b>Received 1/11/2026</b>	<b>\$20,240.08</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,667.08</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$67,375.30</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$50.00. In memory of Donald Scott by Chris & Connie Becker - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by Lucille Schatte, Lynette and Darlene - \$40.00. **Building:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by M/M Melvin Hobbs - \$50.00; by Jay & Lori Krchnak - \$25.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Carol Wenke by Linda Jones - \$25.00.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

#### **January 18-Epiphany**

Life issues (abortion suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God (John 1) reminds us that God is always faithful (Isaiah 40:7), even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1) in any and every situation and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

**Organist-** Daniel Krause

**Acolytes-** Max Sommerfield and Nathen Barnett

**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker

**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann

**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Lane Gersch, Cole Kalbas,  
Seth Kalbas, Nathan Michael, Kaleb Oltmann,  
Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Gary Oltmann,  
Grant Oltmann

**Counting and Posting offering this week:**

**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht

Ethan Miertschin, Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink

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### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 6, 2026 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Athletic Schedule**

This week's schedule includes:

- Tuesday, January 20th, 4:00 pm. Basketball at Fayetteville HS.
- Thursday, January 22nd, 2:30 pm. Archery Competition at Concordia, Tomball

You can visit our website to see all our athletic schedules. Come cheer on our Falcons!

### **End of Year Giving**

Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran High School during our End of Year giving. We were blessed through generous contributions from many of you and EXCEEDED our goal to raise \$50,000 as we move "Forward in Faith." We are still accepting donations if you missed out but would like to support the ministry and growth of FLHS.

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 11:05 am.

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know!