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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**Welcome! *By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light.*** The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

We invite you all to worship with us again and ask our visitors to please sign our Guest Book.

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The Sermon: **“Is Your Light Dim?”**

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:8-14

### In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

- Charles Arldt-recovering*
- Gladys Arldt-recovering*
- Adelia Becker-recovering*
- Wayne Becker-hospitalized*
- Tamshaw Becker*
- Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*
- Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*
- Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*
- Linda Jones-recovering*
- James Kalbas-recovering*
- C.W. Kasper-hospitalized*
- Donnie Krause-recovering*
- Maria Llamas-recovering (mother of Joanne Ramirez ECC worker)*
- Kenneth Lorenz-hospitalized*
- Ronnie Oltmann-recovering*
- Lynette Schatte-recovering*
- Arthur Urban-recovering*
- Carla West-aunt of Alicia Moerbe*
- Robert Yurk-hospitalized (father of Wesley Yurk)*

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

- Those fighting cancer including:**
- Diane Biehle (friend of Dorothy Schautschick)*
- Joyce Bise*
- Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)*

- Mandie Fritsche (granddaughter-in-law of Doris Fritsche)*
- Doyle Hembry (father of Pam Krause and Lisa Schmidt)*
- Caroline Hengst (sister of Leonard Mitschke)*
- Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)*
- Susan Jatzlau (friend of Jennifer Wenke)*
- Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)*
- Harold Krause*
- Mike Maass*
- Ken McClain (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Lance Mobley (friend of Walter & Penny Noack)*
- Carie Oltmann*
- Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*
- Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*
- Mark Scharringhausen-father of Denee Wehr (friend of Dan Engler)*
- Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)*
- Barbara Symm*
- Rev. David Symm (brother of Michael Symm)*
- Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)*
- Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)*
- Those serving in the Armed Forces including:**
- Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause’s brother-in-law), Kuwait*
- Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA*

**Those who mourn:**  
*The family of Edna Krause*

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God from the Edna Krause funeral.
- † **The flowers** in the windows last Sunday were placed to the glory of God from the Hermine Weise funeral.
- † **We express our sympathy** to the family of Edna Krause. She fell asleep in Jesus on Friday, March 13, 2020. Funeral services for Mrs. Krause were held here at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Monday, March 16, 2020. May the Lord comfort the family with His word of promise.
- † **Thank You.** The family of Florence Reinhardt would like to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy at the passing of their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Sincere thanks to Pastor Schmidt and Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful service and to the ladies who provided the light meal after the service. It is truly a blessing to be in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
- † **Thank You.** The family of Hermine Weise would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and memorials. We would especially like to thank Pastor Schmidt for his words of comfort, and Jack Wiederhold for the beautiful music. Thank you also to the ladies who prepared the luncheon. May God bless you all.
- † **Lenten Supper:** The two remaining Lenten meals for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> **have been cancelled.**
- † **Christ Lutheran Church Sunday School,** 4654 CR 114, Loebau, TX. BBQ Chicken Plate Fundraiser. Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 10:00 a.m. until sold out. Plates are \$10.00 and include ½ BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Buttered Potatoes, BBQ Sauce, Cookies. Individual ½ BBQ Chicken also available to purchase. All proceeds to go to Sunday School & Tuition Fund.
- † **Campus Work Day.** The Campus Work Day that was planned for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> **has been cancelled.**
- † **Easter Lilies.** The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is available from the ushers. Orders are due by **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.** **Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after April 6<sup>th</sup>.** The cost of the lilies is \$12.00 each.
- † **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 2020 semester. 2020 scholarship applications will be available in April at the Wendish Museum and online at [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org). Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [wendish@bluebon.net](mailto:wendish@bluebon.net). In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, “**Labors of Love.**” Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save his people. (Exodus 10). 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.

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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.

### THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	<b>English Service – 8:30 a.m.</b>
Thursday	Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	<b>English Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.</b>

**Birthdays:** Today – Bradley Schmidt; 24<sup>th</sup> – Ehren Mitschke; 25<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Burgdorf; 27<sup>th</sup> – Julianne Kasper; 28<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Birnbaum, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Elmo Schulze. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Midweek Lent (3/11/2020)- 141, Morning English- 297, Communion- 121, Bible Class- 27; Sunday School- 33, Visitors- 3, Banner Classes: Nursery I, Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Offering- \$24.00.

**Offering Last Week:** \$19,761.97

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$9,822.03	Mission	\$276.00
Sunday School	\$24.00	Lutheran Hour	\$120.00
Lunch Room	\$70.00	Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$40.00
ECC Operating	\$3,543.20	Lent-Concordia FW	\$623.61
LWML	\$20.00	Lent Concordia SL	\$623.60
Thrivent Choice	\$589.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$1,683.21</b>
Tuition	\$903.00	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
<b>Received 3/15/2020</b>	<b>\$14,971.23</b>	School Fund	\$245.00
		Building Fund	\$225.00
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$2,462.53
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$63,515.53</b>	Scholarship	\$175.00
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$3,107.53</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,761.97</b>

**MEMORIALS: General:** In memory of Hermine Weise by Janiece Becker - \$25.00; by Carl Mertink, Jr. - \$25.00. In memory of Hermine Weise and Edna Krause by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$50.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$50.00. In memory of Edna Krause by Doris Fritsche - \$25.00; by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00; by Arthur & Laverne Urban - \$100.00. In memory of John Schaeper by Allen & Mildred Perry - \$25.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In memory of Hermine Weise by Irene Noack - \$10.00; by Delbert & Mary Ann Prellop - \$25.00; by Charles & Gladys Arldt - \$25.00; by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$25.00; by Edwin, Jr. & Barbara Schmidt - \$35.00. **LWML Quilting:** In memory of Edna Krause by Daniel & Ruby Schulze - \$20.00. **Lutheran Hour Ministries:** In memory of Florence Reinhardt & Hermine Weise by Marvin & Ruth Lorenz - \$40.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Hermine Weise by Doris Fritsche - \$20.00; by Linda Jones - \$25.00; by Elaine Mersiovsky - \$25.00; by Jerry & Karen Faske - \$50.00; by Linda Tate - \$25.00; by Kyle, Laurie and Kaden Kasper - \$50.00; by Gary & Cindy Becker & family - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. **Building:** In memory of Hermine Weise by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Evelyn Schautschick by Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack - \$25.00. In memory of Edna Krause by M/M Gilbert Krause - \$50.00. In memory of Florence Reinhardt by Charles & Sharon Boerger - \$100.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Hermine Weise by Michael & Teresa Krause - \$25.00. In memory of Edna Krause by Calvin & Ina Mitschke - \$100.00. In memory of Eugene "Genie" Fuhrman and Edna Krause by David & Karen Schmidt - \$50.00. **Faith Lutheran High School:** In memory of Edna Krause by Charles, Gladys and Raymond Arldt - \$40.00.