

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! *Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us.* “*God is love,*” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “*his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him*” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “*he has given us of his Spirit,*” so that we also believe and confess “*that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.*” In this way, we “*abide in him and he in us,*” and we “*love one another*” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “*the good news about Jesus*” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “*they came to some water,*” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “*the true vine,*” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “*bears much fruit*” in us (John 15:3–5).

We invite you all to worship with us again.

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
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
Kenneth Weiser-recovering
Bonnie Wenke-surgery
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-recovering
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 Virginia Wilkins (mother of Tommy Wilkins)

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, 633, 571, 706, 919
Sermon Text: 1John 4:1-21
The Sermon: **What is Wrong with This Picture?"**

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.
- † **May Calendar correction.** Macy Sommerfield's birthday is on May 28th, not May 27th as indicated on the May calendar.
- † **Trustees** meet this Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Packets are available to be picked up in the church office to review prior to the meeting.
- † **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 17th.
- † **The Holy Cross Couples Club** will have their annual BBQ Chickens to-go on Mother's Day, May 9th, 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 3rd 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).
- † **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 or 979-366-2441. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society
- † **VBS Volunteer Meeting** Sunday, May 16th! If you have volunteered to help lead or assist with VBS this year, please plan to attend a short meeting after Bible class.
- † **5K/KID'S COLOR RUN.** . .The 7th annual St. Paul-Serbin 5K/Kid's Color Run is quickly approaching on Saturday, May 29th. 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 (search for Giddings). Questions?—contact Karla Hinze @ kjsurman@hotmail.com.

† **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. 2021 scholarship applications will be available beginning April 17th online at 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 17th, 2021. For more information contact the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at 979-366-2441 or museum@texaswendish.net. In 2019 a total of \$18,000 was awarded in scholarships to twenty-three students. **Thanks for your support!**

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 PTLs Meeting – 9:45 a.m.

Monday Board of Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Board of Christian Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday ECC Chapel – 8:00 a.m.
 LWML Quilting – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday School Chapel – National Day of Prayer
 Flagpole Assembly – 8:30 a.m.

Friday “Muffins with Mom’s” Parent Fellowship – 7:15 a.m.

Next Sunday **Worship Service – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class– 9:30 a.m.
Mother’s Day

Birthdays: 3rd – Jeremy Becker, Heather Hartfield, Ryne Todd; 5th – Brooklyn Mersiovsky; 7th – Cynthia Becker, Marvin Lorenz, Douglas Malke, Logan Perry; 8th – Linda Oltmann, Rev. John Schmidt, Charlie Weiser. God’s Blessings to you.



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 88th year of life.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Morning Worship- 157, Bible Class- 21.

Offering Last Week: \$11,927.22

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$9,237.61	Mission	\$334.00
Maundy Thursday	\$2.50	Mission Total	\$334.00
Good Friday	\$2.50	Savings/Other:	
Easter	\$5.00	School Fund	\$100.00
Lunch Room	\$240.00	Building Fund	
ECC Operating	\$767.50	Maundy Thursday	\$2.50
School Registration	\$975.00	Good Friday	\$2.50
Received 4/25/2021	\$11,230.11	Easter	\$5.00
		Cemetery Fund	\$50.00
Est. needed per week	\$22,500.00	School Oil & Gas	\$58.11
Received MTD	\$86,428.66	Scholarship	\$145.00
Est. needed per month	\$97,500.00	Savings/Other Total	\$363.11
		Total	\$11,927.22

MEMORIALS: School Fund: In memory of Harold Pieratt by Arthur & LaVerne Urban - \$100.00.
Cemetery Fund: In memory of Ruth Faske by Jerry & Karen Faske & family - \$50.00. **Scholarship Fund:** In memory of Caroline Noack by Doug & Mary Jatzlau - \$25.00; by Milton & Geraldine Albrecht - \$20.00.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, May 9th, **“Seriously?”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously—that’s the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4). 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.

Life Through the Church Year:

May 2 – Easter V

We behold ourselves in both our unborn and our elderly neighbors, for apart from Jesus even we can do nothing (John 15:5). And we behold our Lord Jesus in their bodies as well because He has come unto us in a flesh like their own (1 John 4:2). Let us use our breath to defend them from abortion or assisted suicide and in this way praise the Lord (Psalm 150:6).

Serving today: Elders– Tim Hartfield and Keith Oltmann
Organist- Susan Michael
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Michael Becker **Assistant**- Shelby Becker
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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.

Graduation

The first senior class of Faith Lutheran High School will be graduating this spring. Graduation will be Saturday, May 29th at 1:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Congratulations to Valedictorian - Magdalena Obersat and Salutatorian - Andrew Laake. Please join us as we celebrate these seniors and celebrate their accomplishments.

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 for registration information.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, 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!

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.