

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Second Sunday after Easter

12 April 2026

Welcome! *Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel.* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “living hope” to which we have been “born again” and by which we are guarded “for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “though you have not seen him, you love him,” and by the mercies of God “you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

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)
David Gersch-hospitalized
Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)
Nancy Kasper-medical testing
Billy Krause-recovering
Paula Krause-recovering
Ruth Kluetz-hospitalized
Douglas Malke-hospitalized
Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Chris Miertschin-recovering
Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)
Arthur Noack-hospitalized
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)
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: 482, 470, 781 v. 1&2, 743, 490
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9
The Sermon: “A Blind Faith?”

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.
- ✠ **Easter Lily** not included on Easter Sunday in loving memory of Ervin and Adelia Lorenz and Emil and Fredia Albrecht by Milton and Geraldine Albrecht.
- ✠ **Wood Cutting for Picnic.** Please meet on April 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the church parking lot if you are able to help cut wood for the picnic.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Thank You.** The family of Wayne Becker would like to thank everyone for the 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 Jack Wiederhold for playing the organ, and to John and Seth Kalbas for the beautiful solo. We would also like to thank the ladies for providing the luncheon after the service. May God bless each one of you.
- ✠ **Voters Meeting.** The April Voters Meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is included in the bulletin this morning. All voting members are encouraged to attend.
- ✠ **ECC Director:** The Board of Christian Education is looking for a new director for the Early Childhood Center. Anyone interested can contact the Church Office or BCE Chairman Joseph Kalbas 979-716-7803.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2026) in the church bulletin. Please let us know the names of those who have reached this milestone, the college graduated from, and what degree was achieved by Monday, May 11th.
- ✠ **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 from 4p.m. - 6p.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 19th, “**Not in Vain**”. Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:50-5 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.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Glen Albrecht
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
 Jace Heuerman, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
 Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Ethan Miertschin
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ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Maundy Thursday– 178, Communion- 127, Good Friday Morning- 109, Communion- 49, Good Friday Evening Service of Darkness- 75, Easter Sunrise Service- 238, Easter Festival Service- 191 Sunday School- 22, Offering- \$12.25.

Offering Last Week: \$75,959.76

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$23,121.00	Mission	\$1,507.00
Maundy Thursday	\$515.50	Concordia St. Louis	\$2.50
Good Friday	\$2,205.50	Concordia Fr. Wayne	\$2.50
Easter Sunday	\$4,996.50	Mission Total	\$1,512.00
Sunday School	12.28	Savings/Other:	
Lunch Room	\$1,827.00	School Fund	\$100.00
ECC Operating	\$10,625.01	Building Fund	\$1,257.50
School Registration	\$9,899.00	Maundy Thursday	\$515.50
Tuition	\$12,171.00	Good Friday	\$2,205.50
Received 4/5/2026	\$65,372.79	Easter Sunday	\$4,996.50
		Savings/Other Total	\$9,075.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$75,959.76
Received MTD	\$65,372.79		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Kenneth Weiser by the Behrens Family: Marcus & Debbie; Daniel, Emily, Malachi & Haley; Chris, Walker & Kameron; Mandy & Joshua Berryhill - \$100.00; by Bonnie McNemar - \$200.00; by Lucille Schatte - \$40.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke, Gilbert Krause and Wayne Becker by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$100.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M David Eilers - \$25.00. In memory of Ken Weiser and Ralph Wenke by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Ronnie & Lisa Petzold - \$100.00.
Building: In memory of Bobby Rogers by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Chris Coufal & family - \$100.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Theresa Krause by Billy Krause - \$100.00.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.
 Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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 Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Elgin – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Whitley Smolik and Max Sommerfield
 Greeter: Dianna Noack

Birthdays: Today – David Gersch; 14th – Hadley Oltmann; 10th – Timothy Hartfield; 18th – Kaydence Schroeder.
God's Blessings to you.

‡ **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 year's 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 ybsmate.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.