

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

Welcome! *The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).

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, Nancy Beckcom.

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)*
- Billy Krause-recovering*
- Paula Krause-recovering*
- Ruth Kluetz-recovering*
- Mike Maass-recovering*
- Douglas Malke-recovering*
- Ruben Melcher (uncle of James, Johnny, Larry & Leroy Kalbas)*
- Chris Miertschin-recovering*
- Gene Namken-recovering (brother of Linda Oltmann)*
- 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)*
- Cathy Harrell (Aunt of Laurie Kasper)*
- 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 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*
- 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*

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.



Sunday School and Bible Class: The Sunday School Children and Teachers are dismissed during the ringing of the bells following the service. As we gather today, we will study “The Restoring King.” Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah high priest and Josiah’s faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah’s kingdom. The Adult Bible Class will meet in the Church continuing to look at Ephesians.

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THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Worship Service w/Communion– 8:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Scholarship Committee Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
Monday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m. LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
Friday	Muffins w/Moms – 7:15 a.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service – 8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Acolytes: Lucy Gurka and Madilyn Kalbas Greeter: Dorothy Schautschick

Birthdays: Today – Jeremy Becker, Heather Hartfield, Ryne Todd; 5th – Brooklyn Mersiovsky; 7th – Cynthia Becker, Marvin Lorenz, Douglas Malke; 8th – Linda Oltmann, Rev. John Schmidt, Carlie Weiser; 9th – Berkley Schatte. God’s Blessings to you.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 10th, “**The King Who Reigns**”. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. Luke 24:36-53. 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**– Keith Oltmann and Tim Weise
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Whitlee Smolik and Nicholas Taylor
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- Mason Becker
Nathan Michael, Carson Becker, Clay Mertink

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:
May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter.

The psalmist invites us to “Come and see what the Lord has done!” (Psalm 66:5). The works of the Lord are many, but the greatest of all is the redemption He has provided us through His Son. Because Jesus bore the cross for us, God’s anger “is turned away” (Isaiah 12:1). Whatever stain of sin haunts our past, including the sin of abortion, that stain can be washed clean by Christ’s blood. Thanks be to God for forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation He gives us in Jesus Christ, our Savior! With joy we draw water from the well of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Jesus not only sends us the Helper, the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11), to nurture us in the faith, but also “every good and every perfect gift from above” (James 1:17), most notably, God’s holy Word and Sacraments.

The Order of Service– 184 of the hymnal
The Hymns: 645, 633, 781 v. 1&2, 644 465, 861
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10
The Sermon: **“Something Precious”**

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of Heather Hartfield on her birthday by her family.
- ✠ **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, May 10th. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please call Lana Kaiser at 540-8011.
- ✠ **February and March Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- ✠ **National Day of Prayer School Chapel Service** will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 8:30 a.m. There will be no chapel service on Wednesday this week.
- ✠ **Trustees** will meet this Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- ✠ **Holy Cross Warda Couples Club Mother’s Day Chickens BBQ** May 10th. Whole Chickens \$15.00 each, sauce \$3.00 a cup. Advance orders only by Monday, May 4th. To order contact Holy Cross Church Office at 979-242-3333, Joyce/Robert Hinze at 979 540-0355, Danny/Judy Jurk at 979-242-3484, Dennis/Diann Pietsch at 979-542-1141 or Calvin Mersiovsky at 979-968-5032. Pick up at Warda Picnic Grounds between 10:00 and 12:00 noon.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Orphan Grain Train** is coming May 6, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
- ✠ **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 11th.

✠ **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
- 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.

As we gather at the Lord's Table, we practice close communion. For the sake of responsible pastoral care, members should have previously announced their intent to commune today. Guests who are members of a sister LCMS church and any others having concerns about their participation are asked to speak with Pastor before communing.



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.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 214, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 18, Offering- \$24.00.

Offering Last Week: \$30,395.83

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$18,022.92	Mission	\$339.00
Sunday School	\$24.00	Lutheran Hour	\$100.00
Use of Facility	\$500.00	Mission Total	\$439.00
Lunch Room	\$529.00	Savings/Other:	
ECC Operating	\$4,934.71	School Fund	\$100.00
School Registration	\$390.00	Building Fund	\$1,100.00
Tuition	\$3,906.20	Scholarship	\$450.00
Received 4/26/2026	\$28,306.83	Savings/Other Total	\$1,650.00
Est. needed per week	\$33,625.00	Total	\$30,395.83
Received MTD	\$146,752.87		
Est. needed per month	\$145,708.00		

MEMORIALS: General: Honor of Gertrude Lorenz's 100th birthday by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$100.00. In memory of Ralph Wenke by Jerrilyn Zoch - \$50.00. In memory of Gilbert Krause by Jerrilyn Zoch - \$50.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by M/M Larry Schatte - \$50.00; by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$40.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$200.00; by Johnny & Maxine Bradshaw - \$50.00; by Marcus & Debbie Behrens - \$25.00; by David Minear - \$300.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Susan Michael - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00. **Building:** In memory of Gilbert Krause by Classic Bank - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Arthur Noack by Rodney & Suzy Zoch - \$50.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Arthur Noack and Eugene Sanders by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Bobby Martin by Darlene Schatte - \$20.00. In memory of Arthur Noack by Bobby & Carolyn Oltmann - \$75.00.