

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

15 March 2026

Welcome! By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light. The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14). 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)
Carl Dittmar-recovering (father of Jennifer Smith)
Doris Fritsche-recovering
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)
Dianna Noack-recovering
David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)
Taylor Wagner-recovering (daughter of Richard & Courtney Wagner)
Alton Weiser-recovering
Ralph Wenke
Bev Witt (friend of Delvin & Judy Boriack)

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)
John Enrique (nephew of Dorothy Schautschick)
Cathy Harrell (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)
Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
John Huenefeld (friend of Craig and Melodi Oltmann)
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)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Nancy Schautschick
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-Australia
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

Those Who Mourn: Those Who Mourn:

The family of Wayne Becker
The family of Josiah Woelmer (infant son of Rev. David & Elizabeth Woelmer)
The family of Suzanne Mogonye (mother of Lindsey Hansen)

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: 873, 398, 781 v. 1&2, 345, 411, 744, 851

Sermon Text: John 9:1-41

The Sermon: **“A Life Changed”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Frieda Noack by Arthur and Dianna Noack and Wilbert and Carol Jean Noack.
- † **Order forms for Easter Lilies** are available from the ushers this morning. Orders are due by Monday, March 30, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.
- † **Texas Wendish Heritage Society** is having their drive thru fish fry meal TODAY. Don't forget to come to the Serbin Picnic grounds to pick up your plate of freshly fried fish, hush puppies, potato salad, coleslaw & pinto beans from 10:00am to 12:00pm today. Plates are \$15 each. Don't forget to grab a bag of noodles and freshly baked desserts!
- † **Christ Lutheran Church Loebau, Texas Sunday School Tuition Benefit Fish Fry.** Friday, April 10, 2026 serving starts at 5PM. Plates include fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, pinto salad, hushpuppies, and tarter sauce. \$15 per plate presale only. Presale ends April 7, 2026. 4654 County Road 114, Lincoln, Texas 78948.
- † **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.
- † **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.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 22nd, **“Meeting You Where You Are”**. Guest Speaker: Rev, Gregory Manning. Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been, 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:

March 15 – Lent 4

Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John9:6, Isaiah 42:156). The Lord not only grants us faith to see him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.

Organist- Daniel Krause

Acolytes- Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas

Head Ushers- Donald Becker

Captain- Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones

Ushers- Cooper Hinze, John Hinze Scott Jones,

Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,

7Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold

Counting and Posting offering this week:

Chairman- Glen Albrecht

Ethan Miertschin, Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/4/2026)- 105, Morning Worship- 255, Bible Class- 12; Sunday School- 24, Offering- \$21.00.

Offering Last Week: \$61,529.44

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$32,354.36	Mission	\$315.00
Sunday School	\$21.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$584.50
Lunch Room	\$1,590.50	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$584.50
ECC Operating	\$13,280.58	Mission Total	\$1,484.00
Tuition	\$10,249.00	Savings/Other:	
Received 3/8/2026	\$57,495.44	School Fund	\$500.00
		Building Fund	\$2,050.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Savings/Other Total	\$2,550.00
Received MTD	\$76,743.76		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00	Total	\$61,529.44

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Wayne Becker and Suzanne Mogonye by Martin & Jeannie Werchan – \$100.00. In memory of Wayne Becker by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker – \$100.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00; by Chris & Connie Becker – \$50.00; by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Dennis & Elaine Boetcher - \$100.00; by M/M John Kalbas & Seth - \$100.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$30.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00; by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$75.00; by M/M Michael Becker - \$50.00; by M/M Jack Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Eddie & Donna Miller - \$50.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$30.00; by Janiece Becker - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Suzanne Mogonye by Tommy & Linda Wilkins – \$50.00. **School:** In honor of National Lutheran Schools Week by M/M Allan Becker - \$500.00. **ADAPT of Texas:** In memory of Wayne Becker by Stephen & Nancy Kasper – \$60.00.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion** – 8:30 a.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
LYF Social – 2:00 p.m.
Wendish Fish Fry

Monday: Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin
Greeter: Debra Hartfield
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Spring Begins

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
Greeter: Irene Hempel
Sunday School Teaches Meeting – 10:15 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Chris Becker; 18th – David Fritsche; 19th – Eva Kieschnick, Keri Schatte; 20th – Maverick Flory; 21st – Kelton Schulze, Peyton Standfield, Lisa Teinert. God's Blessings to you.

