

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday

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Welcome! The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross. *The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13-15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the cross in order to cast out "the ruler of this world" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23-32). The Church is thus called to "rejoice greatly," because her King comes with salvation, and "he shall speak peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:9-10). As He is anointed "beforehand for burial" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "the King of the Jews" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17-19, 26). He goes "as it is written of him," wherefore "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has "highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.*

We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Geraldine Albrecht-recovering

Willard Albrecht-recovering

Tamshaw Becker

Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)

Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)

Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

Gladys Karisch-recovering

Ruth Lorenz-recovering from surgery

Chris Miertschin

Shannon Miertschin

Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker

Herb Roeber

Hattie Schautschick

Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)

Becky Weise-recovering

Conway Whited (nephew of Ashley Schmidt)

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Annie Beasley (niece of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)

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)

Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)

Ross Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)

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

Rev. Fred Krebs (friend of Shorty & Sandra Schimank)

Harold Krause

Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)

Mike Maass

Carie Oltmann

Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)

Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)

Jim Sladek (friend of Johnathan Noack)

Barbara Symm

Judy Wesbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Tiffany Wittman (sister-in-law of Jason & Cindy Heuermann)

Cathy Woolbright (friend of Ken & Ruby Weiser)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Keith Schreckengost (Billy & Theresa Krause's brother-in-law), Fort Hood, TX

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Irwin, CA

Kosh Osmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Basic Training

Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Camp Hovey, South Korea

Those who mourn:

The family of Ricky Iselt (brother-in-law of Doug Jatzlau)

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—Worship Insert

The Hymns: 837, 442, 441, 443
Sermon Text: Matthew 20:28
The Sermon: “Sent to Serve”

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Private communion is available and we ask that you contact Pastor Schmidt to set up a time. Social distancing guidelines continue to be followed and we ask for your active participation to protect yourself and those around you. All those who are at risk are encouraged to please stay home and continue to follow us on the Church’s Website. All bulletins and announcements will continue to be posted on the Church’s Website. **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID you are required to stay home.** We pray God’s protective hand upon us as we move forward in His love and care during this uncertain time.

- ✠ **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in honor of the Confirmands by their parents.
- ✠ **Altar Flowers** are needed for Sunday, April 11th, April 18th and April 25th. If you would like to place flowers on any of these Sunday’s please contact Dorothy Schautschick at 716-0094.
- ✠ **Palm Sunday.** Being confirmed today are Wyatt Edward Arldt, son of Mark & Nicole Arldt; Keaton Wynn Bradford, son of Christi Bradford & Brett Lee Poston II and Beau & Deana Bradford; Hudson Reece Corn, son of Shane & Jessica Corn; Jace Riley Heuermann, son of Jason & Cindy Heuermann; Brooklyn Madison Mersiovsky, daughter of Stephen & Heather Mersiovsky; Kassi Ann Oltmann, daughter of Curtis & Carie Oltmann; Ethan Robert Ray, son of Shane & Melissa Ray; Sebastian Duane Symm, son of Robert & Brenda Symm; Reese Danielle Weiser, daughter of John & Michelle Weiser; Layna Liese Woelfel, daughter of Mark & Sunny Woelfel.
- ✠ **April Calendar.** The April Calendar is available in the church office.
- ✠ **The Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m., and again at the morning service on Good Friday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
- ✠ **The Church Office** will be closed on Good Friday, April 2nd.
- ✠ **Confirmation Cards** are available for purchase in the church office meeting room. They are 50¢ each.
- ✠ **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available in the church office
- ✠ **THANK YOU!** The PTLs would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those that made the chili luncheon a success last week. Thank you to those that purchased tickets, donated meat and baked goods for the meal, to all our volunteers and Chili Committee. **Online Auction:** Just a reminder that the PTLs Online Auction will be closing TODAY, Sunday, March 28th, at 5pm. You can check it out at www.mayerauctions.com. The list of auction items is in your bulletin insert. Proceeds will go towards projects in the School, such as new lunch tables, and the ECC. We appreciate your support!
- ✠ **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, April 11th 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$10.00. Tickets will be available from a 4-H member or contact Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105 or Janis Lehmann at 979-540-0830 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today	Palm Sunday Worship Service w/Rite of Confirmation 9:00 a.m.
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – 8:30 a.m. Early Dismissal – 11:45 a.m. School Easter Egg Hunt ECC Easter Picnic Lunch w/Egg Hunt Maundy Thursday Worship Service w/Communion – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Good Friday Worship Service w/Communion – 9:00 a.m. Good Friday Service of Darkness – 7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Easter Sunrise Worship Service – 6:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Birthdays: Today – Thomas Birnbaum, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Elmo Schulze; 29th – Diana Schulze; 30th – Andre Andrews, Jocelyn Jones, Melvin Schulze, Sr., Sebastian Symm, Jay Woelfel; 31st – Tommy Bradford, Katie Jenke, Kalisa Oltmann; 1st Jeanette Smith, Robert Yurk; 2nd – LaVerne Urban; 3rd – Zoey Jenke, Rick Schulze. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/17/2021)- 62, Morning English- 154, Communion- 60 Bible Class- 15.

Offering Last Week: \$14,715.95

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$8,402.00	Mission	\$565.00
Lunch Room	\$731.25	Lent – Ft. Wayne	\$346.00
ECC Operating	\$1,042.50	Lent – St. Louis	\$346.00
Tuition	\$3,088.20	Mission Total	\$1,257.00
Received 3/21/2021	\$13,263.95	Savings/Other:	
		Cemetery Fund	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	Bus Replacement Fund	\$70.00
Received MTD	\$60,140.25	Scholarship	\$75.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$195.00
		Total	\$14,715.95

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Pamela Steinbach by Kenneth Lorenz - \$25.00; by Giddings Livestock barn - \$50.00.
Cemetery Fund: In memory of Pamela Steinbach by Paul & Tina Sommerfield, Max & Macy - \$50.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Larry Schmidt, Robert Ray and Pamela Steinbach by Linda Jones - \$75.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, April 4th, “**Fear...Like Onions, You Know?**” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark’s Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work. (Mark 16). 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– Mark Jones and Steven Schautschick
Organist- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Mason Becker **Assistant**- Carson Becker

Life Through the Church Year:

March 28 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord.

God works salvation in meekness (Zechariah 9:9). He brings glory only in weakness (Philippians 2:5-8). Abortion and assisted suicide attempt to avoid what the world perceives as weaknesses. But if we never enter another’s weakness or acknowledge and endure our own, we cannot know or come near to heaven. Better the peace of weakness with Jesus than any strength bought by such bloodshed (Zechariah 9:10).



FLHS Annual Good Friday Bake Sale

Faith Lutheran High School will be hosting its Annual Good Friday Bake Sale on April 2nd at the Classic Bank parking lot in Giddings! Cookies, pies, cakes, kolaches, cinnamon rolls, homemade noodles, homemade bread, and more will be available from 8 AM till noon, or until we sell out.

***BAKERS ARE NEEDED!** We need your help to make this event a success! Donations of any type of baked goods or homemade treats are welcome!

***DROP OFF LOCATIONS!** You may drop off donations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 31st and April 1st, at Faith Lutheran High School, at Medack and Oltmann in Giddings, at Schiavone and Bamsch in La Grange, or you can contact us at (979) 242-2889 to make other arrangements. Thanks for your continued support of Faith Lutheran High School!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As a Thrivent member, you may have Choice Dollars that allow you to designate where the funds go, and by sending them to Faith, you can help us continue in our mission of Instilling Wisdom Today for Faithful Leaders Tomorrow! The deadline to designate your choice dollars from 2020 is **March 31, 2021**.

New Student Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. **Eight 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 visit or visit our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com for registration information.

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. We have already welcomed some shadow students onto our campus. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day today!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel this week will be led by Pastor J Brown of Concordia University TX, beginning at 10:30 am.

Staff Positions Available

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year! Interested individuals who teach science, social studies, English, Spanish, or electives, or would like to supervise dual credit or study hall students may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com. If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!