

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Serbin, Texas



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy. On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace. 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)

Mike Hensel-hospitalized (friend of the Werchans)

Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)

Billy Krause-recovering

Gilbert Krause-recovering

Vic Lohberg

Douglas Malke-hospitalized

Ruben Melcher-recovering (uncle of James, Johnny,

Larry & Leroy Kalbas))

Chris Miertschin-recovering

Marilyn Miertschin-recovering

Clay Matrthew Mumm-recovering (grandson of Pastor and Kathy Mumm)

Antoinette Richardson-recovering

Larry Schatte-recovering

Camie Smiley-surgery (friend of Thomas Birnbaum)

David Wachsmann (cousin of Billy Krause)

Laverne Weiser-recovering

Irene Zoch-recovering (mother of Donnie Zoch)

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)

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)

Joyce Dowling

Sherri Fritsche

Christie Hall (friend of Mark Arldt)

Dana Herzog (niece of Becky Weise)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)

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)

Kelli Meinholdt (sister of Carie Oltmann)

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 Doeblbler) 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 Dorothy Schautschick) U.S. Navy-Bahrain

Benjamin Symm-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina

Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

Those who rejoice:

Robert & Brenda Muniz on the birth of a grandson.

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— 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 555, 566, 781 v. 1&2, 722, 803, 822, 921

Sermon Text: Revelation 21:1-7

The Sermon: **“Everything is New”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** this morning and again this evening for the Graduation Service are placed in honor of the graduates by the Curtis Oltmann family.
- ✠ **Special Voters Meeting.** There is a Special Voters Meeting this morning, following the service to approve Frank Isom to wax the floors of the school, classrooms, gym and hallways at a cost of \$3,295, an increase from \$3,175 cost since 2017. Waxing to be performed over summer break. Monies to come from the General Fund.
- ✠ **Community League Baseball** – The Serbin Jackrabbits will play Shiner today at Serbin. Time for the game is 3:00 p.m. Next Sunday, May 25th Serbin will play Flatonia at Serbin. **Time for this game is 2:00 p.m.**
- ✠ **Graduates.** Congratulations to the 2025 St. Paul Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center Graduates:
Early Childhood Center: Hazel Mattocks, Janey Ramirez, Kamiah Graves, Jeremiah Gonzales, Jasmine Perez-Brown, Levi Pharr.
Kindergarten: Caden Bradley, Kensi Beasley, Jace Bise, Hudson Chaddock, Hadlee Hentschel, Jerry Kellen, Aryanna Knott, Josiah Kueck, Kate Le, Rayden Lange, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Valerio Rosales.
8th Grade: Everett Corn, Addyson Early, Aliya Ehler, Jagger Garner, Trenton Grange, Alice Gurka, Lukas Iselt, Cole Kalbas, Kalisa Oltmann, Kylie Schmidt, Brayden Schramm, Kelton Schulze.
- ✠ **Graduation Cards** are available in the Church office. Cards are \$1.00 each or \$12.00/box.
- ✠ **Picnic Worklist** is available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- ✠ **Serbin LWML** will sell baked goods at the picnic again this year. Please bring any items (including homemade jellies, pickles, etc.) you wish to include to the Picnic grounds on Picnic Sunday before church, if possible. Thanks for your support!
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **On May 25, 2025** and during the service, we will be hearing about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting at the church a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that could make a nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts. The carvings are handmade by Christian families from Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. More than 70% of the Christian Community in the Holy Land depend upon tourism as their only source of income. For decades those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict, the wars, the 12- yard wall built around Bethlehem, the COVID-19 pandemic, and nowadays the catastrophic ongoing war, due to this, tourists are afraid and unable to visit the Holy Land. This made it very difficult for the Christian families to find their daily bread and forced them to immigrate and flee their homeland since they lost their source of income. The Christian population of the Holy Land was 30% in the last century, today it is less than 1%. If it continues like this, in few years we will find no Christians in the land of Christ, which could cause tragic consequences to our faith and holy sites,

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 25th, **“What’s Your Story?”** Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning. Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display his power. (John 9:1-1). 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:

May 18 – Easter V

“What God has made clean, do not call common” (Acts 11:9). Peter’s cuisine version reveals the sanctity of human lives. What God has created, redeemed, and called precious do not call clump of cells, tumor or tissue, parasite or potential life only. What God has given as gift and privilege, do not regard as burdensome, undignified, or vegetative. And don’t consent to anyone else doing it so either.

Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Lane Gersch and Trenton Grange
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant-** Glen Albrecht
Ushers- Wyatt Arldt, Gabriel Bailey, Virgil Becker,
Jace Heuermann, Clay Mertink, Cody Mertink,
Cole Mertink, Owen Wittman, Robert Zoch
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Mason Becker
Philip Tharp, Chase Oltmann, John Hinze

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Special Voters Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Pre-K Graduation – 2:00 p.m.
Community League Baseball – Shiner v. Serbin– 3:00 p.m.
@ Serbin
K-8th Grade Graduation Service – 4:00 p.m.
Spring Musical – 5:00 p.m.
Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
All School Awards Assembly
Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday All School Picnic @ Camp Tejas – 9:00 a.m.
Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 a.m.
Final Day of School
Friday Faculty Clerical Day
Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Acolytes: Nathen Barnett and Cole Kalbas
Greeter: Janet Oltmann and Dianna Noack
131st Annual Homecoming Picnic

Birthdays: Today – Glen Albrecht; 19th – Kim Droegemueller; 20th – Lucille Schatte; 22nd – Katherine Beeman;
23rd – Haley Henderson, Elaine Mersiovsky; 24th – Rory Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 279, Bible Class- 19;
Sunday School- 37, Visitors- 1, Banner Classes: Grade 5, Offering- \$49.00.

Offering Last Week: \$40,806.84

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$29,718.00	Mission	\$890.00
Sunday School	\$49.00	Lutheran Hour	\$75.00
Lunch Room	\$1,393.00	Mission Total	\$965.00
ECC Operating	\$680.00	Savings/Other:	
School Registration	\$3,000.00	School Fund	\$175.00
Tuition	\$4,436.84	Building Fund	\$365.00
Received 5/11/2025	\$39,276.84	Scholarship	\$25.00
		Savings/Other Total	\$565.00
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00		
Received MTD	\$91,425.20	Total	\$40,806.84
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Ludwig Krause by Leonard & Lucy Mitschke – \$50.00; by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$50.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker - \$25.00; by Mary Ann & Delbert Prellop - \$25.00; by Lois & John Kalbas - \$40.00; by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$40.00; by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by M/M Gary Oltmann & Chase - \$50.00; by M/M Chris Becker - \$50.00; by Brad, Ashley & Kylie Schmidt - \$100.00; by Dale, Kristi & Cooper Jurecka - \$25.00; by Arthur & Dianna Noack - \$75.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$40.00; by Keith & Cherie Oltmann - \$50.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$250.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$50.00; by Cathy & Gene Noack and Kathy & Vic Lohberg - \$60.00; by John & Lisa Gay - \$30.00; by Carl H. Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00; by Elaine Krause - \$30.00; by Melissa & Evelyn Maass - \$50.00; by Rev. David & Kathy Mumm - \$25.00; by Lillian Robertson - \$30.00; by Virginia Hernandez and Sheilla Barnett - \$50.00; by Sherri & Kevin Coffman (for choir) - \$25.00. In memory of Ludwig Krause & Edna Krause by Billy Krause - \$100.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht, George Hernandez and Ludwig Krause by Doug & Mary Jatzlau \$150.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht and Ludwig Krause by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$100.00. In memory of Ludwig Krause and George Hernandez by David & Karen Schmidt - \$50.00. In memory of Eleanor Berger and Ludwig Krause by Linda Jones \$50.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht by Ronnie & Linda Oltmann - \$25.00. In memory of Leon Wobus by Doris Fritsche - \$30.00. In memory of Charles Winkler by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00. In memory of Eleanor Berger by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Jodie & Steven Faske - \$75.00; by Lil Robertson - \$25.00. In memory of George Hernandez by Lois & John Kalbas - \$40.00; by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Monroe Schatte by Lucille Schatte, children, grandchildren & great grandchildren - \$500.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In honor of Gertrude Lorenz's 99th birthday by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$50.00. In memory of Ludwig Krause by Lucille Schatte, Lynette & Darlene - \$25.00. **Mission:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$30.00. **Sunday School:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Mike & Lori Bradley - \$20.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Janiece Becker - \$30.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by Philip, Rose & Libbi Tharp - \$100.00; by Monroe & Eleanor Krause - \$50.00. **Building:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Curtis Oltmann family - \$100.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$50.00; by Alton Weiser - \$25.00; by M/M Wesley Yurk - \$40.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Charles Winkler by David & Karen Schmidt - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Billy Baca by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Charles Winkler by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$25.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Ludwig Krause by Curtis & Lyndy Krause - \$100.00; by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$40.00; by Craig & Melodi Oltmann & boys – \$100.00. In memory of Elenor Berger by Lucille Schatte - \$25.00. In memory of Ludwig Krause and Charles Winkler by M/M Delvin Boriack - \$50.00.



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.

How can you help with VBS?

1. **Volunteer for VBS-** Please let Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer!
2. **Sign-up to bring Snack items-** "Scan the Snack QR code, or visit the church website, to volunteer to bring items needed for Snack"
3. **Designate your offering to VBS-** You can provide a monetary donation to help cover the cost of VBS items through your offering.
4. **Pray for VBS-** God is working in the lives and hearts of many people through the VBS program! We pray that each child, adult, family, and volunteer is brought closer to Jesus through their experience with VBS.



Graduation

Graduation for the fifth graduation class of FLHS will be on Saturday, May 24th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Donovan Phillips and Salutatorian - Ashton Grimm. Please join us as we celebrate these seniors and celebrate this momentous event in their life.

Final Chapel

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service. This week, chapel will be on Tuesday, May 20th, beginning at 12:04 pm, with Pastor Nate Hill from St. Michael in Winchester leading us.

Close of 2024-2025 School Year

Thursday will be the last day of classes at FLHS for this school year. Please pray for the students as they prepare to take finals and pray for our seniors as they graduate. Thank you for keeping FLHS in your prayers and gifts this year! We have been blessed beyond measure!

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 27 to May 29 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 2-3 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

June 9-11 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 16-18 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 23-25 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

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

Congratulations

Kaylee Wolff ran the 800 m and 1600 m at the TAPPS 1A State Track Championships on Saturday, May 3rd at Midway Stadium in Waco, TX. She placed 4th in the 800 m with a personal record time of 2:44.6 and 4th in the 1600 m with a personal record time of 6:02.8.

8th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 30th at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM and 1 PM. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

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.