

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

1 February 2026

Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday

Welcome! God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified. The Lord tells His people, "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "Blessed are you," therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Ralph Bamsch

Janiece Becker-hospitalized

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)

David Hempel-recovering

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Nancy Kasper-recovering

Billy Krause-recovering

Gilbert Krause-hospitalized

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)

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:

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)

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

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: 592, 842, 781 v. 1&2, 425, 904, 394,

The Sermon **“The Truth Unchanging”-Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Irene Buschs’s 99th birthday by Robin and Sherri Buscha and family.
- ✠ **The Altar Side Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God for his many blessings, happy birthday to Jack Wiederhold and happy 70th birthday to Gary D. (Champ) Becker from Stephen & Nancy Kasper.
- ✠ **Today is Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday!** Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) equips Gospel proclamation at home and abroad, and offers free resources to help you in your daily walk. A \$25,000 matching grant can DOUBLE your LHM Sunday gift today. Visit lhm.org/discoverlhm to donate... or just to learn more and receive a free gift
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting.** There will be a Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, February 8th following the service to approve authorizing a financial audit.
- ✠ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **The ladies of Serbin LWML** will be filling Valentine bags to distribute to residents of the local nursing homes and our member shut-ins. Ladies of all ages are invited to help on Saturday, Feb 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the church office. Text Melodi at 979-540-0039 with any questions. Thanks!
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
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- ✠ **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, February 8th, “**Type C**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. 1Corinthians 2:12. 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 w/Communion – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Wendish Porksteak Dinner
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 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.
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: James Miertschin and Whitlee Smolik Greeter: Bonnie Bise LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Gary D. Becker, Ashley Kasper, Conner Stewart; 2nd – Chris Miertschin; 3rd – Kathleen Bigon, Aaron Osborne, George Perry, Jr., David Schmidt; 4th – Ina Mitschke; 5th – Bernice Zoch; 6th – Teshia Becker, Wayne Zander; 7th – Ryland Miertschin, Anita Zoch, Kaitlynn Zoch. God’s Blessings to you.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

February 1 - Epiphany 4

Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they’ve made. How foolish is the so-called “wisdom” of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for their evil (Micha 6:2), He instead shames the “strong” and “wise” among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Madilyn Kalbas and Emmalynn Knott
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- Glenn Albrecht
Jeff Claxton, Dan Marak, Virgil Becker

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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.

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. Nikki Kueck at kueckn@flhstx.org or 979-242-2889 for a job description or to submit a resume.

Athletic Schedule

Winter athletics are wrapping up in the next two weeks. Visit our website to see what games and competitions are next for our programs. Come cheer on our Falcons one more time this season!
Spring athletics will get started in the coming weeks including track and field and golf.

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! 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 today!!

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!