

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



*Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
Baptism of our Lord
January 11, 2026*

Silent Prayer

Most Gracious God, hallowed be your name, help us to honor your name in what we say and what we do, this hour in our worship, this week in our work. May your gracious presence surround us this day, so that obedience to your Word becomes a joy rather than a burden. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"God is Here" WOV #719

God Is Here!



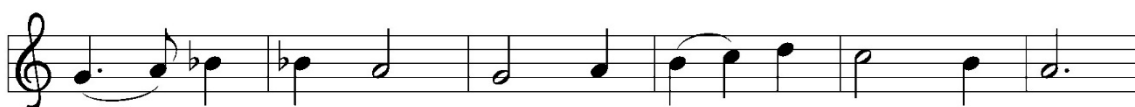
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING (Saturday only)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY (Both Services)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL VERSE**

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

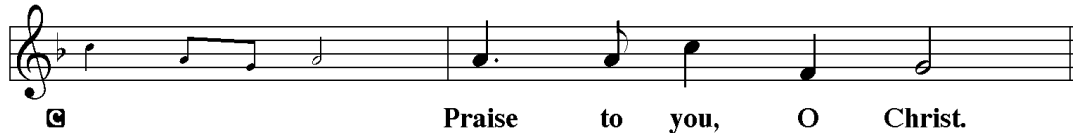
***GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the ____ chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"Baptized in Water" **WOV #693**

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

***APOSTLES' CREED** (Saturday only)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

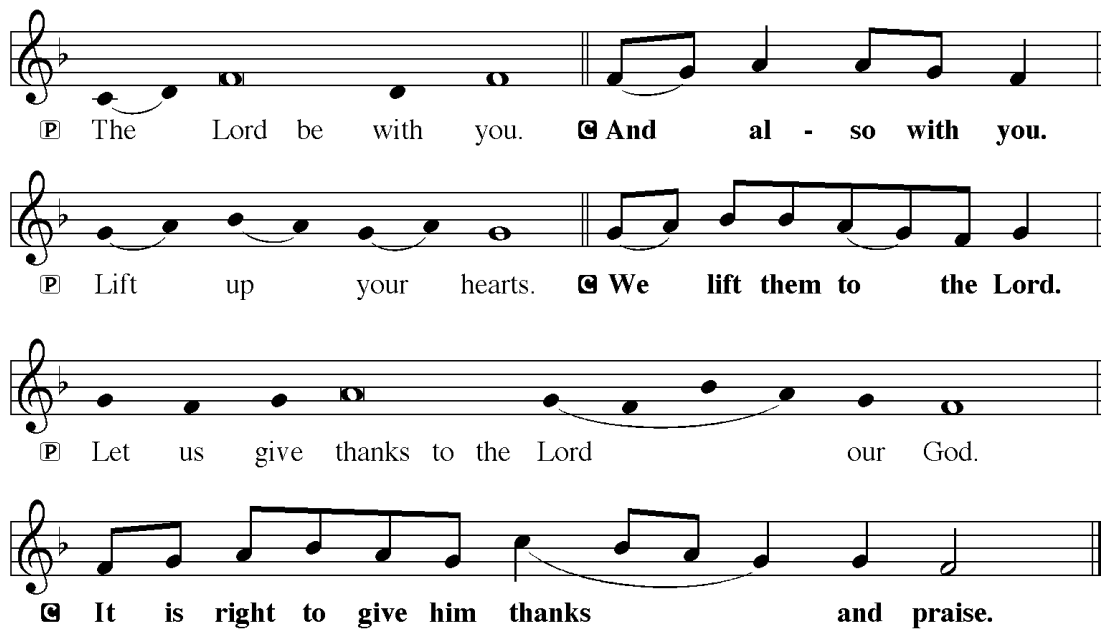
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

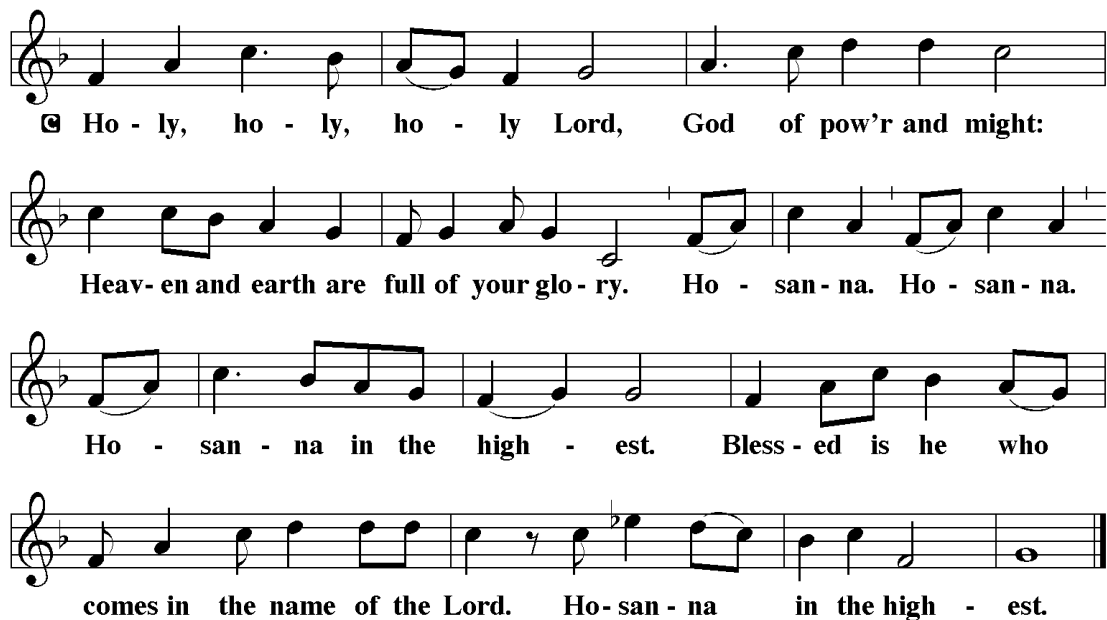
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who unable to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS: “Lamb of God”

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Softly and Tenderly” **WOV #734**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **WOV #649**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” **WOV #684**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you,

And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



***CLOSING HYMN**

“Borning Cry” WOV #770

Borning Cry



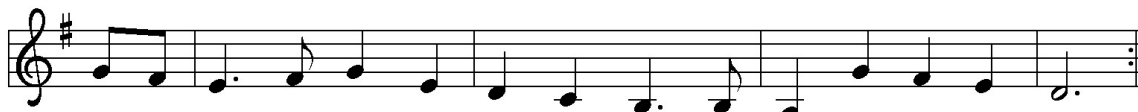
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord
be with you.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

Baptism of our Lord
Sunday, January 11, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

JANUARY 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Baptism of our Lord

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Kathie Fehner

Acolytes: Gwen & Hannah Kneese

Musicians: Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

JANUARY 18, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Hilary Gohmert

Acolytes: Aileen Warwas & Sadie Schustereit

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Luellen Smiley

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

Helping with Worship during the month of January:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: John Frels, Braden Hahn, Chad Hahn, Scott Stevenson, Brandon Lemke

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Laurie Stevenson & Sharon & Callen Matejek

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

Earlen Jalufka

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

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| Joe Barnes | Bridget Innocenti | David Norrell |
| Caroline Blain | Joanna Ivy | Nick Picard and family |
| Carlton Bolting | Earlen Jalufka | Jeannine Robinson |
| Wade Bolting | Kate Janis | Pam Roth |
| Warner Borth | Alberto Jimenez, Jr. | Joan Smith |
| David Brucker | Clinton Kaiser | Lori Nelson Stenger |
| Virginia Buesing | Mary Kanuch | Alma Suggs |
| Alex Campbell | Joyce Lamprecht | Judy Taylor |
| Julie Dupree | Ray Lange | Chandler Vaclavik |
| Kathryn Gloor | Janet Lemke | Baby Mae Weischwill |
| Tiffany Godby | Elaine Malina | Mark Weischwill |
| Daniel Goehring | Lin Migura | Levi Wilhelmsen |
| Rosa Horton | Lanie Milliff | Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen |
| Keith Ibrom | Larry & Carole Mueller | |

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

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|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Sunday (11th) | 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 am | Confirmation Class |
| | 2-4pm | Bunco |
| | Fellowship Hall Reserved | |
| Tuesday (13th) | 1:30 pm | Cradle Workshop |
| | 5:30 pm | Worship Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| Wednesday (14th) | 9:15 am | TLG Chapel |
| | 5:30 pm | Guitar Lessons |
| | 6:00pm | FFF |
| Saturday (17th) | 5:00 pm | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sunday (18th) | 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | Baptism of Ryker Krause | |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | Fellowship Hall Reserved – Krause | |
| | 4:00 pm | VBS Meeting |

VBS

We will have a VBS meeting on Sunday Jan. 18, 2026 at 4:00pm in the meeting room. We will begin to start the planning process for our VBS. If you would like to help out this year please make plans to attend or contact Tina Boehm at 361-491-1625. Hope to see you there!



OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS

Easton Alexander Lemke, the son of Brandon & Crystal Lemke, was baptized on August 28, 2022 at First Baptist Church by Mark Collins.

Easton's confirmation verse: Psalm 37:5

“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act.”

Lainey Alexis Lemke, the daughter of Brandon & Crystal Lemke, was baptized on August 28, 2022 at First Baptist Church by Mark Collins.

Lainey's confirmation verse: Jeremiah 29:11

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Austin Barrett Schuckenbrock, the son of Lucas & Stephanie Schuckenbrock, was baptized in August of 2010 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Austin's sponsors are Eric Gaus & Misty Knox.

Austin's confirmation verse: Psalm 25:2

“O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2026 - immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION:

We reserved 17 spots at Camp Lone Star for the week of July 12th to 17th. We will soon begin filling out those spots with names of the campers and will need to do so by Sunday January 18th. The Alpha spots include the Confirmation program as it is a recommended part of that program and all 7-12 year olds. There are, also, 3 Omega spots for youth who are 13-18 years old. Those in the Alpha program who will be 13 years old by the Camp dates will have a special way to register from the 12 year olds. That information will be provided when you register. Watch for more information soon.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 for all 2nd graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

YOUTH SPORTS COURT:

At the Called Congregational meeting in July, the youth sports complex was approved. We have now collected 65% of the funds and can start on the complex, but we still need to collect the rest to pay for the whole project. The original bid was \$130,700 and we are currently at \$110,116. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee has begun meeting to search for members to fill positions for Church Council, Endowment Committee, and delegates to the annual convention. There are four council positions to be filled, one position for the Endowment Committee, and the three delegates. The four positions for council to be filled are President, Worship Committee chair, Parish Education chair, and Youth Representative (a new position approved by council). Some have expressed an interest in filling these positions, however if others are interested, please contact one of the committee members. (Bill Klaevemann, Travis Peyton, Kim Hahn, Anna Foerster, Tina Boehm, or Aaron Koopmann). **At this time we are still in need of a President!**

CHURCH COUNCIL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:

A Church Council Youth Representative is a young person who serves on the Church Council with voice and vote to provide a youth perspective in the decision-making process. Their role is to represent the interests of the youth, share ideas for programs, and ensure youth are actively involved in shaping ministry. The Youth Representative will work with Pastor, Youth Director, other youth leaders, and sponsors to foster effective communication and planning. Information sheets which include key responsibilities and requirements are available in the church office, the Narthex of the church, and in the basement. If you are interested, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

January 25, 2026 - After Congregational Meeting Lunch – meat is provided, congregation is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert.

February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

January 11, 2026 – Bunco 2-4pm

February 4, 2026 – Father Daughter Dinner 6-8pm

March 1, 2026 – Crazy Crafts with Snacks 2-4pm

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