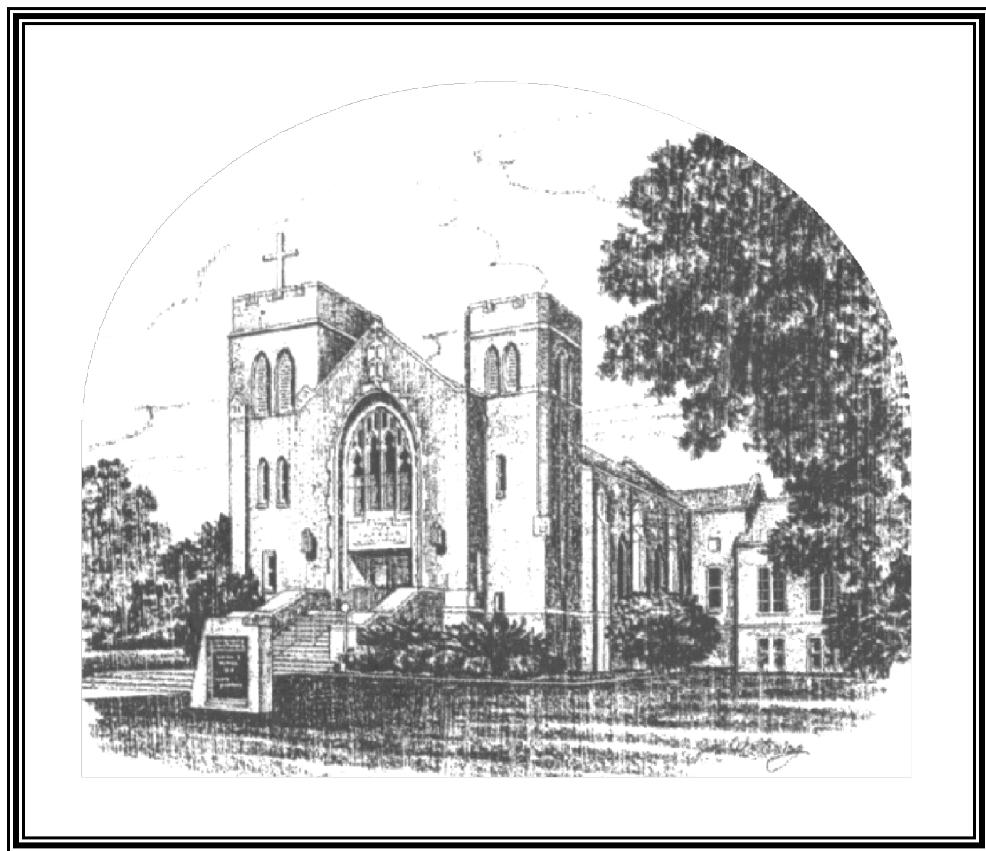


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026

Silent Prayer

Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for your handwriting and your voice in this place, among these people. Connect our temporary praise to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise. 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.*

***OPENING HYMN**

“Take My Life, That I May Be” **LBW #406**

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my king;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

***GREETING and DIALOGUE**

L: 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.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

*** CONFESSiON**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” **LBW #90**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,
 God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Lector: A reading from _____.

³“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9

¹Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**²His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

⁷He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**⁸His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

⁹He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man

imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL VERSE** (*Sung twice*)

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 5:13-20**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³{Jesus said,} "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set on a

hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“Oh, That the Lord would Guide My Ways” **LBW #480**

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal 1793–1870

***CONFESION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: 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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

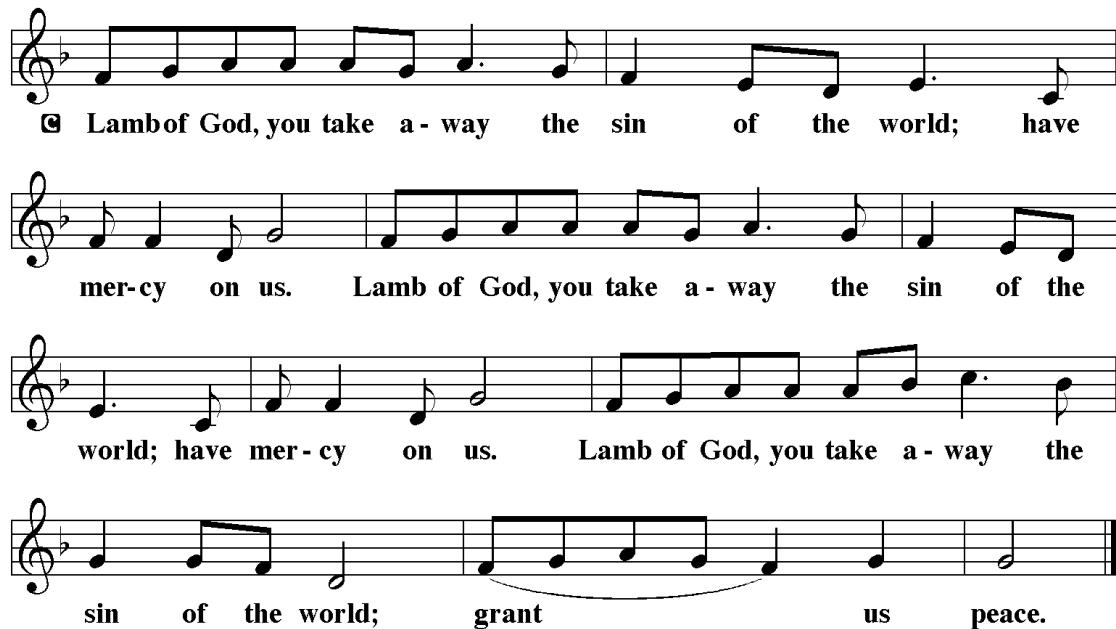
***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 are unable to receive communion, for any reason, 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 HYMN: *“Lamb of God”*



C 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.

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 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.

***BLESSING:**

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.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” **LBW #474**

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

**5th Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, February 8, 2026**

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Shirley Mueller

Acolytes: Shelby Arguellez & Kylie Diehl

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday: Rebecca Innocenti

Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Presiding Minister: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Reader: Miranda Rohan

Acolytes: Charles & Nat Flores

Musicians: Luellen Smiley

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

Helping with Worship during the month of February:

Head Usher: Ricky Hilbrich

Ushers: Larry Gohmert, Jesse Hurta, Marley Hurta & John Rippamonti

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

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

Margie Bolting

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.*

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

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (8th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class
Monday (9th)	9:30 am	Visitation for Helen Breed - Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Funeral for Helen Breed - Sanctuary
	Fellowship Hall Reserved	
Tuesday (10th)	1:30 pm	Cradle Workshop
	5:30 pm	Worship Meeting
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday (11th)	9:15 am	TLG Chapel
	5:30 pm	Guitar Lessons
	6:00 pm	FFF
Saturday (14th)	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
	Fellowship Hall Reserved – Christian Life	
Sunday (15th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	2026 Annual Congregational Meeting	
	No Sunday School	
	After Meeting Meal in the Fellowship Hall	
	3:00 pm	Yorktown Manor Worship

SYMPATHY - We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Helen Breed. May the power of the resurrection give assurance to her family and friends as Helen joins the Church Triumphant.

RADIO BROADCAST - in Memory of Helen Breed, given to the Glory of God by Dr. John & Kathy Frels.

FIRST COMMUNION: On Sunday, February 1, 2026, we celebrated with 5 of our young people as they received their First Communion. These young people are:

Levi Saunders, Corbin Bloch, Charles Flores, Nat Flores & Bennett Rohan

May God bless them as they continue to share in this Holy Meal.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting for January 25, 2026, was canceled due to weather and has been rescheduled for **February 15, 2026**, immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a meal in the Fellowship Hall after the meeting.

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 \$114,086. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

February 15, 2026 - After Congregational Meeting Lunch – meat is provided, congregation is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert.

February 17, 2026 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 11, 2026 – Midweek Lenten Supper at St. Paul at 6:00pm

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

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

April 5, 2026 – Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming Area Events:

The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads invites you to join us for the 5th Annual Let's Taco 'Bout Babies Fundraiser - Dinner, Bingo, Silent & Live Auctions

Thursday March 5th at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center

\$60 General Admission Ticket (Reserved Tables are also available.)

Visit victoriagabrielproject.org, contact Lori Kneese or see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Educational Building for more information.

(Click on the link at the top of the webpage to purchase tickets.)

Thank you for supporting pregnant mothers in need!

WNALC South Texas Mission District Gathering will be Saturday, April 11, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Goliad, Tx. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 25th.

Forms may be sent by a group or individual. Registration is \$20 per person.

Registration forms can be picked up at our Church office or call 361-564-2135 to request a copy emailed to you.

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Pastor – Tim W Muehlbrad

Director of Christian Education – Terry Carmichael

LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

February 17 - SHROVE TUESDAY

5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms in the Fellowship Hall

February 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in the Chapel
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

February 25 - LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at First Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church

March 4 - LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church

March 11 - LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at St. Paul Lutheran Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 18 - LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at San Luis Catholic Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

March 25 - LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at First United Methodist Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church

March 29 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Seder Meal during Sunday School Hour

April 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

April 4 - NO SATURDAY SERVICE

April 5 - EASTER

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 12 - DECORATION DAY

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during Decoration Day.



ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES!

Honor or remember a special person in your life by having an Easter Lily placed in the Sanctuary during Easter. Please complete the form below, make out a check to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and place this form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

I WOULD LIKE: (please check one)

EASTER LILY (cost is \$18.50 each) Qty: _____

OR

Make a Donation to the Building Fund \$ _____

➤ In Honor of: _____

by: _____

➤ In Memory of: _____

by: _____

➤ To the Glory of God, by: _____

Please PRINT clearly.

Additional forms are available in the Annex and Narthex.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE MUST RECEIVE ALL ORDERS
NO later than Monday, March 23, 2026.**

*All Easter Lilies may be picked up after the last.
Easter Service.*

