

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May, 2023

**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.

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### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Gladys Arldt*

*Chris Birnbaum-recovering*

*Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)*

*Evelyn Kaiser*

*Judy Kalbas-recovering*

*Naomi McDonald (daughter of Rev. David & Kathy*

*Mumm)*

*Chris Miertschin*

*Shannon Miertschin*

*Dwayne Muzny-recovering from surgery (friend of Susie*

*Maass)*

*Keeley Schautschick-recovering*

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

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

*Kalbas)*

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

**Those fighting cancer including:**

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

*Matthijetz)*

*Leonard Boriack (friend of the Schautschick family)*

*Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)*

*Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)*

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

*Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

*Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*

*Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)*

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

*Theresa Krause*

*Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)*

*Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)*

*Ruby Maass (Mother of Linda Schonhoeft)*

*Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and*

*Marilyn Miertschin)*

*Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)*

*Deborah Richards (sister-in-law of Zelda Richards)*

*Carol Sander*

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

*Cherie Todee-sister of Carrie Oltmann*

*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 Bliss,*

*El Paso*

*Kosh Ozmun (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*

*Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Newport,*

*Rhode Island*

*Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft.*

*Huachuca, Arizona*

*Peyton Walker (son of Heather Mersiovsky) Ft. Benning,*

*Georgia*

**Those who mourn:**

*The family of Jimmy Oltmann*

**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**— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 725, 556, 781 v. 1&2, 655, 605

Sermon Text: John 14:15-21

The Sermon: **“If You”**

K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Anthem: ♪ *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River-Amazing Grace”*

Adult Choir Anthem: ♪ *“I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light”*

† **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Monroe Becker’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and in memory of Verna Mae Becker on this Mother’s Day from their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

† **The Altar Stand** flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of Jim Oltmann by his family.

† **We express our sympathy** to the family of Jimmy Oltmann He fell asleep in Jesus Sunday, May 7, 2023. Funeral services for Mr. Oltmann were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.

† **Thank you** to the PTLs for providing recognition gifts for mothers this morning.

† **Door Offering.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the door offering for Epiphany Lutheran Church. \$676.00 was collected

† **Celebrating 25 years on May 21<sup>st</sup>.** We wish to congratulate Ms. Elaine and Mrs. Droegemueller on their 25 years of service to our Lord and St. Paul. Cards and well wishes can be dropped in the church replica in the church office. A cake reception will be served following the musical Sunday evening.

† **Serbin Alumni Basketball Game 2023.** Mark your calendar for May 27, 2023. A registration form is inserted in the bulletin this morning and also available in the church office.

† **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2023) 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

† **Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Program.** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society (TWHS) appreciates support given to our scholarship program. All Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship funds are received through fundraising projects and donations. The TWHS scholarship program is available to students of Wendish descent and encourages students to learn more about their Wendish heritage. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school for Fall 2023 semester. 2023-2024 scholarship applications are available online at [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org) and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.net](mailto:museum@texaswendish.net). **Thanks for your support!**

† **PSIA.** Congratulations to the following student who participated in the PSIA state meet last week: Grant Oltmann, Elijah Kueck, Benjamin Schonhoeft, Alice Gurka, Ryleigh Bailey, and Owen Wittman who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in State in Science

† **Picnic Ground Keys.** We are missing a set of keys to the various buildings on the Picnic Ground. If you possibly have these keys, please return them to the church office.

† **Orphan Grain Train** is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ’s example as a servant and his love for us. Orphan Grain Train is a non-profit organization, created in 1992, to provide assistance to those in need, and in natural disasters in both the United States and foreign countries. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, **“Responses to Suffering”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why does God allow suffering? The answer cannot be that God is indifferent or detached from our pain. (1 Peter 4:12). 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 Thoughts in the Church Year:**

**May 14 – Easter VI/Mother’s Day**

The reason for the hope that is in us rests upon the Lord’s creating, redeeming, and calling of every human being. The reason for the hope that is in us does not rely on anyone else’s age, appearance, or ability. Advocating for the sanctity of life gives the reason for the hope that is in us, and we declare and demonstrate it with a mother’s tenderness and tenacity (1 Peter 3:15).

**Serving today:** Elders– Monroe Schatte, Jr. and Dwayne Schulze  
**Organist-** Jack Wiederhold  
**Acolytes-** Lydia Schautschick-Goodson and Cooper Hinze  
**Head Ushers-** Donald Becker  
**Captain-** Mason Becker **Assistant-** Carson Becker  
**Ushers-** Jason Becker, Randy Becker, Brandon Burgdorf,  
Trey Fritsche, Mike Krause, Ethan Miertschin,  
Rex Perry, Brad Schmidt, Tim Symm, John Tate  
**Counting and Posting offering this week:**  
**Chairman-** Rex Perry  
Bradley Albrecht, Troy Wiederhold, John Hinze  
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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Mother’s Day**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.  
School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
LWML Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.  
**Ascension Day Worship Service w/Communion –  
7:00 p.m.**  
**Acolytes:** Tucker Kalbas and Kaden Kasper  
**Greeter:** Bonne Wenke

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Acolytes: Brooke Lehmann and Grant Oltmann  
Greeter: Marion Wiederhold  
PreK Graduation – 2:00 p.m.  
K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 4:00 p.m.  
Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.

**Birthdays:** Today – Joshua Adar, Monroe Becker, Reagan Hinze, Jacob Ray; 15<sup>th</sup> – Keaton Bradford; 17<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Kasper, William Krause, Lillian Robertson; 18<sup>th</sup> – Glen Albrecht; 19<sup>th</sup> – Kim Droegemueller; 20<sup>th</sup> – Lucille Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 260, Communion- 167, Bible Class- 25; Sunday School- 26, Banner Classes: Nursery II, Offering- \$19.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$49,607.31

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$28,872.17	Mission	\$710.00
Sunday School	\$19.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
Lunch Room	\$1,852.50	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
ECC Operating	\$7,926.55	School Fund	\$25.00
School Registration	\$2,487.00	Building Fund	\$1,080.00
Tuition	\$6,535.00	School Oil & Gas Fund	\$100.09
<b>Received 5/7/2023</b>	<b>\$47,692.22</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$1,205.09</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$27,230.00</b>	Total	\$49,607.31
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$47,692.22</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$118,000.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Dena Luedke Kuhlmann’s birthday by the Mitschke family - \$500.00. In memory of Fred Schultz by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00. In memory of Gerald Schmidt by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Gerald Schmidt by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Kyle, Laurie & Kaden Kasper - \$50.00. **Building:** In honor of Monroe Becker’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Eldor & Lori Becker & Jeremy - \$30.00.

✝ **Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. We are in need of site leaders and helpers.

✝ **SIGN UP NOW for VBS 2023!** VBS is June 12th-16th. During Rainforest Explorers VBS, we will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in our lives! Register now online at [www.stpaulserbin.org](http://www.stpaulserbin.org) or scan the QR code!





### **Graduation**

Graduation for the third class of Faith Lutheran High School will be Saturday, May 27th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please join us as we celebrate all our seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

### **Busy Night? Dinner's On Us**

FLHS Booster's Club is selling 9 X 13 Chicken Spaghetti casseroles, available for pick-up at Warda, Serbin, or Giddings on Monday, May 22nd. Pre-order by Monday, May 15th. Cost is \$35 each. Limited amounts available. Call FLHS to order yours today!

### **Youth Camps**

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 30 to June 1 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$20

June 12-14 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$20 - Limited spots remaining!!

June 19-21 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Limited spots remaining!!

June 26-28 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$40 - Limited spots remaining!!

July 31 to Aug 1- Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Five new students have already enrolled. 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.

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty and staff for the 2023-2024 academic year! Interested individuals who have secretarial experience or 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!

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!