

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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**Welcome! Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel.** When Isaiah “saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,” he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and “unclean lips” (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with “a burning coal” from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord’s Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions “enclosed a large number of fish” at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be “catching men” (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say “Amen” and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

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*

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

*Laverne Weiser-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)*

*Ralph & Debbie Domel (sister & brother-in-law of Mary Jatzlau)*

*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 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*

*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*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*PJ Albrecht for successful medical test results*

**Seasonal Weather**

**Those affected by disasters**

**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: 850, 398, 781 v. 1&2, 621, 688

Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

The Sermon: **“Who Will Go?”**

**Adult Choir Anthem:** ♪ *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”*

✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Virginia Hernandez on her birthday by Shelbey, Patricia and Nathen Barnett.

✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.

✠ **Door Offering.** There is a special door offering this morning for the LCMS Wild Fire Relief Fund.

✠ **The Voyager Voice** is available from the ushers this morning.

✠ **THANK YOU!** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society thanks all the people who helped to make the Pork Steak Fundraiser a success. We appreciate the LAF and all the other volunteers who made the meal possible. We also thank all who supported the fundraiser and bought meals. Your support will make it possible to give scholarships to Wendish students again this year. Thank you!

✠ **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!

✠ **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>.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, **“The Bread of Our Lives”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Jesus gives us Himself as the Bread of Life so that everything we need can be filled by Him and His gifts (John 6:35). 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.

## **Through the Church Year:**

### **Epiphany V**

Both Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5) and Peter (Luke 5:8) believed their sinfulness unforgivable. Many mothers and fathers conclude the same about aborting their own children. Yet God’s mercy overflows the altar (Isaiah 6:6-7) and even the temple (Luke 5:3) until Jesus preaches it in public abundance. And in both cases, He commissions agents to continue announcing. Let us also extend His grace to hearts broken by abortion,

**Serving today:** Elders— David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

**Organist-** Susan Michael

**Acolytes-** Lukas Iselt and Alice Gurka

**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker

**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann

**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,

Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann,

Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann, Nathan Michael

**Counting and Posting offering this week:**

**Chairman-** Mason Becker

Tim Symm, Nathan Michael, Carson Becker

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today           **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
                   Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.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 – Camp Lone Star - 8:30 a.m.  
                   Youth Confirmation – 6:00 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   **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
                   Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
                   Acolytes: Emmalynn Knot and Kalisa Oltmann  
                   Greeter: Melodi Oltmann

**Birthdays: Today** – Luke DeHaven, 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; 15<sup>th</sup> – Lucy Becker, Lawrence Irwin, Jr., Joseph Kalbas, Keith Oltmann. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 273, Communion- 158, Bible Class- 22; Sunday School- 30, Offering- \$20.01.

**Offering Last Week:** \$17,133.01

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$13,733.00	Mission	\$1,284.00
Sunday School	\$20.01	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,284.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$75.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$1,256.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$50.00
Tuition	\$695.00	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Received 2/2/2025</b>	<b>\$15,779.01</b>		
		Total	\$17,113.01
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$15,779.01</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Lillie Voight by Lil Robertson - \$40.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In memory of Jasmine Bailey by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00.



### **Spring Raffle**

FLHS raffle tickets are now available! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 3-7, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items on this year's raffle include:

- 1) Stihl RZ142 Zero Turn Mower - Valued at \$4000
- 2) \$1500 Travel Voucher
- 3) 1/2 Cow With Processing
- 4) Savage Axis 7mm Deer Rifle with Scope - Valued at \$500
- 5) \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 6) Metal Patriotic Yard Sign
- 7) Porch Package with Ribeye Roll - Includes a 2 person outdoor steel glider/rocker, 5X7 outdoor rug, 16' round end table, and plant
- 8) Hand Crafted wooden train and Lone Star Back Roads Package
- 9) Casserole of the Month for a year
- 10) Dessert of the Month for a year

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!!

### **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).

### **Athletic Update**

The FLHS archery team has completed our state qualifier and are anxiously awaiting results to determine if we made the state tournament. Results should be posted next week.

The FLHS basketball team has made the playoffs!! Congratulations to our mighty Falcons. The first district playoff game will be this week. Check our Facebook page or website for more information!

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **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 2024 is **March 31, 2025**.