

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Second Sunday in Lent

1 March 2026

**Welcome! *The Word of the Gospel Opens the Eyes of Faith and Fixes Them on Christ Jesus.*** The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the LORD had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### 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)*  
*Dianna Noack-surgery*  
*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)*  
*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)*

*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 Gruetznar, 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 Dorthy 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*  
**Those Who Mourn:** *The family of Dr. Thomas Huber (brother-in-law of Tim Weise)*

**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: 918, 708 781 v. 1&2, 555, 722, 571

Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-9

The Sermon: **“Spill Over”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of my daddy’s (Bradly Schautschick) birthday on March 7<sup>th</sup> by Koralynn Schautschick.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Janet Oltmann and Kaleb Oltmann on their birthday by Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **The January Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **The March Calendar** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **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.
- † **LYF.** Reminder that we will be bowling next Sunday. To help plan, please let Ayla or Pastor know if you will be going.
- † **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will be having their annual fried fish fundraiser on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. Plates are \$15 and include freshly fried fish, hush puppies, potato salad, tater sauce and Cole slaw. To RSVP your plates, call or email how many you will need to [museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org). Thank you for your continued support. Janice Becker and Kathy Kalbas will be outside this morning taking orders.
- † **Manheim Parish Hall Renovation Fund BBQ Chicken Fundraiser.** Sunday, March 15, serving at the Lincoln Community Center. 10:30 a.m. until sold out. Whole Chickens-\$15, Pint of Noodles-\$4, Pint of Beans-\$3, Cup of Sauce \$2. Drive-thru only.
- † **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$80.00. for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$4,648.60.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, **“What Was the Price on That?”** Guest Speaker: Rev Dr. Daniel Paavola. When we couldn’t pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 6:19-29. 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:**

**March 1 – Lent 2**

Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was “lifted” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son”. (John 3:16).

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Ash Wednesday (2/28/2026)- 130, Communion- 65, Morning Worship- 226.

**Offering Last Week:** \$26,118.95

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$7,386.00	Mission	\$270.00
Lunch Room	\$650.00	Lutheran Hour	\$50.00
ECC Operating	\$8,644.05	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$1,025.00
Tuition	\$6,438.90	Concordia St. Louis	\$1,025.00
<b>Received 2/22/2026</b>	<b>\$23,118.95</b>	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$2,370.00</b>
		<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	School Fund	\$50.00
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$131,717.63</b>	Building Fund	\$80.00
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>	Endowment Fund	\$500.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>
		Total	\$26,118.95

**MEMORIALS: Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hildegard Krause by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of George Hernandez by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00. **Endowment:** In memory of Alice Luedke's birthday by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$500.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In honor of M/M Franklin Hoffman's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Doris Randig and Ralph Domel by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

- Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
PTLS Chili Supper and Auction
- Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**  
Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield  
Greeter: Doris Fritsche
- Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
- Friday **No School**  
Lee Co. Jr. Livestock Show
- Next Sunday Daylight Savings Begins – 2:00 a.m.  
**Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt  
Greeter: Debra Hartfield  
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Larry Kalbas, Michael Schmidt; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jagger Garner, Nicholas Gruetzner, Paula Krause; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Janet Oltmann, Kaleb Oltmann, Timothy Weise; 4<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Cooper, Kelsey Schatte; 5<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Corn Jan Wiederhold; 6<sup>th</sup> – Troy Menzel, Troy Rumuly; 7<sup>th</sup> – Bradly Schautschick. God's Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** Elders– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Troy Menzel **Assistant-** Mark Jones  
**Ushers-** Cooper Hinze, John Hinze Scott Jones,  
 Russell Kappler, Brooks Kasper, Kaden Kasper,  
 Kyle Kasper, Ty Kasper, Clyde Schimank, Troy Wiederhold  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Albrecht  
 Jeff Claxton, Dan Marak, Virgil Becker  
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**National Lutheran Schools Week**

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Education. As we prepare to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, we are grateful for the opportunity to join with almost 2,000 Lutheran schools and pre-schools across the nation and world who share our mission of sharing the message of Christ with our students each day! Thank you for enabling and allowing us to do this great work for Him!

**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).

**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.

**Spring Raffle**

Today is the LAST DAY to get tickets! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will begin tomorrow, March 2 running through Friday, March 6. 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!!

**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**.