

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2026

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**Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection.*** “The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

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, Dorothy Schautschick.

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### **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)*  
*Cathy Harrel-recovering from surgery (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)*  
*Billy Krause-recovering*  
*Paula Krause-recovering*  
*Ruth Kluetz-recovering*  
*Mike Maass-recovering*  
*Ruben Melcher (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)*  
*Chris Miertschin-recovering*

*Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)*  
*Nicholas Taylor-Hospitalized*  
*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)*  
*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*

#### **All Mothers**

#### **Rain**

**Sunday School and Bible Class:** The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. “A Fiery Marvel” is the title of today’s lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar’s directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the King’s astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these men and praises the true God. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church continuing to look at Ephesians.

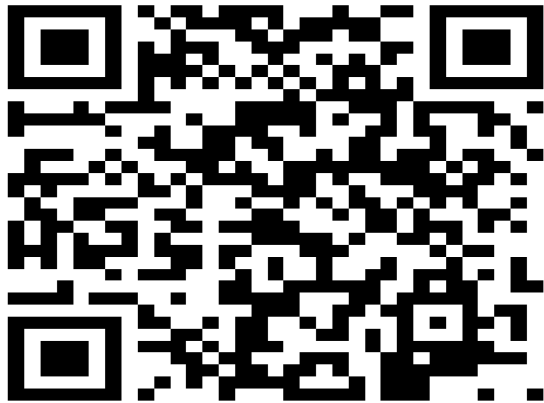
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### **THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today	<b>Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mother’s Day</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Circuit Meeting @ Immanuel, Giddings – 9:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	School Chapel – 8:30 a.m. LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. <b>Ascension Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.</b> Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick
Friday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Next Sunday	<b>Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m.</b> Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Emmalynn Knott and James Miertschin Greeter: Lisa Schmidt Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m. PreK Graduation – 2:00 p.m. K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation - 4:00 p.m. Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

Thank you to Alicia Moerbe and Kelsey Schatte for co-directing Vacation Bible School this year.

Register NOW for VBS JUNE 8th-12th! During the Tropical Trek VBS, we will have an unforgettable journey with Jesus! Register before May 18th to receive a free VBS t-shirt! Scan the QR code, or visit the church website, to register.



**The Order of Service**— 184 of the hymnal  
The Hymns: 508, 556, 781 v. 1&2, 605, 725  
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:15-22  
The Sermon: **“Offer An Apology”**  
All School Sing: ♪ *“Beautiful Savior”*  
Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“Lord Take My Hand”*

- ✝ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory and honor of all mothers by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper.
- ✝ **The Altar stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of our mom’s, Frieda Albrecht, LaVerne Hinze and Adelia Lorenz by Milton & Geraldine Abrecht and Robert & Joyce Hinze.
- ✝ **Thank you** to the PTLs for providing recognition gifts for mothers 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](mailto: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.
- ✝ **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 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ **Serbin LWML Church Picnic Bake Sale.**  
We are excited to again host a Bake Sale at our upcoming Church Picnic! We are asking for donations of **homemade baked goods and canned items** to help make this event a success. Donations may include cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, breads, muffins, and other baked treats. We also need jams, jellies, pickles, and other canned goods! All proceeds will support our various mission projects. Please bring your items to the picnic grounds before church on May 24. If you have questions, contact Melodi Oltmann 979-540-0039. **Thank you for your generosity and support—we couldn’t do it without you!** *“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” – Psalm 34:8*

**Birthdays: Today** – Jason Heuermann; 11<sup>th</sup> – Malia Droegemueller, Paul Sommerfield; 14<sup>th</sup> – Joshua Adair, Reagan Hinze. God’s Blessings to you.

**Serving today:** Elders– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise  
**Organist-** Susan Michael  
**Acolytes-** Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann  
**Ushers-** Bradley Albrecht, Lane Gersch, Cole Kalbas, Seth Kalbas, Nathan Michael, Kaleb Oltmann, Chase Oltmann, Curtis Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Glen Abrecht  
 Tommy Miertschin, Cole Mertink, Ethan Miertschin  
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**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.



**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:  
 May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

The Old Testament Israelites learned the hard way not to grumble against the Lord. When the Lord sent fiery serpents among them. Many were bitten and died. But the people repented, crying out for mercy: “We have sinned! Take away the serpents from us!” (Numbers 21:7-9). God’s answer? Make a bronze serpent and place it on a pole; then look upon it and live! We all tend to grumble against the Lord, plagued by our doubts and fears. Many seek to find their own way, and sometimes that way includes choosing to have an abortion or embracing physician -assisted suicide, but this is the way of death. Look to Jesus on the cross and live! Cry to the Lord in your trouble, for He alone delivers you from your distress (Psalm 107:5-6). Ask and you shall receive that your joy may be full (John 16:24). Baptized into Christ, we embark on a new path—the path of life. We must be “doers of the word” (James 1:22) as we seek to bring help and hope to those who need our prayers and support in choosing life.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 204, Communion- 121, Bible Class- 21; Sunday School- 26, Offering- \$17.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$34,837.81

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$12,735.00	Mission	\$1,386.00
Sunday School	\$17.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,386.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$260.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$9,739.68	School Oil & Gas	\$.81
Tuition	\$10,409.32	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$40.00
<b>Received 5/3/2026</b>	<b>\$33,161.00</b>	Scholarship	\$250.00
		<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$290.81</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$33,625.00</b>		
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$33,161.00</b>	Total	\$34,837.81
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$145,708.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Carol Carmean by Kevin & Sherri Coffman - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke, Arthur Noack and Gilbert Krause by Chris & Becky Klepac - \$125.00. In memory of Irene Schneider by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by Jerrilyn Zoch - \$50.00; by M/M Brian Jenke - \$50.00; by Mark & Leann McClain - \$25.00; by Ronald & Linda Oltmann - \$100.00; by M/M Franklin Gebert - \$20.00; by Ralph & Linda Mutscher - \$25.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Mark & Jessica Gruetzner & family - \$150.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by John & Lisa Gay - \$25.00; by Vernon & Marion Bryant - \$100.00; by Ralph & Darlene Oltmann - \$50.00; by the Krakosky Girls - \$75.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Larry Kalbas - \$100.00. In memory of Irene Boriack Schneider by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$20.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Irene Boriack Schneider by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of George Nielsen by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00. In memory of Tonya Huttler by Jack & Marin Wiederhold - \$50.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In memory of James Kilgore by M/M Sherwin Siegmund - \$40.00.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, “**Don’t Despise Small Beginnings**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. Acts 1:14. 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.