

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Welcome! God Manifests His Glory in the Body of Christ Jesus, Transfigured for Us by His Cross. The Transfiguration confirms “the prophetic word … to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). “He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “the appearance of the glory of the LORD” is no longer “like a devouring fire” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel” went up the mountain with Moses and “beheld God, and ate and drank” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar.

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Ralph Bamsch
Janiece Becker-recovering
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)
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Nancy Kasper-recovering
Billy Krause-recovering
Gilbert Krause-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)
Taylor Wagner-recovering (daughter of Richard &
Courtney Wagner)
Alton Weiser-recovering
Ruby Weiser-recovering
Bev Witt (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)
Rev. David & Elizabeth Woelmer-hospitalized
w/complications with pregnancy
(Pastor at Grace, Smithville)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Wayne Becker-recovering
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
John Enrique (nephew of Dorothy Schautschick)
Cathy Harrell (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)
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-hospitalized (mother of Lindsey Hansen)
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 Wesbrook (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 Louden (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles)
Navy, stationed in Florida

Kolton Alen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army,
stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

Those who mourn: The family of Ralph Domel (brother-in-
law of Mary Jatzlau

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— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 435, 413, 781 v. 1&2, 537, 400, 395, 414

Sermon Text: Matthew 17:1-9

The Sermon: **“Don’t Be Afraid”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Franklin & Lorene Hoffman’s 70th wedding anniversary on February 19th by their family.
- † **Thank You.** Thank you to everyone for your calls, visits, cards and prayers during my recovery. It is greatly appreciated. *Troy Bise*
- † **Thank You** – The Mt Calvary Men’s Club would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Super Bowl BBQ Rib Fundraiser a success! Thank you for your overwhelming support. We appreciate everyone who purchased ribs and hope you enjoyed them!
- † **Need Faith LHS Raffle Tickets?** See Grant Oltmann or call/text his mom (Melodi) at 979-540-0039. Thanks for your support!
- † **Ash Wednesday** is February 18th. This marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As was done last year, and is done in many congregations throughout our church, a part of our chapel worship on Wednesday will be the Imposition of Ashes. Participation in the imposition of ashes is not mandatory for the students. If any member of the congregation would like to participate you are more than welcome to join us at 8:30 a.m. for chapel. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- † **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 available from the ushers. If you wish to order please fill out the form and return it to the ushers, or contact St. Paul Lutheran church office at 979-366-9650 by Monday, February 16th.
- † **The ladies of Serbin LWML** will be having a bake sale on Sunday, February 22, in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser. We will have a large variety of baked goods, including all types of desserts, cakes, cookies, and bread. Please bring any items you would like us to sell to the picnic grounds before church. One-half of the profits from this bake sale are designated to benefit Kurtis Hankemeier and his family while he is in the seminary, and one-half will benefit other LWML missions and ministry. See you then!
- † **Congregation Open House.** Please join us for a Congregation Open House celebrating St. Paul Lutheran School on Sunday, February 22, immediately following church service. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, tour classrooms, and celebrate the shared ministry of Christian education within our congregation. All members and guests are warmly invited to enjoy fellowship and refreshments after the service. We look forward to welcoming you!
- † **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 kschatt@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 kschatt@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.
- † **PTLS Chili Supper & Live Auction:** The Annual Chili Supper & Live Auction is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st, 2026** at the Serbin Picnic Grounds. Cook-Off judging & Silent Auction (4pm), Live Auction (5:30pm), Chili/Hot Dog Supper (5-7pm). Tickets: Chili \$7, 2 Hot Dogs \$7. All School & ECC children are selling tickets until ????, or you can purchase by calling the school office. **Come out for some Food, Fun, and Fellowship while supporting our PTLS!**
- † **Attention Chili Cookers!** Enter your family recipe for a chance to win at our **5th Annual Chili Cook-Off!** \$25 entry fee. Prizes awarded. Deadline to register is February 27, 2026. Please contact Anna Miller (512) 994-8177 for details and registration.
- † **PTLS** is also needing meat donations for this year’s Chili Supper. If you or someone you know would like to donate, please contact the church office, school office or contact Kristy Hentschel at (979)220-9474.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 22nd, “As Through Fire”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. To be baptized into Christ, to trust in Him, is to die with Him, to be raised by Him, to pass through the fire under His shelter. 1 Corinthians 3:13. 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

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

February 15 - Transfiguration

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 241, Sunday School- 25, Banner Classes: Grade 8, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$37,958.07

Home:	Mission:		
General	\$12,228.00	Mission	\$681.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	Mission Total	\$681.00
Lunch Room	\$2,444.40	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$11,640.67	Building Fund	\$40.00
Tuition	\$10,903.00	Savings/Other Total	\$40.00
Received 2/8/2026	\$37,237.07	Total	\$37,958.07
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$74,661.44		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: Building: In memory of Hildegard Krause by Robin & Sherri Buscha – \$40.00

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	President's Day No School
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Dylan Arldt Greeter: Nancy Bucholz
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Max Faske Greeter: Nancy Bucholz Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. SLCVFD Chicken Barbecue

Birthdays: Today – Lucy Becker, Lawrence Irwin, Jr., Joseph Kalbas, Keith Oltmann; 16th – Marian Wiederhold; 18th – Frances Mutscher; 21st – Rev. Paul Drogemueller, Cameron Kalbas. God's Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist– Daniel Krause
Acolytes– Max Sommerfield and Nicholas Taylor
Head Ushers– Donald Becker
Captain– Mason Becker **Assistant**– Carson Becker
Ushers– Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf, Trenton Grange, Lukas Iselt, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin, Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman– Glen Albrecht
Ethan Miertschin, Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink



Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 2-6, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 2) \$1000 Visa Gift Card
- 3) Stihl Battery Powered Items - including Hand Trimmer, Air Compressor, Leaf Blower, Pressure Washer, Car Vacuum with additional power bank + \$300 gift card to Paige Tractors - Valued at \$1400
- 4) Savage Axis 22-250 with scope at MG Farm Service, Weimar TX - Valued at \$650
- 5) Handmade Quilt by Geraline Kieschnick - Valued at \$3000
- 6) Grilling and Fire Pit Package - fire pit, chairs, meat, and \$100 HEB Gift Card
- 7) Beach/Cooler Package - beach chairs, wagon, cooler, food and beverages
- 8) J&J Metalwork Item
- 9) Hand Carved Cedar Truck and Lone Star Back Roads Photos Package
- 10) Casserole of the Month - Donated by Friends of FLHS
- 11) Dessert of the Month - Donated by Friends of FLHS
- ADDITIONAL BONUS DRAWS AVAILABLE!

To see details about each package, please view our Facebook page. A limited number of tickets will be available - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!! You don't want to miss out!!

Opening for a Part-Time Office Manager

Faith is seeking to hire a part-time office manager, working 15 to 20 hours per week and a flexible schedule. Please contact Mrs. Kueck at kueckn@flhstx.org or 979-242-2889 for a job description or to submit a resume.

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. Please contact Mrs. Kueck to learn more about this program.

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2025 is March 31, 2026.