

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026

Welcome! *The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd.*

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

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, Marian Wiederhold.

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-recovering
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-recovering
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 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 Wesbrook (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

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.



Sunday School and Bible Class: The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. Today's lesson, "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His People. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church continuing to look at Ephesians.

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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

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| Today | Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. |
| Monday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday | School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. Picnic Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. |
| Friday | Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. |
| Next Sunday | English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Nicholas Taylor Greeter: Nancy Beckcom |

Birthdays: Today – Curtis Oltmann, Shannen Sylvey; 27th – Sadie Claxton, Luke Jones; 28th – Stacy Goodson, Monroe Schatte, Jr.; 29th – Amanda Carter, William Habel; 1st – Lora Frieenberg, Valerio Rosales. God's Blessings to you.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 3rd, “**Planning Is Everything**”. Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. Psalm 146:3-4. 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- Max Faske and Dylan Arldt
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Glen Albrecht
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heurman, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
Daniel Marak, Virgil Becker, Jeff Claxton

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.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

April 26 – Easter IV

The conception and birth of every baby should be cause for joy (John 16:21). Sadly, millions of babies every year are conceived but never born. Either by intentional abortions or unintended miscarriages, joy falls victim to sorrow. A life is lost, and even if the world does not know it, a mother does. In His mercy that never comes to an end (Lamentations 3:22), Christ has died for our sins. He forgives. He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love (Lamentation 3:32). Now you know sorrow but also know that when Christ appears, you shall be like Him, pure as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3). Then your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 740, 709, 781 v. 1&2, 770, 685

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:19-25

The Sermon: “**A Good Example**”

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ “*A Faithful Shepherd Is My Lord*”

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Curtis Oltmann’s birthday by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- ✠ **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His many blessings on their anniversary by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht.
- ✠ **Thank you.** The family of Arthur Noack would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, visits, memorials, food, and flowers, that were given in Arthur’s memory. Special thanks to Pastor Schmidt for his daily words of encouragement, his visit and service at the hospital and the message at the funeral. Thank you to Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music. Thanks to everyone who donated food for the luncheon and especially to the ladies who organized and served the luncheon. Your kindness will always be remembered. May God continue to bless this wonderful community we live in.
Dianna Noack & family
- ✠ **May Calendar** is available from the ushers and in the church office this morning.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Wood Cutting for Picnic.** Please meet on My 2nd at 8:00 a.m. in the church parking lot if you are able to help cut wood for the picnic.

† **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- 217, Communion- 129, Bible Class- 15; Sunday School- 21, Offering- \$17.00.

Offering Last Week: \$27,036.91

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| Home: | | Mission: | |
| General | \$9,457.00 | Mission | \$359.00 |
| Sunday School | \$17.00 | Lutheran Hour | \$50.00 |
| Lunch Room | \$325.00 | Mission Total | \$409.00 |
| ECC Operating | \$9,115.01 | Savings/Other: | |
| Use of Facility | \$500.00 | School Fund | \$125.00 |
| Tuition | \$6,438.90 | Scholarship | \$650.00 |
| Received 4/19/2026 | \$25,852.91 | Savings/Other Total | \$775.00 |

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| Est. needed per week | \$33,625.00 | Total | \$27,036.91 |
| Received MTD | \$118,946.04 | | |
| Est. needed per month | \$145,708.00 | | |

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Pat Biar by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by Robert & Brenda Muniz - \$50.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$50.0; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00; by Janet Oltmann - \$50.00; by Lynette Wiederhold - \$30.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$500.00; by Dale, Kristi & Cooper Jurecka - \$50.00; by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$50.00; by Carl H. Mertink - \$25.00; by Leonita Sanders - \$25.00; by JoAnn Prause - \$20.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00; by Louise Grimm & family - \$100.00; by Nancy & Stephen Kasper - \$50.00; by M/M Rex Perry - \$100.00; by Rev & Mrs. David Mumm - \$20.00; by M/M Martin Werchan - \$75.00; by Mark & Nicole Arldt & boys - \$25.00; by Chris & Connie Becker - \$50.00; by Glenn Buscha - \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield & family - \$50.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00; by David & Michelle Fritsche - \$50.00; by M/M Keith Oltmann - \$150.00; by Evelyn, Michele & Melissa Maass - \$25.00; by Mark & Patricia Krugler - \$25.00; by Virginia Hernandez, Shelbey Barnett & family and Shannen Selvey & family - \$100.00; by Raymond & Lanetta Kipp - \$25.00; by Donald & Teresa Becker - \$50.00; by Charlie Malke & Dinah Akin - \$50.00; by Mike, Nena, Callie and Sarah Meath - \$200.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Lucille Schatte & Lynette - \$50.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Darlene Schatte - \$25.00; By Marcel Prestridge - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellor – \$50.00; by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Dan & Suzzet Engler - \$50.00; by Ruby Weiser - \$50.00; by M/M John Kalbas - \$100.00; by Cathy & Gene Noack - \$75.00; by Kathy & Vic Lohberg - \$100.00; by M/M Gary Oltmann - \$50.00; by Nora Jurecka - \$20.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by Paul & Rachel Menke - \$35.00; by GHS Class of 1987 - \$25.00 **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Arthur Noack by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00.

- † **Orphan Grain Train** is coming May 6, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
- † **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.