

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The First Sunday in Lent

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Welcome! *Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil.* Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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
Antoinette Richardson-recovering
Florene Richter-rehab (friend of Willard & Magie Albrecht)
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)
Keith Muessel (brother of Chris Miertschin)
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

Seasonal Weather

Those affected by disasters

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: 570 656, 781 v. 1&2, 718, 655

Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-13

The Sermon: **“How Do You Respond?”**

Adult Choir Anthem; ♪ *“God Loved the World So That He Gave”*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Curtis and Carie Oltmann’s wedding anniversary by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- † **Welcome:** Joining our congregation this morning through Adult Confirmation are Nancy Bucholz and Cody Portales. We welcome them as a part of our congregation and pray God will richly bless their affiliation with our congregation
- † **The Voyager Voice.** The March 5th Voyager Voice is available from the ushers.
- † **Altar Cross** – When the Wends came over in 1854 they brought with them the Processional Cross with a matching Altar Cross and Altar candle sticks. These were replaced in August of 1949 with the brass candelabra and Altar Cross. In 1950 the Altar cross and candle sticks were loaned to Trinity Lutheran Church, a mission start in Temple Texas. These were returned to St. Paul in the early 1980’s when they purchased their own. When the Wendish Museum was created these items were placed on loan for all to enjoy. The Corpus (body of Christ) on the brass cross was showing some wear with the passage of years. In 2012 the cross was shipped to Concordia University Nebraska’s Ecclesiastical arts department for repair. These repairs took place during the season of Lent and the Altar Cross was repaired and returned in time for the Easter services. Since that time during the season of Lent the Original Altar cross has been placed on the altar from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday. The beginnings of this change were out of necessity but have grown into a tradition.
- † **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
- † **The Texas Wendish Heritage Society** will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser meal on Sunday, March 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the Serbin Picnic grounds. The meal will consist of freshly fried fish, potato salad, brown beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost is \$15 per plate. Reservations will be taken at the museum by phone (979-366-2441) or email (musem@texaswendish.org).
- † **Manheim Parish Hall Renovation Fund BBQ Chicken Fundraiser.** Sunday, March 16th serving at the Lincoln Community Center, 10:30 AM until sold out. Drive-thru only. Whole Chicken \$15.00, Pint of Noodles \$4.00, Pint of Beans \$3.00, 1 cup of Sauce \$2.00.
- † **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, March 30th 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.
- † **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 19th 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 6th to be sent towards this fund.
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 16th, **“Light of the World”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can’t see it, but it changes what we see. 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.

Through the Church Year:

The First Sunday in Lent

Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

Serving today: Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn
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- Mason Becker
Tim Symm, Nathan Michael, Carson Becker

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
Mon - Fri **Spring Break- No School**
Tuesday Circuit Meeting- @ Trinity, Dime Box – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday **Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**
Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner
Greeter: Marion Wiederhold
LWML Meeting – 7:45 p.m.
Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
Friday **ECC Closed**
Next Sunday **Worship Service w /Communion– 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Lane Gersh and Trenton Grange
Greeter: Nancy Beckcom
Wendish Society Fish Fry

Birthdays: 9th – Whitlee Smolik; 10th – Jonathan; Juneau, Kylie Schmidt, Timothy Symm; 12th – Johnny Bradshaw, Joshua Droegemueller, John Faske; 13th – Jason Becker, Ruth Kluetz, Alyssa Krause, Clayton Schroeder; 15th – Chris Becker. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 293, Communion- 139.

Offering Last Week: 13,441.85

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$10,991.00	Mission	\$649.00
ECC Operating	\$1,801.85	Mission Total	\$649.00
Received 3/2/2025	\$12,792.85	Savings/Other:	
		Savings/Other Total	
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$62,778.26	Total	\$13,441.85
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: Texas Wendish Heritage Society: In Memory of Eugene Zoch by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00

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.



New Student Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. New students have already enrolled and we are looking to add **more** students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

Scholarship Opportunities

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran

beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch (cyndy.zoch@gmail.com) and are due May 1, 2025.

Spring Break

March 10-14 is Spring Break at FLHS. We will have limited office hours throughout the week as we prepare for the final push of the school year.

Spring Raffle Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners!! This year's ticket sales totaled over \$38,000!! Thank you for your support!!

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 2024 is **March 31, 2025**.