

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

22 March 2026

Welcome! *Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life.* The illness and death of Lazarus happened “that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “for the nation” and gather “into one the children of God who are scattered abroad” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “unbind him, and let him go” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “submit to God’s law,” nor could we “please God” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “he condemned sin” in His own flesh so “that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 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
Troy Bise-hospitalized
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
Paula Krause-recovering
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
Linda Wilkins-recovering
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)

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.

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

Rain

The Order of Service— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 433, 430, 781 v. 1&2, 836, 685

Sermon Text: Romans 8:1-19

The Sermon: **“Wanted Dead or Alive”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Just As I Am”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Dennis Lorenz by his sisters, Geraldine Albrecht and Joyce Hinze and their families.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Kenneth Weiser. He fell asleep in Jesus, Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Funeral services for Mr. Weiser will be held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Ralph Wenke. He fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Funeral services for Mr. Wenke are pending at this time. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Gilbert Krause. He fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Funeral services for Mr. Krause are pending at this time. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **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.
- † **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. VBS Director involves planning, leading, and assisting volunteers for a 5 day VBS experience. This individual will use Concordia Publishing House (CPH) curriculum that is LCMS focused and involves site rotations. This years theme is "Tropical Trek".
This individual is responsible for (but not limited to):
 - Finding volunteers to lead each site (Bible Storytelling, Bible Exploration, Crafts, Snacks, Music, and Games)
 - Finding volunteers to assist at each site (Bible Storytelling, Bible Exploration, Crafts, Snacks, Music, and Games)
 - Finding volunteers to lead Preschool classes
 - Finding volunteers to assist Preschool classes
 - Setting up and managing registration for children through vbsmate.com
 - Decorating for VBS (set-up and tear down)
 - Working with the church office (Pastor and Dianna) to order materials needed, all financial concerns pertaining to VBS, and VBS closing celebration
 - Creating groups for children to rotate through VBS sites
 - Plan and order crafts for the week
 - Plan and set-up a sign-up for snacks for the week
 - Distribute VBS site leader materials
 - Being present during VBS days to assist volunteers and children to ensure a smooth, fun, Christ-centered experiencePlease consider donating your time and talents in service to our Lord.
- † **Confirmation Cards** are available in the church office.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning and in 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 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.

✠ **Picnic:** Any of those having reached the age of 65 who do not wish to work at the picnic or those needing to make a change in your work assignments, please notify Alan Kaiser at 979-716-9731, or the church office by **Monday, April 27th**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 29th to finalize the Picnic worklist.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 29th, **“Dime Sized”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God doesn’t look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. 1 Corinthians 13:11. 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 22 – Lent 5

The Lord God forbade father Abraham from sacrificing his boy Isaac (Genesis 22:12). The lesson extends to us, too. Abortion is immoral because it is unnecessary. Jesus alone serves as beast of burden in the solemn rite of righting wrongs (Hebrews 9:14). This Word has become flesh in order to deliver humankind entirely from the death business (John 8:51). And we get to keep this Word precisely by giving it to neighbors.

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
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- Mason Becker
 Robert Zoch, Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann
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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/11/2026)- 116, Morning Worship- 211, Communion- 112, Bible Class- 23, Sunday School- 21, Offering- \$21.62.

Offering Last Week: \$24,568.06

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$12,486.68	Mission	\$1,015.00
Thrivent Choice	\$1,575.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$662.50
Sunday School	\$21.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$662.50
Lunch Room	\$400.00	Mission Total	\$2,340.00
ECC Operating	\$4,996.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$2,649.38	School Fund	\$100.00
Received 3/15/2026	\$22,128.06	Savings/Other Total	\$100.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$24,568.06
Received MTD	\$98,871.82		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Thomas Huber by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Susanne Magonye by Russell & Kari Kappler - \$50.00. In memory of Wayne Becker by Gladys Mathena - \$ 100.00; by Sharon & Delbert Faske - \$25.00; by Tommy & Kathy Boettcher - \$25.00. In memo0ry of Dennis Boettcher by Carolyn Noack - \$50.00; by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of James Krause by Billy Krause, Donnie Krause and Lil Robertson - \$100.00.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Sun. – Tues	Accreditation Visit
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt Greeter: Irene Hempel
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Palm Sunday Worship Service w/Rite of Confirmation– 9:00 a.m. Acolytes: James Miertschin and Max Faske Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Birthdays: Today – Trenton Grange, Bradley Schmidt; 24th – Ehren Mitschke; 25th – Brandon Burgdorf; 27th – Julianne Kasper, James Miertschin; 28th – Thomas Birnbaum. God’s Blessings to you.



FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its annual **Good Friday Bake Sale on Friday, April 3rd**. We will once again be set up in the Classic Bank (Giddings) parking lot. Homemade* and bakery cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, breads, noodles, and much more will be available from 8am until noon, or until we sell out.

***BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** We need your help: please consider donations of baked goods and other homemade treats. You may drop off your culinary creations on Wednesday, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd at Faith Lutheran High School, Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, or feel free to contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thank You!

Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser

Don't miss our annual FLHS Boosters chicken spaghetti fundraiser! Two casserole sizes are available for **PRE ORDER ONLY**: \$20/8x8 and \$35/9x13. **Order deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2026**. Your tray/s can be picked up Monday, April 13th between 4:30 and 5:30pm. Please call 979-242-2889 or email KueckJ@FLHStx.org to place your orders. Thank You!

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 **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**.

Spring Raffle Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to all the winners! Ticket sales totaled over \$30,000!! We greatly appreciate your ongoing generosity and support.

New Student Registration

Registration for 2025-2026 is underway. New students have already enrolled, and we are looking to add **more** students to our family. You can find out more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at 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.