

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday in Lent

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**Welcome! *Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven.*** The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*  
*Delvin Boriack-recovering*  
*Dorothy Exner-recovering*  
*Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*  
*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*  
*Dana Karisch*  
*Gladys Karisch*  
*Billy Krause-recovering*  
*Hildegard Krause-recovering*  
*Vic Lohberg*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas))*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*  
*Clay Matrthew Mumm-surgery (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)*  
*Antoinette Richardson-recovering*  
*Florene Richter-rehab (friend of Willard & Magie Albrecht)*  
*David Schmidt-recovering*  
*Kate Schmidt-recovering (sister-n-law of Pastor and Lisa)*  
*Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)*  
*David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)*  
*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 Weise)*  
*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)*  
*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 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*  
*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*  
*Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina*

#### **Those who mourn:**

*The family of Caroline Malinak (granddaughter of Ashley Hinze)*

#### **Seasonal Weather**

**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: 728, 708, 781 v. 1&2, 748, 725, 637, 887

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Sermon: **“Whose Lead Will You Follow?”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of our loved ones by Delvin and Judy Boriack.
- ✠ **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
- ✠ **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!
- ✠ **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- ✠ **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$15.00. Tickets will be available through March 21st please contact Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105 or Janis Lehmann at 979-540-0830 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.
- ✠ **Christ Lutheran Church Loebau, Texas Sunday School Tuition Benefit Fish Fry.** Friday, April 4, 2025 serving starts at 5PM. Plates include fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, hushpuppies, and tarter sauce. \$15 per plate presale only. Presale ends March 25, 2025. 4654 County Road 114, Lincoln, Texas 78948.
- ✠ **The Warda Bunch Show Fund** will have their BBQ Pork Fundraiser on Saturday, April 5th. BBQ Pork Butts will be sold by the piece. Each piece will be approximately 2.5-4lbs for \$12.00/lb. 16oz. Cups of sauce are available for \$3.00 each. Orders will be taken for the number of pieces you would like (not by the pound). Pick up at the Holy Cross Warda picnic grounds from 4PM-6PM. PreOrders only by calling the Holy Cross church office at (979) 242-3333 (leave a message), or Joyce Hinze at 979-540-0355 by Wednesday, March 26. Proceeds go toward continued support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.
- ✠ **Concordia Seminary Choir Tour.** We hope you can join us for the Laudamus 2025 Tour, “My Song is Love Unknown” at **10:30 a.m.** on March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Laudamus is a select choir of seminarians from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis who are preparing for full-time pastoral ministry. Please join us and invite your friends and family!
- ✠ **Thank Offering** – Rev. Michael Newman will be retiring from full-time ministry, and the office of District President upon completion of the 2025 Texas District Convention. The Texas District is asking that we have a thank offering for a new mission fund of the Texas District called the “Rev. Michael and Cindy Newman Mission Fund to Support TPIM (Texas Partners in Mission).” A special thank offering will be taken at the end of the service on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to be sent towards this fund.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, **“Even Me, Even You”**. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find Pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21). 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: The Second Sunday in Lent**

The heart of Christianity is proclaiming Gospel promises courageously. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:8) follows the lead of Jesus Himself (Luke 13:31-32). In speaking of God’s truth and Christ’s love even when unpopular. They believe their lives—everyone else’s—belong in the Heavenly Father’s hands above all. Gospel-motivated voices For Life, take note!

**Serving today:** Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise  
**Organist** – Daniel Krausse  
**Acolytes-** Lane Gersch & Trenton Grange  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker  
**Ushers-** Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,  
Mike Krause, Dan Marek, Ethan Miertschin,  
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
Payton Oltmann, Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Wendish Scholarship Fish Fry  
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Laudamaus Choir – 10:30  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Acolytes:** Alice Gurka & Lukas Iselt  
**Greeter:** Nancy Beckcom  
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.  
Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
Spring Begins  
Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Teachers – 10:15  
Acolytes: Cole Kalbas & Emmalynn Knott  
Greeter: Bonnie Bise

**Birthdays:** 18<sup>th</sup> – David Fritsche; 19<sup>th</sup> – Eva Kieschnick, Keri Schatte; 21<sup>st</sup> Kelton Schulze; Peyton Stanfield; Lisa Teinert; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Trenton Grange; Bradley Schmidt. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Ash Wednesday Service (3-5-2025)- 144, Communion- 64, Morning Worship- 297, Bible Class- 20; Sunday School- 31, Banner Class-Kindergarten, Visitors- 2, Offering- \$15.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$59,200.13

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$22,365.78	Mission	\$558.00
Sunday School	\$15.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$1,779.50
Lunch Room	\$3,120.50	Concordia St. Louis	\$1,779.50
ECC Operating	\$11,461.85	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$4,117.00</b>
Registration	\$4,700.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
Tuition	\$13,170.00	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$150.00
<b>Received 4/9/2025</b>	<b>\$54,833.13</b>	Endowment Fund	\$100.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$31,870.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$67,625.98</b>	Total	\$59,200.13
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$138,103.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: Tuition Assistance:** In memory of Leona Panas and Helen Wenthe by Doris Fritsche - \$50.00.

**Epic Australian Adventure VBS-** June 9th-13th! Register NOW to have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Scan the QR code or visit the church website.

**Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer.

