

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas

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The Third Sunday after Easter

19 April 2026

Welcome! *The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in 'the Breaking of the Bread'*. From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised him from the dead and gave him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into his glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book. Greeting you at the register this morning, Deanna Miertschin.

In Our Prayers: Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

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-recovering

Mike Maass-recovering

Douglas Malke-recovering

Ruben Melcher (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)

Pastor Schmidt-surgery

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)

Cathy Harrell (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

John Huenefeld (friend of Craig & 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 Arldts 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

Aron Marak (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina

Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC

Kyler Brown (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm, Australia

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Stewart, Georgia

Brittany Loudon (daughter of Bryan and Antoinette Winkles) Navy, stationed in Florida

Kolton Allen (nephew of Mike & Susie Maass) Army, stationed at Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK

Those who mourn:

The family of Arthur Noack.

Rain

Sunday School and Bible Class: The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. Today, we will study “Enduring Exile.” Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols – confusing the worship of the Lord with worshiping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church continuing to look at Ephesians.

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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship w/Communion Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. Board of Elders – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nicholas Taylor and Dlyan Arldt Greeter: Marian Wiederhold

Birthdays: Today – Daniel Marak, Richard Symons; 20th – Jenifer Selvey; 21st – Shanna Mitschke; 22nd – Mark Jones, Leroy Kalbas; 23rd - John Hinze, Clint Oltmann, Shane Sander; 24th – Nicholas Hinze, Christopher Schimank. God’s Blessings to you.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Whitley Smolik and Max Sommerfield
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- Mason Becker
 Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, Robert Zoch
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Large Print Worship Guides are available. If you have difficulty finding your way in the hymnal or seeing smaller print, ask an usher for a large print worship guide.

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.



As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.



The Order of Service– Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 578, 483, 781 v. 1&2, 352, 743, 563, 919

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:17-25

The Sermon: **“How will you live?”**

- ✠ **The flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the family of Arthur Noack.
- ✠ **We express our sympathy** to the family of Arthur Noack. He fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Funeral services for Mr. Noack were held on Saturday April 18, 2026 here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- ✠ **Congratulations** to Tara and Dakota Kauffmann at the gift of baby Tate Ryan Kauffmann on Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 3:21 p.m. Tate Ryan was born at 7.1 lb and 19 ½ inches long. May God bless this growing family.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 249, Bible Class- 20, Sunday School- 27, Offering- \$35.75

Offering Last Week: \$28,081.84

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$14,933.00	Mission	\$254.00
Easter	\$7.50	Lutheran Hour	50.00
Good Friday	\$5.00	Mission Total	\$304.00
Thrivent Choice	\$980.00	Savings/Other:	
Sunday School	\$35.75	Bus Replacement Fund	\$45.00
Lunch Room	\$584.00	Building Fund	
ECC Operating	\$7,549.71	Good Friday	\$5.00
School Registration	\$226.00	Easter Sunday	\$7.50
Tuition	\$3,399.38	Savings/Other Total	\$57.50
Received 4/12/2026	\$27,720.34		
		Total	\$28,081.84
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00		
Received MTD	\$93,093.13		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Ralph Wenke by Leonita Sanders - \$25.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Leonita Sanders - \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Ralph Wenke by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Ken Weiser by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Gilbert Krause, Ralph Wenke and Wayne Becker - \$100.00

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 26, 2026 "**Second Chances and First Impressions**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God is the God of second chances, not for Himself but for others. 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 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.