

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

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Welcome! The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry. By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “the people who walked in darkness” and “who dwelt in a land of deep darkness” (Is. 9:2). He also has “multiplied the nation” and “increased its joy” (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people” (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “those who are perishing” from “us who are being saved” (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Ralph Bamsch
Chris Birnbaum-recovering
Monroe Brade (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)
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
Gilbert Krause-hospitalized
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-hospitalized
Ruby Weiser-recovering
Bev Witt (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)

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)

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.

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)
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 Dorthy 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

The Order of Service— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 644, 839, 781 v. 1&2, 412, 849

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

The Sermon: **“Join Together”**

5th – 8th Grade anthem: ♪ *“10,000 Reasons”*

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Alice Luedke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke.
- ✝ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Arthur Noack’s 81st birthday by his family.
- ✝ **Wendish Porksteak Dinner.** Due to weather concerns the Wendish Society has postponed the Porksteak Dinner until next Sunday, February 1st. If anyone needs to change or cancel RSVP’s, please reach out to the museum.
- ✝ **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, February 8th following the service.
- ✝ **December Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✝ **February Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ **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
- ✝ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for 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.
- ✝ **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 22nd at the Serbin picnic grounds from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The barbecue is to go only. Order forms are inserted in this morning’s bulletin. If you wish to order please fill out this form and return it to the ushers, or contact St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 16th.
- ✝ **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 2nd.
- ✝ **Help Needed.** If you would like to volunteer to help grade or judge for PSIA on Friday, February 27th, at Immanuel, please contact Maxine at 979-716-0163
- ✝ **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 1st, **“Rotten Tomatoes”**. Lutheran Hour speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Boasting gone wrong—it’s the rotten fruit of rightful praise. It happens when we forget that everything we have is a gift, even the things we think we’ve earned and deserved. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31. 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.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Madilyn Kalbas and Emmalynn Knott Greeter: Marian Wiederhold Wendish Porksteak Dinner

Birthdays: Today – Shawn Bigon, Ashley Hinze; 26th – Brooks Kasper, Sausan Michael, Benjamin Symm, Ruby Weiser, Levi Wiederhold; 27th – Gabriel Bailey, Robert Hinze, Arthur Noack; 28th – Susan Schatte; 29th – Hudson Corn, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Jack Wiederhold; 30th – Irene Buscha; 31st – Kristen Portales, Emily Schulze. God's Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 245, Communion- 127, Bible Class- 30; Sunday School- 27, Banner Classe: Grade 6, Offering- \$20.80.

Offering Last Week: \$34,367.58

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,027.00	Mission	\$827.00
Sunday School	\$20.80	Mission Total	\$827.00
Lunch Room	\$2,216.50	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$10,685.00	Building Fund	\$240.00
Tuition	\$11,306.28	Bus Replacement Fund	\$45.00
Received 1/18/2026	\$33,255.58	Savings/Other Total	\$285.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$34,367.58
Received MTD	\$100,630.88		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Joyce Simms by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00. In memory of Hildegard Krause by Virginia Hernandez & family - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by Suzy & Rodney Zoch & family - \$100.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$100.00; by Roland & Betzy Guettler - \$40.00.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

January 25-Epiphany 3

Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and Neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17-18). In Christ, "there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish," (Isaiah 9:1), for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us (Matthew 4:14-17), that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord (Psalm 17:5).

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Max Faske and Lucy Gurka
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- Mason Becker
Robert Zoch, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann



Texas Education Freedom Accounts

We're thrilled to announce that Faith Lutheran High School is participating in the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program beginning with the 2026-2027 school year! This is the Texas School Choice program.]We will be hosting an informational session on Thursday, February 5th at 6:30 pm to help families learn more about TEFA, receive guidance through the application process and more. All families are encouraged to attend!

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.

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 27 - HOME at Immanuel vs. Tribe @ 6:30 pm - This is the LAST HOME GAME of the SEASON

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

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets will be available SOON! The Board of Directors have put together an amazing slate of items. You don't want to miss out!! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 2-6, during National Lutheran Schools Week. A limited number of tickets will be available! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!.

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!