

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

3 April 2022

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**Welcome! *God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us.*** Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "through faith in Christ" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "know him and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "new thing" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "the stone that the builders rejected." Yet, the One rejected by men "has become the cornerstone" of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Is. 43:19).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Dora Durrenberger-recovering*

*Pat Hughes-recovering (friend of James and*

*Kathy Kalbas)*

*Hildegard Krause*

*Mary Loewe (mother of Christi Bradford)*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Calvin Robertson*

*Katie Schmidt-recovering (mother of Pastor Schmidt)*

*Greg Sorrento-recovering (nephew of Doris Fritsche)*

*Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Laverne Weiser-recovering*

*Conway Whited-surgery (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)*

**Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.**

**Those fighting cancer including:**

*Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin*

*Matthijetz*

*Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)*

*Joyce Bise*

*Don Claxton-father of Jeff Claxton*

*Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*

*Crystal Garza (cousin of Dorothy Schautschick)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*

*Louis Muniz, Jr. (brother of Robert Muniz)*

*Jack Pennington (brother-in-law of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz)*

*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*

*Carol Sander*

*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*

*Barbara Symm*

*Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*

*Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*

**Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**

*Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

*Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Hood, TX*

*Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York*

*Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia*

**Those who mourn:**

*The family of Eleen Schulze (sister-in-law of Daniel Schulze)*

**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: 593, 430, 781 v. 1&2, 811, 685, 425, 918  
Sermon Text: Philippians 3:8-14  
The Sermon: **“What Is Your Goal?”**

✠ *We begin today with the order of Baptism on page 268 of the hymnal*

We welcome to God’s people through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Caden Myles Portales**

and

**Camdyn Mae Portales**

Caden and Camdyn are the children of Cody and Kristen Portales.

Caden’s sponsors are Linda Wilkins, Kyle Hansen, Ethan Wachsmann and witness Kelly Hansen.

Camdyn’s sponsors are Donald Becker, Teshia Becker, Kelsey Wachsmann and witness Margo Portales

- ✠ **Altar Flowers.** The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God in honor of Caden & Camdyn’s baptism by Kristen, Cody and Carter Portales
- ✠ **Trustees Meeting.** The Trustees will meet tomorrow April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All trustees may pick up their packets in the church office today to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Church Council** – This Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the April 10<sup>th</sup> voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council
- ✠ **Voyager View Newsletter.** The Voyager View April Newsletter is available in the church office.
- ✠ **Easter Lilies.** The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is available in the church office. Orders are due by **Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. **Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after April 14<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of the lilies is \$12.00 each.
- ✠ **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
- ✠ **Mark your calendars for VBS- June13th-17th!** Our VBS theme is: The Tree of Life- God's Promise of Salvation! Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives us and gives us everlasting life. If you would like to volunteer this Summer for VBS, please contact VBS Director- Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143).
- ✠ **Benefit** for Annie Beasley and family. Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM to go only. BBQ on a Bun - \$10. Meal includes BBQ on a Bun, chips and a drink. Free will bake sale and raffle tickets available. Lincoln Community Center. Pre-sale meal tickets & raffle tickets sold at Round Top State Bank – Ashley’s Attic – Sylvin’s Automotive – Walch Store, or call Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105.
- ✠ **Serbin Alumni Basketball Game 2022.** Mark your calendar for May 28, 2022. Watch the Sunday bulletin for further information.
- ✠ **Church Music Beautification Conference** - Hello Circuit 22 & 23 friends, We are kicking off what we'd like to see become an annual gathering for servants in Texas District Circuits 22 & 23. Further beautifying the worship life of our congregations in small ways will serve as our continual conference goal. This inaugural conference will feature: worship, fellowship, the introduction of a new hymn, plenary sessions for organists, musicians, and pastors together. Please consider joining us for the Small Scale **Church Music Beautification Conference** of Circuit 22 & 23, Texas District, LCMS from 8am-noon on Saturday, April 30, 2022, Mt. Calvary, La Grange. Coffee and snacks will be provided, please RSVP to the the MCLC office by Tuesday, April 19, 2022, (979) 968-3938 or [secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org](mailto:secretary@mtcalvary-lcms.org) ----Rev. Jason M. Kaspar, Mrs. Ruth Meyer, Rev. Bernie Schey.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, **“Drawn Through the Cross”**. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about people drawing the cross and how the cross is drawing people. (Luke 23:34). 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](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

**Life Through the Church Year:**

**April 3 – Lent V**

The vineyard tenants parable issues a stern warning about using death as a solution like abortion or assisted suicide. Paul’s words – “for his sake I have suffered the loss of all things” (Philippians 3:8) – acknowledge the difficulties surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis bring. But Isaiah prophesies the sweet assurance of God’s salvation in these difficulties; “a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19).

**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service w/ Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Mon. – Fri. Achievement Testing Week

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Smithville – 9:00 a.m.  
Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.  
**Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.**  
Acolytes: Brandon Burgdorf and Ayla Droegemueller

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
Immanuel Giddings K-4 grade field day

Next Sunday **English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Kenedy Schatte and Kaden Kasper

**Birthdays: Today** – Zoey Jenke, Rick Schulze; 4<sup>th</sup> – James Kanevsky; 5<sup>th</sup> – Connie Becker; – 7<sup>th</sup> – Calvin Mitschke; 9<sup>th</sup> – Virgil Becker, Shelby Buscha, Rylee Smolik, Rose Tharp. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Sharron Adair and Gabriel Bailey  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Michael Becker **Assistant-** Shelby Becker  
**Ushers-** Glen Albrecht, Wyatt Arldt, Virgil Becker,  
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,  
Cole Mertink, Ethan Ray, Shane Ray, Shane Sander, Robert Zoch  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Rex Perry  
Tim Symm, Chase Oltmann, Virgil Becker  
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## ST. PAUL NOTES:

**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/23/22)- 105, Morning Worship- 261, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 41, Banner Classes: Grade 2, Offering- \$25.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$11,327.95

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$6,724.00	Mission	\$646.00
Sunday School	\$25.00	Lutheran Hour	\$60.00
Lunch Room	\$385.00	Lent Offering (3/23/2022)	\$571.25
ECC Operating	\$1,092.50	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,277.25</b>
Tuition	\$1,804.20	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 3/27/2022</b>	<b>\$10,030.70</b>	Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$93,773.93</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	Total	\$11,327.95

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Alice Pratho by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Adele Becker by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Sherlyn Mersiovsky by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$40.00. In memory of Kenneth Wiederhold by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$20.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Sherlyn Mersiovsky by David & Karen Schmidt - \$20.00.



### TAPPS State Music Awards

Five students competed in the annual Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) music competition on Friday, March 25. These students prepared solos from the UIL Prescribed Music List to be performed before professional judges and received ratings and encouragement to help each improve their techniques. Ben Meyer, senior, received a rating of 1 (Superior) on trumpet; Timothy Meyer, sophomore, received a rating of 1 (Superior) on french horn; Grace Alemann, freshman, received a 1 (Superior) on french horn; Mason Messer, freshman, received a rating of 2 (Excellent) on snare drum; and Kaydee Schroeder, sophomore, received a rating of 2 (Excellent) for her vocal solo. The competition took place at Concordia University Texas in Austin. The students are directed by FLHS music instructor, Dan Schaefer.

### Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2022-2023 academic year! Interested individuals who teach any subject area are encouraged to apply, but science, social studies, English, or electives are sought after skills. Applicants 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](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

### Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel will be led by Pr. Dustin Beck as a Lenten Worship Service, beginning at 10:30 am.

### FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 15th 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 13th and 14th, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

### New Student Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. We would love to welcome you into our Falcon family as well. Call us at (979) 242-2889 to schedule a shadow day or visit our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org) for registration information.