

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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.

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)
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
Clay Matrthew Mumm-recovering (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)
Antoinette Richardson-recovering
David Schmidt-recovering
Larry Schatte-recovering
Lynette Schatte-
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)
Sherri Fritsche
Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)
George Hernandez-recovering
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 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
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— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 803, 430, 781 v. 1&2, 644, 912, 433, 425

Sermon Text: Isaiah 43:16-21

The Sermon: **“Anything New?”**

✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God.

✠ **The Altar Stand** flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of Theresa Krause’s birthday by the Krause and Bise family.

✠ **Congratulations** to Ricky and Corie Flory for the birth of their son, Maverick Lane Flory on March 28. He weighed 6lbs 11ozs, and was 19.75 inches long. Grandparents are Clyde and Sandra Schimank, great grandmother Janiece Becker. May God bless this growing family.

✠ **Bible Class.** Dwayne Mitschke will present his humanitarian experience with Austin Energy and their involvement in helping the Navajo Nation in Arizona achieving electrical power. The reservation is the largest in the United States and in 2019, the Navajo council reached out for help in utilities, to help build power lines for much needed families. Austin Energy and CPS in San Antonio are two utilities in Texas that help assist the Navajo Nation. Dwane is a high voltage trainer and has made two tours with Austin Energy personnel and will share his experience with us this morning in Bible Class

✠ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.

✠ **Order forms for Easter Lilies** are available from the ushers this morning. Orders are due by Monday, April 14th by 5:00 p.m.

✠ **The Voyager Voice.** The April 2nd Voyager Voice is available from the usher this morning.

✠ **Church Council** – This Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet to set the agenda for the April 13th Voters Meeting. All congregational officers and board members are part of the church council

✠ **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.

✠ **Orphan Grain Train** will be coming on April 8th at 10:00 a.m. Question call Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.

✠ **Thank Offering** – Rev. Michael Newman will be retiring from full-time ministry, and the office of District President upon completion of the 2025 Texas District Convention. The Texas District is asking that we have a thank offering for a new mission fund of the Texas District called the “Rev. Michael and Cindy Newman Mission Fund to Support TPIM (Texas Partners in Mission).” A special thank offering will be taken at the end of the service this morning to be sent towards this fund.

✠ **Confirmation Cards** are available in the church office.

✠ 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!

✠ **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!

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 13th, **“In the Middle”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. 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**– Douglas Hartfield and Michael Krause
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Nathen Barnett and Everett Corn
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- Mason Becker
 Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Timothy Symm

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ Grace, Elgin – 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner
 Greeter: Doris Fritsche
 LWML Meeting – 7:45 p.m.
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.
 Thursday Staff Bible Study - 7:30 a.m.
 Church Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 K-4th Grade Immanuel Field Day
 Next Sunday **Palm Sunday Worship Service w/Rite of Confirmation–**
9:00 a.m.
 Acolytes: Whitlee Smolik and Max Sommerfield
 Greeter: Debra Hartfield
 Voters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Birthdays: Today – Ellie Menzel; 7th – Calvin Mitschke; 8th – Brooks Hansen; 9th – Virgil Becker, Rylee Smolik, Rose Tharp; 11th – Marissa Hempel; 12th – David Gersch. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/26/2025)- 99, Morning Worship- 231, Bible Class- 12; Sunday School- 34, Offering- \$26.00.

Offering Last Week: \$17,002.11

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,844.00	Mission	\$794.00
Sunday School	\$26.00	Concordia St Louis	\$494.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$494.00
Lunch Room	\$407.10	Mission Total	\$1,782.00
ECC Operating	\$1,256.25	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$375.00	School Fund	\$100.00
Tuition	\$3,661.76	Building Fund	\$400.00
Received 3/30/2025	\$14,720.11	Savings/Other Total	\$500.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Total	\$17,002.11
Received MTD	\$117,036.49		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Lester Melcher by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$100.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Caroline Malinak by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Dennis Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00.

Life Though the Church Year:

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The Lord our God forms persons and peoples from Himself (Isaiah 43:21). Our lives and every neighbor's body belong to the Almighty Maker. He intends each one not only for survival but for salvation in the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10). This means we get to receive all humankind's members as gifts and privileges and treat them as inestimably precious.

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.





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.

Busy Night? Dinner's On Us

Don't forget to come pick up your pre-ordered FLHS Booster's Club Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available on **Monday, April 7th**, with pick-up in Warda, Serbin, or Giddings from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

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!

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!