

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Palm Sunday

29 March 2026

Welcome! Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified. "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53). 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
Douglas Malke-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)
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)
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

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: 837, 442, 781 v. 1&2, 443, 685
Sermon Text: Hebrews 6:19
The Sermon: **“Anchored In Christ”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.
- ✠ **Thank You.** The family of Gilbert Krause wants to thank everyone for all their kind words, flowers, and memorials. We appreciate your prayers visits, and phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor Schmidt for the beautiful service; to Susan Michael for playing the organ, and to all the ladies for providing the luncheon. We are grateful to the staff at Avir (formerly Oakland Manor) for taking such good care of him these past few months. May God bless each one of you.
- ✠ **The Church Office** will be closed on Good Friday, April 3, 2026.
- ✠ **April Calendar.** The April calendar is available from the ushers this morning and 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.
- ✠ **The annual St. Paul Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on Thursday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m. Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will hunt for eggs on the playground, grades 3–5 will hunt near the log cabin, and grades 6-8 will hunt at the picnic grounds. We invite our school families to help make this event a success by donating individually wrapped candy. Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase supplies for the hunt. Thank you for your support!
- ✠ **The Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m., and again at the morning service on Good Friday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Please register by the day before by filling out a communion card or call the Church office.
- ✠ **Easter Egg Hunt.** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the school for Nursery I through Kindergarten.
- ✠ **Easter Breakfast:** Plan to come and make a full morning of the Easter celebration. The LAF group will be sponsoring our Easter breakfast. Serving will begin at the conclusion of the Sunrise service approximately 7:30 a.m. A free will donation will be received
- ✠ **DVD’s** are available for Palm Sunday. If you would like a DVD please contact the church office at 979-366-9650. Cost of a DVD is \$10.
- ✠ **Confirmation Cards.** There are Confirmation cards available in the church office. Price of cards is \$.50/each.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Warda Bunch Show Fund BBQ Pork to Go.** Saturday, April 18th. BBQ Pork Sold by the Piece. 2.5 to 4lbs each @ 12.00/lb. 16oz. cups of sauce \$3.00 each. Pick Up at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds in Warda form 4p.m. - 6.p.m. Pre-Orders only by April 10th by texting Larry Teinert-979-542-8372, Larry Woelfel-979-540-8730, Joyce Hinze-979-540-0355, or calling the church office at 979-242-3333. Baked goods available for a free-will donation. All proceeds go toward support of exhibitors at the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.
- ✠ **The La Grange Baseball Club** is having their 19th Annual BBQ PORK DINNER on Thursday, April 16. Drive-thru pickup at the KC Hall in La Grange. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the continued restoration and maintenance of The Ball Park at the Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$15. Roland Zoch 979-966-9397. Please support this organization of people dedicated to keeping baseball alive in La Grange! Thank you for considering. *Roland Zoch*

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 5th, **“You Don’t Know What You Have Till It’s Gone.”** Luthera Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become Life’s servant. 1 Corinthians 5:26. 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 29 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord

Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

Serving today: Elders– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- James Miertschin and Max Faske
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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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/18/2026)- 93, Morning Worship- 239, Bible Class- 24; Sunday School- 25, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Offering- \$17.00.

Offering Last Week: \$36,721.43

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$6,823.00	Mission	\$270.00
Sunday School	\$17.00	Lutheran Hour Ministry	\$225.00
Lunch Room	\$1,810.50	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
ECC Operating	\$10,649.71	Concordia St. Louis	\$584.00
School Registration	\$5,625.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$584.00
Tuition	\$9,708.22	Mission Total	\$1,688.00
Received 3/22/2026	\$34,633.43	Savings/Other:	
		School Fund	\$325.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Building Fund	\$75.00
Received MTD	\$133,505.25	Savings/Other Total	\$400.00
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		
		Total	\$36,721.43

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Dennis Boettcher by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00. In memory of Ken Weiser, Ralph Wenke and Gilbert Krause by David & Karen Schmidt - \$100.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$150.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$40.00; by Susan Michael - \$50.00; by Virginia Hernandez & family - \$50.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by Virginia Hernandez & family - \$50.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$100.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$200.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Ken Weiser by Susan Michael - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour Ministries:** In memory of Ken Weiser by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellow - \$100.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Ken Weiser by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00. In memory of Ken Weiser, Gilbert Krause and Ralph Wenke by Darlene Schatte - \$75.00. In memory of Suzanne Mogonye by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$50.00; by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Bobby Rodgers by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. In memory of Dennis Boettcher by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Palm Sunday Worship Service w/Rite of Confirmation - 9:00 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas Greeter: Joyce Hinze ECC Easter Picnic/Egg Hunt
Friday	Good Friday Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m. Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and Nathen Barnett Greeter: Lana Kaiser Good Friday Service of Darkness – 7:00 p.m. Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield No School/ECC Closed
Next Sunday	Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt Greeter: Lil Robertson Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Sunday School – 8:15 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m. Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Max Faske Greeter: Pam Krause

- ✠ **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 experience
- Please consider donating your time and talents in service to our Lord.

Birthdays: Today – Diana Schulze; 30th – Andre Andrews, Jocelyn Jones, Emmalynn Knott, Sebastian Symm; 31st – Tommy Bradford, Katie Jenke, Kalisa Oltmann; 1st – Jeanette Smitn, Robet Yurk; 2nd – Everly DeRoune, La Verne Urban; 3rd – Zoey Jenke, Rick Schulze. God’s Blessings to 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.**

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!

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.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2026-2027 academic year! Interested individuals, particularly in the subject areas of English, Music, History, and Foreign Languages, may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@flhstx.org. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!