

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Resurrection of Our Lord

5 April 2026

**Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Brings Us Out of Death into Life with His God and Father in Heaven.*** In Adam, all people die because all people sin. The children of that first gardener have been driven out of Paradise and return to the dust whence they were taken. But now another Gardener has come, who has made His bed in the dust of the earth and who, by His rising, restores Paradise to all the children of men. With His voice of the Gospel, He calls us by name, and He opens our eyes to behold Him by faith. At His Word, we enter His tomb through Baptism into His death, so that, just as He is risen, we also “rise from the dead” (John 20:9). Come, then, “sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously” (Ex. 15:1). He has fought for us against our enemies, and in His resurrection not one enemy remains. “Fear not,” therefore, but “see the salvation of the LORD” (Ex. 14:13), which He delivers “as of first importance” by the preaching of His Gospel (1 Cor. 15:3). Thus, we are raised with Christ “in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:4), and we stand firm because we “are being saved” (1 Cor. 15:1–2). We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### 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)*  
*Herbert Handrick (uncle of Shannon Handrick)*  
*Nancy Kasper-recovering*  
*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)*  
*Dianna Noack-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 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*  
**Those who mourn:**  
*The family of Darlene Jackson (friend of Bobbi Krause)*  
**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– Worship Insert**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God. He is Risen, Hallelujah!
- ✠ **The Altar Flowers** on Maundy Thursday were placed to the glory of God in honor of the confirmands by their parents.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on any of those Sunday's, please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094
- ✠ **The Crown of Thorns** on Good Friday was placed to the glory of God by Robert and Joyce Hinze.
- ✠ **Thank you** for all the cards, visits, memorials, flowers, etc that were given in Ken's memory. Special thanks to Pastor Schmidt for the many, many visits he made on behalf of us. Thanks to all the congregation members who donated food for the luncheon and especially to the ladies who organized and served the luncheon. Many thanks to Pastor for the wonderful service and to Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music. Thanks to the employees of A Perfect Way, JOL Hospice and the VA for all their assistance and care for the last year and a half. Your kindness will always be remembered. God Bless You. *Ruby Weiser & Family*
- ✠ **Thank you** to the LAF for preparing Easter Breakfast this morning
- ✠ **Easter Egg Hunt.** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt this morning at 8:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the school for Nursery I through Kindergarten.
- ✠ **Thank you** from the LWML for your support in beautifying the Sanctuary with lilies for our Easter services. When you pick up your plant following this morning's Festival service, please check your name off the list in the sacristy behind the altar.
- ✠ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Church Council** – This Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the church council will meet to set the agenda for the April 12<sup>th</sup> voters meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council.
- ✠ **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$15.00. Please contact Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105 or Janis Lehmann at 979-540-0830 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** if you are interested in purchasing tickets.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Wood Cutting for Picnic.** Please meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org).
- ✠ **St. Paul Lutheran School** is seeking a part-time PE Teacher for the Spring semester. Pay is dependent on experience. Interested applicants should send a resume to [kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org](mailto:kschatte@stpaulserbinschool.org)
- ✠ **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 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Picnic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Picnic worklist.
- ✠ **Christ Lutheran Church Loebau, Texas Sunday School Tuition Benefit Fish Fry.** Friday, April 10, 2026 serving starts at 5PM. Plates include fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, pinto salad, hushpuppies, and tarter sauce. \$15 per plate presale only. Presale ends April 7, 2026. 4654 County Road 114, Lincoln, Texas 78948.
- ✠ **Warda Bunch Show Fund BBQ Pork to Go.** Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 form 4p.m. - 6.p.m. Pre-Orders only by April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>, “**Early Adopters**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Jesus is the “display Model” of what we will be, through faith in Him. 1 Corinthians 15:20. 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 5 – Easter Day**

Alleluia, Christ has risen! This is *the* pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already “been raised with Christ” through faith and Holy Baptism, “seek the things that are above” (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).

**Serving today:** Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Sunrise: Nicholas Taylor and Dylan Arldt  
 Festival: Nathen Barrett and Max Faske  
**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  
 Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Clay Mertink  
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**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/25/2026)- 112, Palm Sunday Worship- 257.

**Offering Last Week:** \$14,499.15

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$10,109.14	Mission	\$480.00
Sunday School	\$2.00	Lutheran Hour	\$75.00
ECC Operating	\$1,250.01	Concordia St. Louis	\$1,016.50
<b>Received 3/29/2026</b>	<b>\$11,361.15</b>	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$1,016.50
		<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$2,588.00</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$144,866.40</b>	School Fund	\$130.00
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>	Organ Restoration	\$25.00
		Building Fund	\$295.00
		Scholarship	\$100.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>
		Total	\$14,499.15

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Ken Weiser, Gilbert Krause & Ralph Wenke by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz – \$80.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$100.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$100.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield - \$100.00. In memory of Ken Weiser, Ralph Wenke & Wayne Becker by Randy & Janice Becker - \$60.00. In memory of George Hernandez by Virginia Hernandez & family - \$500.00. In memory of Ken Weiser & Gilbert Krause by Janet Oltmann - \$50.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause & Ralph Wenke by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop – \$50.00; by Chris & Connie Becker – \$50.00; by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$100.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by Rotary Club of Giddings - \$50.00; by Rev./M David Mumm - \$20.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Christopher & Becky Werchan-Klepac - \$100.00; by M/M Martin Werchan - \$75.00; by David Jentho - \$250.00; by Frances Mutscher - \$20.00; by M/M/Gary Oltmann - \$100.00; by M/M Keith Oltmann - \$150.00; by Rose Fritsche - \$25.00; by M/M Michael Becker - \$50.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by Frances Fritscher - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Joyce Thorensen - \$100.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$200.00; by Rodney & Melanie Meyer - \$50.00; by Jack & Marian

Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Rev./M David Mumm - \$20.00; by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$100.00; by M/M Ralph Bamsch - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by M/M Billy Kieschnick - \$20.00; by Frances Mutscher - \$20.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by M/M Monroe Krause - \$50.00; by Billy Krause - \$25.00; by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke - \$50.00; by Mark & Tricia Krugler - \$50.00; by Jim, Debra & Riley Carter - \$50.00; by Angie Fritsche & family - \$20.00; by Calvin & Sheila Coufal - \$100.00; by Casey & Jenny Fajkus - \$50.00; by Ronnie & Lisa Petzold - \$100.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00; by Kayla & Ryan Krause - \$50.00; by Kaemark in appreciation for everything he did for Kaemark - \$250.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00; by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$75.00; by Stephen & Nancy Kasper - \$50.00; by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Virginia Hernandez - \$20.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. **Misson:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M Mark Arldt & Boys - \$25.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke by M/M Mark Arldt & Boys - \$25.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by Mark, Nicole, Wyatt & Dylan Arldt - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Ralph Wenke, Ken Weiser and Gilbert Krause by Steven, Dorothy, Bradly & Koralynn Schautschick - \$75.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke by Alton Weiser - \$25.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Robin & Sherri Buscha - \$50.00; by Clifton & Betty Wachsmann - \$30.00; by Elaine Krause - \$40.00; by Jason & SONDY Mersiovsky - \$50.00; by Dennis & Betty Kurio - \$25.00. **Organ Restoration:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M Bruce Bockhorn - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Ralph Wenke by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00; by Sherwin & Jane Siegmund - \$30.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M Dan Engler - \$50.00. In memory of Ken Weiser by M/M Dan Engler - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Ken Weiser by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00; by M/M Craig Oltmann - \$200.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Ken Weiser by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00.

#### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m.**  
 Easter Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School – 8:15 a.m.  
**Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.**

Monday No School  
 ECC Closed  
 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
 LWML Quilting  
 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
 LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
 Church Council Meeting – 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: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas  
 Greeter: Deanna Miertschin  
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.  
 Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**Birthdays: Today** – Connie Becker; 6<sup>th</sup> – Ellie Menzel; 7<sup>th</sup> – Calvin Mitschke; 8<sup>th</sup> – Brooks Hansen; 9<sup>th</sup> – Virgil Becker, Rylee Smolik, Rose Tharp; 11<sup>th</sup> – Marissa Hempel. 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 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](http://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.



#### **Goings On - Two Weeks at a Glance:**

Monday, April 6th - No School - Easter Monday

Wednesday, April 8th - On Campus SAT Exam & Chicken Spaghetti ORDERS DUE

Friday, April 10th - Immanuel Field Day & Track at Rosehill Christian in Tomball

Monday, April 13th - Chicken Spaghetti ORDERS PICKUP

Wednesday, April 15th - Students lead Chapel at St. Paul, Serbin

#### **Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser**

Get Hungry for Faith! You won't want to miss our annual FLHS Boosters chicken spaghetti fundraiser. Two casserole sizes are available for PRE ORDER ONLY: \$20/8x8 and \$35/9x13. **Order deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2026.** Your tray/s can be picked up Monday, April 13th between 4:30 and 5:30pm. Please call 979-242-2889 or email [KueckJ@FLHStx.org](mailto:KueckJ@FLHStx.org) to place your orders. Thank You!

#### **9th FLHS Golf "Fore" Education Tournament**

Join us in La Grange at Frisch Auf Country Club, Friday, May 29th for an 8am/1pm shotgun start. Our annual tournament benefiting Faith is perfect for every level of player. Just come out, have fun, and support our school! 4-man teams are \$100/person, including golf cart and lunch, and many prizes will be awarded. We are also seeking Silver, Gold, and Platinum sponsors (playing is NOT required, but please claim by Wednesday, May 14th to meet printing deadlines). Registration fliers are available throughout the community. Please contact the school at 979-242-2889, Jonathan Kueck at [kueckj@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckj@flhstx.org), or Layne Schramm at [layneschramm@hotmail.com](mailto:layneschramm@hotmail.com) for further details. Good Faith, Players!

### **New Student Registration**

Do you know a young person who would benefit from the Faith Lutheran High School experience? Don't we all! Registration for 2025-2026 is underway, and new students are already enrolling. We would love to meet with even more hopeful students and their families, and that's where you come in. Please help us grow Faith by spreading the word in person and on social media. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org). Blessings!

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2026-2027 academic year. Interested individuals, particularly in the subject areas of English, Music, History, and Foreign Languages, 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 for your thoughtful consideration!