

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Third Sunday in Lent

8 March 2026

Welcome! *We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel.*

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, "all the congregation of the people of Israel" grumbled against Him because "there was no water for the people to drink" (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at "about the sixth hour" (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is "the gift of God" (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). "We rejoice in hope of the glory of God" because "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:2, 5)

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)
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-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)
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-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: 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: 592, 430, 781 v. 1&2, 761, 823

Sermon Text: Exodus 17:1-7

The Sermon: **“How Do You Respond?”**

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

Today we welcome to God’s people through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Julie Wilhelmine Lehmann

Julie is the daughter of Jason and Kristin Lehmann.

Her Baptismal Sponsors are Kelly Neal, Jenny Fajkus, Jonathan Lehmann, and A.J. Lehmann

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Curtis & Carie Oltmann’s wedding anniversary by Kaleb, Kassi, Kalisa and Hadley Oltmann.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand** flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Julie Lehmann’s baptism by her parents.
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Wayne Becker. He fell asleep in Jesus, Friday, February 27, 2026. Funeral services for Mr. Becker were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Friday, March 6, 2026. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise
- ✠ **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will be having their annual fried fish fundraiser on Sunday, March 15th 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. 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.
- ✠ Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
- ✠ **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 School team.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 15th, **“No Command from the Lord”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? 1 Corinthians 7:6-7. 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 8 – Lent 3

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our suffering” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8).

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (2/25/2026)- 87, Morning Worship- 249, Communion- 151, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 25, Visitors- 2, Banner Classes: Grade 6, Offering- \$20.00.

Offering Last Week: \$18,082.32

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$11,647.00	Mission	\$504.00
Sunday School	\$20.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$640.00
Lunch Room	\$1,513.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$640.00
ECC Operating	\$575.00	Mission Total	\$1,784.00
Tuition	\$2,493.32	Savings/Other:	
Received 3/27/2011	\$16,248.32	Building Fund	\$50.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$16,248.32	Total	\$18,082.32
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Dane Luedke by Calvin & Ina Mitschke – \$500.00. In memory of Rober & Joyce Thompson by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. – \$50.00. In memory of Edna Noack by Vic & Kathy Lohberg and Gene & Cathy Noack - \$100.00. **Building:** In memory of Rober & Joyce Thompson by Tommy & Linda Wilkins – 50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Dr. Thomas Huber by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann – \$40.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 4:00 p.m.

Mon. - Fri **No School-Spring Break**

Tuesday Circuit Meeting @ Trinity, Dime Box – 9:00 a.m.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday **Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**
 Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Max Faske
 Greeter: Debra Hartfield
 LWML Meeting – 7:45 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Friday **ECC Closed – Spring Break**

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas
 Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
 Wendish Fish Fry

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

Serving today: **Elders**– Mark Jones and Monroe Schatte, Jr.
Organist- Susan Wiederhold
Acolytes- Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt
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
 Clay Mertink, Nathan Michael, Carson Becker
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