

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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## The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

**8 February 2026**

**Welcome! The Righteousness of Christ.** Jesus warns that “unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, “but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is “called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His “demonstration of the Spirit and of power” in “Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2-4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His “secret and hidden wisdom” (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is “to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free” (Is. 58:6) and “to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house” (Is. 58:7).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### 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)  
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)  
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)  
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:

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 Meinholt (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 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

### 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: 650, 578, 781 v. 1&2, 398, 427

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The Sermon: **“Nothing But Christ Crucified”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ “Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- † **The Altar stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness of God's many blessings and in memory of all the good times we had at Paige singing and playing music, RIP Bernice Basward and happy heavenly wedding anniversary, Uncle Alton (Bunny) & Aunt Lillie Mae Voight by Stephen and Nancy Kasper.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on either of those Sunday's please call Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- † **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a Special Voters Meeting on this morning following the service to approve authorizing a financial audit.
- † **Need Faith LHS Raffle Tickets?** See Grant Oltmann or call/text his mom (Melodi) at 979-540-0039. Thanks for your support!
- † **South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing Barbecue Chicken on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>.
- † **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!
- † **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 [kschattet@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschattet@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 [kschattet@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschattet@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.
- † **Help Needed.** If you would like to volunteer to help grade or judge for PSIA on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Immanuel, please contact Maxine at 979-716-0163

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, **“Up and Down the Mountain”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Schulz. Many voices compete for our attention but above all listen to the voice of Jesus and hear what He's done for you. Matthew 17:1-9. 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.

### **Life Thoughts in the Church Year:**

#### **February 8 - Epiphany 5**

“You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). God's people do wonderful things before the world; march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works “will not make your voice be heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4). Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2, 16) we let our light shine before men to give glory to God (Matthew 5:16), that all might have life now and forever.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship (1/25/2025)- 24, Morning Worship- 219, Communion- 116, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 27, Banner Classes: Grade 6, Offering- \$28.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$38,039.37

Home:	Mission:		
General	\$14,284.55	Mission	\$615.00
Sunday School	\$28.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$615.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$372.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$2,746.50	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	
Tuition	\$19,993.32		
<b>Received 2/1/2026</b>	<b>\$37,424.37</b>	Total	\$38,039.37
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$37,424.37</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by Gilbert & Dorothy Krause - \$25.00; by Don & Kerri Woltmann - \$100.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Hildegard Krause and Bernice Baseward by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Special Voters’ Meeting – 9:30 a.m. LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ St. Michaels, Winchester – 9:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Max Sommerfield and Nicholas Taylor Greeter: Judy Boriack

**Birthdays:** **Today** – Virginia Hernandez, Cora Iselt, Shaun Jatzlau; 9<sup>th</sup> – Luke Dehaven, Amanda DeRouen, Makayla Schautschick; 10<sup>th</sup> – Sherri Buscha, Brenda Muniz, Linda Wilkins; 11<sup>th</sup> - Arthur Richards, Nathaniel Schautschick; 12<sup>th</sup> – Cole Ender, Addalyn Hofferek, Barbara Schmidt; 14<sup>th</sup> – Dana Karisch, Doris Kunkel, Rachel Mertink. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** **Elders**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise

**Organist**- Susan Michael

**Acolytes**- James Miertschin and Whitlee Smolik

**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

Clay Mertink, Nathan Michael, Carson 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. 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](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.

### **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](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org) or 979-242-2889 for a job description or to submit a resume.

### **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**.