

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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Palm Sunday

13 April 2025

Welcome! *The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory.*

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). He “goes as it has been determined” (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father’s plan for the salvation of sinners. “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing “that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:11).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Delvin Boriack-recovering*
- Dorothy Exner-recovering*
- Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*
- Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*
- Linda Jones-recovering*
- Dana Karisch*
- Gladys Karisch*
- Billy Krause-recovering*
- Gilbert Krause-recovering*
- Hildegard Krause*
- Vic Lohberg*
- Mike Maass-recovering*
- Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas))*
- Chris Miertschin-recovering*
- Marilyn Miertschin-recovering*
- Clay Matrthew Mumm-recovering (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)*
- Antoinette Richardson-recovering*
- David Schmidt-recovering*
- Larry Schatte-recovering*
- Lynette Schatte-recovering*
- David Schmidt-recovering*
- Camie Smiley medical testing (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)*

- David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)*
- 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)*

- Joyce Dowling*
- Sherri Fritsche*
- Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)*
- George Hernandez*
- 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)*
- 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

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—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 837, 438 v. 1&2, 543, 685
Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:1-3
The Sermon: **“Endure”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.
- † **Thank you** to Madilyn Kalbas for playing during the offering at the Wednesday night service.
- † **The Church Office** will be closed on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.
- † **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
- † **Financial Concern** – Weekly we have listed the income in comparison to the estimated needs. As we know the cost of everything has gone up and this has impacted the ministry of St. Paul as well. We have been able to make payroll, but with each passing month it gets tighter and we delay a week paying some bills until after the offering is received. While there are assets in the savings account and we can “borrow” against ourselves, is this the best practice. Please consider the blessings God has showered upon you.
- † **The Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m., and again at the morning service on Good Friday, April 18th 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.
- † **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 Troy Menzel at 979-412-0341, or the church office by **Monday, April 28th**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 30th to finalize the Picnic worklist.
- † **Sunday School Help.** We are looking for a Sunday School Teacher for grades 1 & 2 and a helper for kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
- † **The Holy Cross Ladies Aid in Warda** invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, May 6th, at 6PM as they welcome Rebecca Bartelt, LCMS missionary in Taiwan, for a presentation and update on her work as a sacred music educator. Becky was last in the area in October 2022. We look forward to hearing more about the growing Lutheran Church in Taiwan and her efforts to instruct a new generation of church musicians!
- † **St. Paul Serbin** will have an opening in its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year for 1st grade. Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply! Applicants may submit resumes to St. Paul Lutheran School: ATTN Kelsey Schatte 1578 County Road 211 Giddings, Texas 78942, or email them to kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org. Please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. All resumes are due April 14th; interviews will be conducted after this date. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 20th, **“A Risen Christ and a Clean Room”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7). 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:

April 13- Palm Sunday/Passion of Our lord

Incarnation, atonement, and resurrection from the dead have earned Jesus Christ authority over the manner of our living and the timing of our dying (Deuteronomy 32:39). Even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, we may commit human life's course to His loving care, for His own humble humanity has sanctified every moment of ours (Philippians 2:8-9).

Serving today: Elders– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
Crucifer: Nathen Barnett
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
Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Payton Oltmann

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Palm Sunday Worship Service**
w/Rite of Confirmation - 9:00 a.m.
LYF Meeting & Social – 3:00 p.m.
Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

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Adult Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
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: Nathen Barnett and Emmalynn Knott
Greeter: Debra Hartfield
ECC Easter Picnic/Egg Hunt

Friday **Good Friday Worship Service**
w/Communion – 9:00 a.m.
Acolytes: Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
Greeter: Tammy Hartfield
Good Friday Service of Darkness – 7:00p.m.
Acolytes: Alice Gurka and Lukas Iselt
No School/ECC Closed

Next Sunday **Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m.**
Acolytes: Cole Kalbas and Kalisa Oltmann
Greeter: Irene Hemel
Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 8:15 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.
Acolytes: Kylie Schmidt and Kelton Schulze
Greeter: Joyce Hinze

Birthdays: 14th – Hadley Oltmann; 17th – Timothy Hartfield; 18th – Kaydence Schroeder; 19th – Daniel Marak, Richards Symons. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (4/2/2025)- 106, Morning Worship- 254, Communion- 141, Bible Class- 42; Sunday School- 35, Banner Classes: Kindergarten, Grade 7, Offering- \$19.00.

Offering Last Week: \$48,902.28

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$22,956.28	Mission	\$724.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	Lutheran Hour	\$170.00
Lunch Room	\$1,289.36	Concordia St. Louis	\$603.50
ECC Operating	\$10,596.25	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$603.50
Tuition	\$10,741.14	Mission Total	\$2,101.00
Received 4/2/2025	\$45,602.03	Savings/Other:	
		Building Fund	\$1,139.25
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Scholarship	\$60.00
Received MTD	\$45,602.03	Savings/Other Total	\$1,199.25
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		
		Total	\$48,902.28

MEMORIALS: General: In honor of Monroe & Eleanor Krause’s 60th wedding anniversary by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$40.00; by Lil Robertson- \$30.00. In memory of 2024 deceased members of St Paul by St. Paul LWML - \$180.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In honor of Walter & Patsy Arldt’s 60th wedding anniversary by Randy & Janice Becker - \$60.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$50.00. In memory of Monroe & Eleanor Krause’s 60th wedding anniversary by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$60.00. **Building:** In honor of our 40th wedding anniversary by Eldor & Lori Becker - \$40.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In honor of M/M Monroe Krause’s 60th wedding anniversary by Susan Michael - \$60.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In honor of M/M Monroe Krause’s wedding anniversary by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00

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.





FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 18th at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

BAKERS ARE NEEDED! We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

DROP OFF LOCATIONS! You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, April 16th and 17th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

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 receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

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.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals 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!

Accreditation Visit

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on March 30 to April 1. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.
- The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.
- The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.
- The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.
- FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.
- FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.
- Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.

Handbell Choir Wins Top Rank at TAPPS

The handbell choir competed in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) music competition on Friday, March 28, 2025. The group earned the rating of "I" - Superior for their performance of "March of the Chimes" by Lynne Hollander. Also performed was "The Church's One Foundation" arranged by Sandra Tucker. The FLHS choir was critiqued on their technique, musicianship, stage presence, poise and overall visual uniformity.



Front Row: Elena Matus, Kaylee Wolff, Miriam Meyer, Elizabeth Richardson
Back Row: Layna Woelfel, Hudson Stueber, Donovan Phillips, Elijah Kueck, Jay Woelfel, Robert Wolff, and Director, Dan Schaefer