

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Third Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! *The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs.* “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15).

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 Werchns)
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Billy Krause-recovering
Gilbert Krause-recovering
Vic Lohberg
Mike Maass-recovering
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
Lynette Schatte-recovering
Camie Smiley medical testing (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:

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)
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 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-Training Camp Johnson, North Carolina
Jacob Droegemueller Ft. Jackson, South Carolina
Corey Pedeville (friend of Dorothy Schautschick) Army-serving in Saudia Arabia

Those who mourn:

The family of George Hernandez

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: 525, 483, 781 v. 1&2, 411, 465, 633, 818

Sermon Text: Acts 9:1-22

The Sermon: **“By God’s Grace”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Wends and Rev. Jan Kilian who was called in 1854 as the Pastor for the Lutheran Congregation that formed to emigrate to Texas.
- † **The Altar Stand flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the George Hernandez funeral.
- † **Altar flowers** are needed for Sunday, May 11. If you would like to place flowers on that Sunday, please contact Lana Kaiser at 979-540-8011.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of George Hernandez He fell asleep in Jesus, Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Funeral services for Mr. Hernandez were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 3, 2025. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Trustees** will meet this Monday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **Adult Confirmation.** Pastor will begin an Adult Confirmation Class in June. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let Pastor know by Sunday, May 18.
- † **April 30 Voyager Voice** is available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Jackrabbit Baseball.** If you are interested in playing baseball with the Serbin Jackrabbits, please call Mason Becker at 979-716-9615.
- † **Financial Concern** – Weekly we have listed the income in comparison to the estimated needs. As we know the cost of everything has gone up and this has impacted the ministry of St. Paul as well. We have been able to make payroll, but with each passing month it gets tighter and we delay a week paying some bills until after the offering is received. While there are assets in the savings account and we can “borrow” against ourselves, is this the best practice. Please consider the blessings God has showered upon you.
- † **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2025) 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 12th.
- † **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.
- † **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!
- † **The Holy Cross Warda Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens on Mother’s Day, May 11th. Chickens are \$14.00 and cups of sauce are \$3.00. Pick-up at the Holy Cross picnic grounds in Warda from 10:30 to 12:00. Preorders only by calling Joyce Hinze at (979) 540-0355 or Robert Hinze at (979) 540-6911 **by Monday, May 5th.**
- † **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 11th, “**How to Be Happy**”. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. (John 15:11). 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**– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Acolytes- Lukas Iselt and Everett Corn
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
 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.
 PTLs Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 LYF Meeting & Social – 2:00 p.m.

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a. m.
 Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday Staff Bible Study– 7:30 a.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
Mother’s Day
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Acolytes: Addyson Early and Jagger Garner
 Greeter: Pam Krause

Birthdays: Today – John Clausen; 5th – Brooklyn Mersiovsky; 7th – Cynthia Becker, Marvin Lorenz, Douglas Malke, Logan Perry; 8th – Linda Oltmann, Rev. John Schmidt, Carlie Weiser; 9th – Berkley Schatte; 10th – Jason Heuermann. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 223, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 27, Offering- \$31.00.

Offering Last Week: \$20,304.00

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,371.50	Mission	\$685.00
Sunday School	\$31.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
Lunch Room	\$922.86	Mission Total	\$710.00
ECC Operating	\$1,195.00	Savings/Other:	
Tuition	\$8,061.14	Building Fund	\$12.50
Received 4/27/2024	\$19,581.50	Savings/Other Total	\$12.50
Est. needed per week	\$31,870.00	Total	\$20,304.00
Received MTD	\$112,498.88		
Est. needed per month	\$138,103.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Billy Baca by Martin & Jeannie Werchan - \$50.00. In memory of Robert Albrecht by Linda Jones - \$25.00.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

May 4 – Easter III

Our Father in heaven gathers into His flock persons of every tribe and nation and language (Revelation 5:9-10). Ages, appearances, and abilities do not disqualify anyone, and our world works best when our words and ways proclaim and practice it. Ans as both Peter and Paul illustrate, neither heritage nor history keeps hearts from Him either. Forgiveness and faith relieve even from involvement in abortion!



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-** Our sign-up will be coming soon!
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.





The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

Track Season

Track Season is winding down, but not quite yet! We had 5 students participate in the TAPPS 1A Regional Meet on Friday, April 11! Our students did awesome that day, many with PR's. Kaylee ran well enough to qualify for state in the 800m and 1600m. The state track meet is Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3rd. Good luck Kaylee!!

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!

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.

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!

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.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.
- The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.
- The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.
- The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.
- FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.
- FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.
- Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.