

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021

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### **Welcome! *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep.***

The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

*Willard Albrecht-recovering*  
*Tamshaw Becker-hospitalized*  
*Brian Becvar (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner)*  
*Chris Birnbaum-hospitalized*  
*Mary Sue Canales (cousin of Nancy Kasper)*  
*Pat Hughes (friend of James and Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Gladys Karisch-recovering*  
*Ruth Lorenz-recovering*  
*Chris Miertschin*  
*Shannon Miertschin*  
*Mark Noack-brother of Lori Becker*  
*Walter Noack-hospitalized*  
*Pat Nusbaum-hospitalized (mother of Melissa Ray)*  
*Ralph Pitts (uncle of James Kalbas)*  
*Herb Roeber*  
*Larry Schatte-recovering from surgery*  
*Hattie Schautschick*  
*Barbara Schreckengost-recovering (sister of Theresa Krause)*  
*Cindy Umphries-hospitalized (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Becky Weise-recovering*  
*Kenneth Weiser-hospitalized*  
*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)*  
*Kathy Lohberg (niece of Adelia Becker and Hattie Mutschink)*  
*Mike Maass*  
*Carie Oltmann*  
*Pat Richardson (friend of Darlene Schatte)*  
*Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)*  
*Karen Schmidt*  
*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*  
**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.

**The Order of Service—Worship Insert**

The Hymns: 549, 709, 740, 588  
Sermon Text: Acts 4:1-12  
The Sermon: **“What Do You Proclaim?”**

St. Paul Lutheran Church is open for worship. We continue celebrating Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Curtis Oltmann’s birthday by Carie, Kaleb, Kalisa & Kassi Oltmann.
- † **May Calendar.** The May Calendar is available in the church office.
- † **Graduates:** We would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of those who will be graduating from college this year (2021) and those that graduated last year (2020) 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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- † **The Holy Cross Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens to-go on Mother’s Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Holy Cross Picnic Grounds in Warda. Whole chickens are \$9.00 and sauce is \$2.00. Pick-up will be from 10:30 to 12:00. Advance orders only. Order by May 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling the church office at 242-3333 or contact Robert and Joyce Hinze at – 979-366-2398 or 979-540-0355 (Joyce) or 979-540-6511 (Robert).
- † **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 2021 semester. 2020 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 17<sup>th</sup> online at [texaswendish.org](http://texaswendish.org) and on the Texas Wendish Facebook Page. The entire process is online and must be submitted digitally by the deadline; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or [museum@texaswendish.net](mailto:museum@texaswendish.net). In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**
- † **Bell Dedication:** There will be a Dedication Ceremony of a bronze replica of the 1854 St. Paul, Serbin, Bell that the Wends brought with them on the Ben Nevis. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society invites you to this dedication on May 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the museum complex. All are invited to attend this joyous occasion at the museum of the first ringing of this German made Bronze Bell. Pastor Aaron Kalbas, Pastor of St. Paul Thorndale, a Wend and son of St. Paul Serbin Congregation, will perform the dedication. Refreshments including Ben Nevis Beer will be served afterwards. View displays of bell history and the journey to have the replica made and brought to the museum. The museum complex will be open. In order to better help us plan please RSVP to [museum@texaswendish.org](mailto:museum@texaswendish.org) or 979-366-2441. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society
- † **5K/KID’S COLOR RUN.** . . The 7<sup>th</sup> annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid’s Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is sponsored by the PTLs and profits from the run will go to support the educational programs of St. Paul Lutheran. Walk or run, sign up for fun or competition. Prizes will be awarded by gender in 7 different age groups. Individuals can register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) (search for Giddings). Questions?—contact Karla Hinze @ [kjsurman@hotmail.com](mailto:kjsurman@hotmail.com).
- † **Aluminum Cans:** Need somewhere to take your aluminum cans? There is a drop-off trailer by the pasture gate for anyone who would like to drop off their aluminum cans to be recycled. All money raised from the recycled cans will go to the Building Fund. We sold the cans this past week and raised another \$66.60 for the Building Fund. Total given to the Restoration/Building fund is \$3074.70.

**Serving today: Elders**– David Fritsche and David Schmidt  
**Organist**- Susan Michael  
**Head Ushers**- Donald Becker  
**Captain**- Troy Menzel **Assistant**- Mark Jones

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**THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

Today **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.  
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.  
 4-H Meeting – 6:30 a.m.  
 Next Sunday **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**  
 Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.

**Birthdays:** 26<sup>th</sup> – Joyce Bise, Curtis Oltmann; 27<sup>th</sup> – Sadie Claxton, Ryan Glass, Luke Jones; 28<sup>th</sup> – Jaree Glass, Stacy Goodson, Monroe Schatte, Jr.; 29<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Carter, William Habel; 30<sup>th</sup> – Walter Noack, Ronald Schautschick. God’s Blessings to you.

**ST. PAUL NOTES:**

**Attendance Last Week:** Morning Worship- 181, Communion- 89, Bible Class- 27.

**Offering Last Week:** \$23,921.95

<b>Home:</b>		<b>Mission:</b>	
General	\$7,921.00	Mission	\$864.00
Use of Facility	\$150.00	Lutheran Hour	\$25.00
Lunch Room	\$770.00	<b>Mission Total</b>	<b>\$889.00</b>
ECC Operating	\$8,674.75	<b>Savings/Other:</b>	
School Registration	\$475.00	Building Fund	\$96.60
Tuition	\$4,895.60	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$50.00
<b>Received 4/18/2021</b>	<b>\$22,886.35</b>	<b>Savings/Other Total</b>	<b>\$146.60</b>
<b>Est. needed per week</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,921.95</b>
<b>Received MTD</b>	<b>\$75,198.55</b>		
<b>Est. needed per month</b>	<b>\$97,500.00</b>		

**MEMORIALS: General:** In honor of Rev. Paul & Wilma Droegemueller’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Arthur & Dianna Noack – \$50.00; by James & Janet Oltmann - \$25.00; by Robert & Joyce Hinze - \$25.00. In loving memory of Claud Edward Kissman and Edward “Eddie” Pampel by Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz - \$50.00. **Lutheran Hour:** In honor of Rev. Paul & Wilma Droegemueller’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by David & Susan Michael - \$25.00. **Tuition Assistance Fund:** In honor of Rev. Paul & Wilma Droegemueller’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Carolyn Noack - \$25.00; by Jack & Marian Wiederhold - \$25.00.



**Register for God’s Wonder Lab!** God’s Wonder Lab is the VBS theme for 2021. Join us June 14-18th from 8:15-11:15. Register by following the link on the church website or on the school Facebook page! St. Paul’s VBS is for children ages 3 - 7th Grade! We have an exciting week planned of learning about Jesus, our Savior, with lots of fun activities, singing great songs, crafts and snacks, and so much more! I hope you can join us!

**Volunteer for VBS!** God has given us all unique gifts and abilities to share with others! Please contact VBS Director, Krista Rodriguez (979-716-0143) to share your gifts! Serve our risen Lord by volunteering to lead Bible stories, crafts, games, music, or just be a helper to the lead teachers at each station. Volunteers can be from those entering 8th Grade through 88<sup>th</sup> year of life.

**LUTHERAN HOUR:** Next Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, “**Laughed At**”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance. (Jonah 3). 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.

### **Life Through the Church Year:**

#### **April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist**

Mark’s Gospel makes known how the Lord loves all lives and every body. His appearing as embryo and baby (2 Timothy 4:8) has shown us His strong arm (Isaiah 52:10) and His gentle heart. And this good news makes humankind beautiful from head to heel (Isiah 52:7) – no matter how small or how frail we may be!



### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th and 8th grade students on Friday, April 30th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! It may look a little different than in the past, but we are excited to host this memorable event. Parents, you must call FLHS to reserve your child’s spot at Game Night this year. Please join us!

### **Youth Camps**

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this spring and summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 3-5 - Archery - Grade 5 to 8 - \$15

June 7-9 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$15

June 14-16 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$15

June 21-23 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$ 30

June 28-30 - STEM Camp – Grades K to 6 - \$30

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

### **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. Please join us Wednesday, May 12th, at 7pm.

### **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 shadow day or visit our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com) for registration information.

### **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](mailto:kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God’s love in a student’s high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.