

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Welcome! *The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel.*** When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord “to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives” and “to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. “Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,” sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to “eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready” (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, “giving greater honor to the part that lacked it” (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*PJ Albrecht (nephew of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht)*

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*

*Delvin Boriack-recovering*

*Dorothy Exner-recovering*

*Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*

*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*

*Billy Krause-recovering*

*Vic Lohberg*

*Mike Maass-recovering*

*Charles Malke-recovering (brother of Carol Jean Noack and Douglas Malke)*

*Douglas Malke-recovering*

*Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas))*

*Chris Miertschin-recovering*

*Russell Richards-recovering*

*Zelda Richards-recovering*

*Glenn Teinert-recovering*

*Mildred Wachsmann-recovering (Mother of Peggy Wachsmann)*

*Laverne Weiser-recovering*

*Wesley Yurk-recovering*

*Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)*

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

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)*

*Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*

*Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)*

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Sherri Fritsche*

*Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)*

*George Hernandez-recovering*

*Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Wiese)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)*

*Cheryl Jurk (friend of Stephen & Dorothy Schautschick)*

*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)*

*Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*

*Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)*

*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*

*Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)*

*Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)*

*Carol Sander*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)*

*Courtney Wagner (cousin of Mark Gruetzner)*

*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*

*Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.*

*Huachuca, Arizona*

*Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC*

*Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina*

*Kyler Brown (friend of Dorthy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain*

*Benjamin Symm-Completed Basic Training*

**Seasonal Weather**

**Those affected by the fires in California**

**Those affected by the school shooting in Tennessee**

**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**— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 577, 839, 781 v. 1&2, 523, 349

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The Sermon: **“A Part of The Team”**

K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Anthem: ♪ *“Children of The Heavenly Father”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Arthur Noack’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by his family.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Alice Luedke’s birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke.
- † **The February Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **December Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning
- † **Door Offering.** There will be a special door offering on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for the LCMS Wild Fire Relief Fund.
- † **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.
- † **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 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** is **NEXT Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds! Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm) eat here and to-go available. Limited Meal Tickets available at the door.
- † **The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off** will kick-off with taste testing / judging from 4-5:30pm. You can purchase a \$10 armband at the cook-off. **Attention Chili Cookers!** Enter your famous recipe for a chance to win at our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off!** \$25 entry fee. Prizes awarded. Deadline to register is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds will go toward various projects at the School and the ECC. It’s not too late if you would like to make a donation to the auction. Please contact Kristy Hentschel (979)220-9474, any PTLs officer, or the school office. **Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLs!**
- † **The Serbin LWML** invites any confirmed women wishing to participate with any Lutheran Women in Mission events and activities. Please text or call Melodi Oltmann at 979-540-0039 for more information. We have big plans and ideas for 2025! No obligation for membership or monthly meetings are required - just having fun serving the Lord!
- † **Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up:** Mark your calendars for the annual Texas Lutheran Writers Round Up at Faith Lutheran High School on Friday, January 31. Joining us this year are authors Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Ruth Meyer, Texas District President Rev. Michael Newman, Martha Van Buskirk, and Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller. Please note that this event is not just for writers. The authors are the presenters, but it’s open to anyone and everyone! Check the bulletin in future weeks for more details. This is an event you won’t want to miss!
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Paul Somerfield at 713-922-7501 or St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- † **St. Paul Serbin** will have an opening in its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply! Applicants may submit resumes to St. Paul Lutheran School: ATTN Kelsey Schatte 1578 County Road 211 Giddings, Texas 78942, or email them to [kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org). Please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. All resumes are due January 31<sup>st</sup>; interviews will be conducted after this date. Thank you!

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, **“Do the Things That Make for Unity.”** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus crosses borders and even breaks down the barrier of death to do the things that make for unity: shared worship, shared mission, shared harvest. (John 4:9) 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 **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.  
 Wendish Pork Steak Dinner

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 PTLS Meeting – 6:30 p.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: Trenton Grange and Cole Kalbas  
 Greeter: Dianna Noack  
 PTLS Chili Supper and Auction

**Birthdays: Today** – Brooks Kasper, Susan Michael, Benjamin Symm, Ruby Weiser, Levi Wiederhold; 27<sup>th</sup> – Gabriel Bailey, Robert Hinze, Arthur Noack; 28<sup>th</sup> – Susan Schatte; 29<sup>th</sup> – Hudson Corn, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Jack Wiederhold; 30<sup>th</sup> – Irene Buscha; 31<sup>st</sup> – Kristin Portales, Emily Schulze; 1<sup>st</sup> – Gary D. Becker, Ashley Kasper, Conner Stewart. God’s Blessings to you.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**Epiphany III**

**St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor**

The Apostle Paul involved Gentile Titus in Christian ministry to embody how the Gospel doesn’t discriminate. So, confinement to mother’s womb will not disqualify anyone from worth: Jesus is Lord there too (Psalm 71:6). An advanced age cannot undermine it either: He employs “elder” as an expression of respect (Titus 1:5-9). We dare not close the kingdom doors Almighty God has opened!

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 258, Communion- 123, Bible Class- 25, Sunday School- 31, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Offering- \$16.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$45,123.75

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$8,785.00	Mission	\$258.00
Sunday School	\$16.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$258.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,382.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$6,523.25	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$25.00
Tuition	\$28,059.50	Bus Replacement Fund	\$75.00
<b>Received 1/19/2025</b>	<b>\$44,765.75</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$29,635.00</b>	Total	\$45,123.75
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$107,950.56</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$128,417.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Jasmine Bailey by the Throckmorton’s - \$100.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In memory of Jasmine Bailey by Janet Oltmann - \$25.00.

**Serving today:** Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Michael Becker **Assistant-** Glen Albrecht  
**Ushers-** Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,  
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,  
Cody Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Mason Becker  
John Hinze, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann  
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### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 7, 2025 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:

- Wednesday, January 29 - Archery State Qualifier at FLHS, 1:30 pm
- Thursday, January 30th - Basketball HOME (Immanuel) vs. Faith Academy Bellville 6:30 pm.
- Saturday, February 1 - Basketball AT Faith Academy, Bellville Tournament. Games TBA

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

### **Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up**

FLHS is excited to host our 6th annual Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up on Friday, January 31st. The fun begins at 9 am. See our flier for the Round Up to see the full list of opportunities during the event. We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

### **Accreditation Survey**

FLHS is currently working through the NLSA re-Accreditation process. As part of this process, we are conducting a survey from all supporters to evaluate how we are doing, and in what areas we could continue to grow. We would appreciate your participation in the survey. It can be found on our website, Facebook page, or scan the QR code. Thank you for your feedback as FLHS continues to grow our ministry!



### **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 3-7, 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!!

### **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!