

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The First Sunday in Lent

22 February 2026

Welcome! *Jesus' Righteous Obedience to the Father Leads to the Justification of All.* Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

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
Harold & Paula Krause-recovering from car accident
Ruth Kluetz-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)
Taylor Wagner-recovering (daughter of Richard & Courtney Wagner)
Alton 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 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

**NLSA Accreditation visit-Sunday-Tuesday
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: 423, 656, 781 v. 1&2, 718, 655

Sermon Text: Romans 5:12-19

The Sermon: **“I’m Gladd, Are You?”**

All School Sing: ♪ *“In Christ Alone”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Kassi Oltmann’s birthday by Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, March 8th and March 22nd. If you would like to place flowers on any of those Sunday’s, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Congratulations** to Jason and Kristin Lehmann on the birth of a daughter, Julie Wilhelmine Lehmann. She was born Tuesday, February 17th, in Brenham, TX. She weighed 7lbs. 4ozs and was 19 inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- † **Lenten Devotion Books.** If you would like a Lenten Devotional Book, there are a few in the church office. If none are available please call the church office and we will provide you with one.
- † **2025 Annual.** The 2025 Annual is available from the ushers and in the church office this morning.
- † **The ladies of Serbin LWML** are having a bake sale today, in conjunction with the SLCVFD BBQ Chicken fundraiser. All profits from this bake sale are designated to benefit Kurtis Hankemeier and his family while he is in the seminary. We will have a large variety of baked goods, including all types of desserts, cakes, cookies, and bread. We would love for everyone to buy something to help our current mission! See you then!
- † **Congregation Open House.** Please join us for a Congregation Open House celebrating St. Paul Lutheran School this morning, 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 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.
- † **Need Faith LHS Raffle Tickets?** See Grant Oltmann or call/text his mom (Melodi) at 979-540-0039. Thanks for your support!
- † **Vacation Bible School Director.** We are looking for an individual or individuals that would be willing to serve as our Vacation Bible School Director or Co-Directors. Vacation Bible school will be held June 8 – June 12. Please consider donating your time and talents in service to our Lord.
- † **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, March 1st, **“The Fifth Act”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He’s been writing for the

world. 1 Corinthians 4:1. 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 22 – Lent 1

Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God’s Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil’s words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil’s temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father,

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 283, Communion- 132, Bible Class- 27; Sunday School- 22 Visitors- 3, Banner Classes: Grade 6, Offering- \$14.71.

Offering Last Week: \$34,889.24

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$17,354.15	Mission	\$892.00
Thrivent Choice	\$689.00	Mission Total	\$892.00
Sunday School	\$14.71	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$1,638.00	School Fund	\$60.00
ECC Operating	\$4,850.00	Savings/Other Total	\$60.00
Tuition	\$9,391.38		
Received 2/15/2026	\$33,937.24	Total	\$34,889.24

Est. needed per week **\$33,625.00**
Received MTD **\$108,598.68**
Est. needed per month **\$145,708.00**

MEMORIALS: Faith Lutheran High School: In honor of M/M Franklin Hoffman’s wedding anniversary by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.

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.
 SLCVFD Chicken Barbecue

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
 Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas
 Greeter: Nancy Bucholz
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Elder

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: Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin
 Greeter: Doris Fritsche

Birthdays: Today – Liana Adair, David Wittman, II; 23rd – Leyna DeRouen; 24th – Jacki Short, Reese Weiser; 26th – Kassi Oltmann; 27th – Jared Becker, Carter Poetrales, Dennis Sander, Darlene Schtte, KayAnne Zoch; 28th – Kailey Brugdorf, Myla Marak, Michelle Muniz, George Perry, III, Libbi Tharp, Russell Weiser, Chelsea Wiederhold; 29th – Nicole Jackson. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and James Miertschin
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- Mason Becker
Robert Zoch, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann
