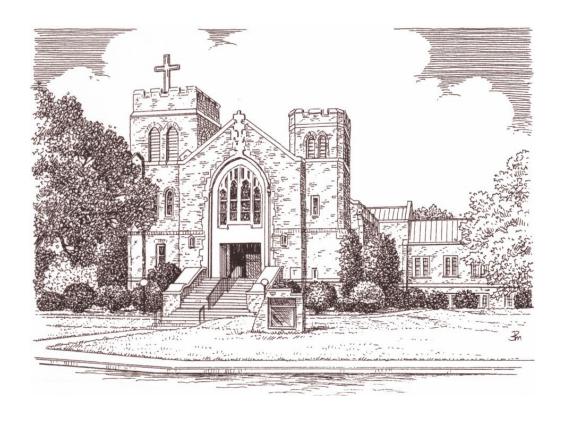
St. Paul Lutheran Church Yorktown, TX



Sunday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 4th Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

Silent Prayer

Lamb upon the throne, Lord of peace, our God and King, Creator, Shield and Defender, Redeemer and Friend! Mere words cannot fully describe all that you are. Who are we to stand in your presence, in awe of your glory? And yet you have drawn us here. Your Holy Spirit empowers us to share your good news, to tell the story of your Son and your coming Kingdom, to rejoice in your Life freely given. You have already moved past our sin. In confessing how we have fallen far short of what you created us to be, we are enabled by you to see past our sin also. Help us to live beyond ourselves, in you - beginning yet again, this very moment. This we pray, focused upon and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

PRELUDE

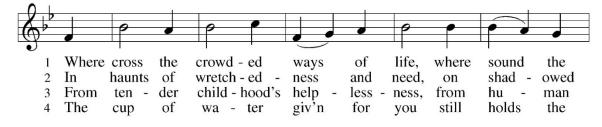
RINGING OF THE BELL

<u>WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) 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

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" LBW #429

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life







- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

*DIALOG and CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

- P: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: Honor your father and your mother.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not kill.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not commit adultery.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not steal.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.
- C: Amen. Lord have mercy.
- P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- C: Almighty God, Merciful Father; I a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C: Who has made the heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
- C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and

holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LBW #499
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer, hith-er by thy help I'm come; 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

Lector: A reading from

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

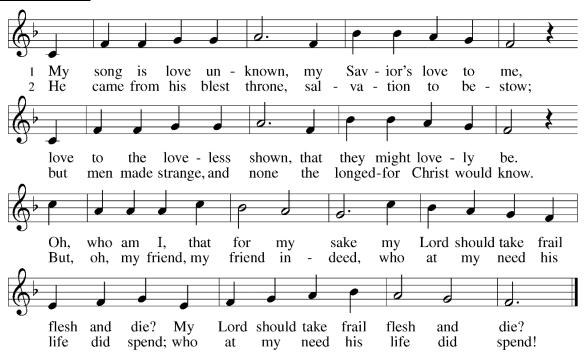
Lector: A reading from

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL VERSE



*GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

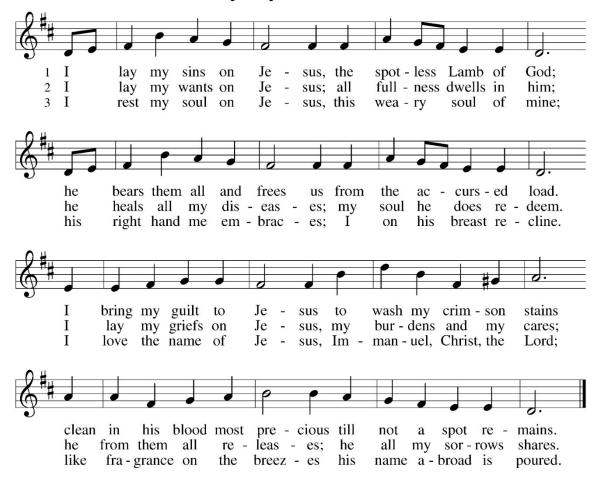
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LBW #305

I Lay My Sins on Jesus



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: MUNICH, Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

*CONFESSION 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.

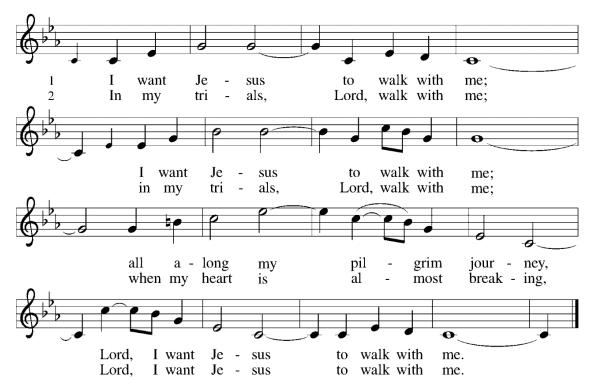
We look for the resurrection + of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*THE PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY



*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

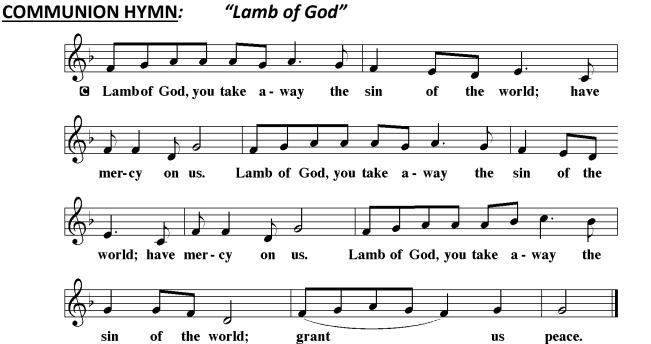
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*BLESSING:

- P: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**
- P: May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**
- P: May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**
- P: And may God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior" LBW #518

Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

*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 4th Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 30, 2025

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

MARCH 30, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

4th Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader**: Gwen Kneese

Acolytes: Charles & Nat Flores Children's Sermon: Karen Dueser

<u>Musicians:</u> Saturday – Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy or Laura

APRIL 6, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

5th Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader**: Jay Heil

Acolytes: Ellyn & Aileen Warwas

Musicians: Saturday – Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Helping with Worship during the month of March:

Head Usher: Jay Heil

Ushers: Kurt Foerster, Trent Foerster, Kevin Styra, & Mark Weischwill

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Wysenda Fischer & Wycoda Janysek

Helping with Worship during the month of April:

Head Usher: Ricky Hilbrich

Ushers: Clark Kerlick, Arlen Parma, Michael Ressman, & Don Wieland

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver

Maundy Thursday (April 17): Linda Hurta & Luellen Smiley

Easter Sunday (April 20): 7:00 am – Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver

10:30 am – Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

<u>FLOWER CHART</u>: The flowers at the Lectern are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Victor Riske, by Kristin, Roger, and Sadie.

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

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

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.*

John Anderson	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Dorothy Sinast
Norma Barber	Bonnie Kaiser	Joan Smith
Joe Barnes	Mary Kanuch	Kennedy Smith
Caroline Blain	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Warner Borth	Ray Lange	Mike & Deborah Stern
David Brucker	Patricia Merks	Alma Suggs
Virginia Buesing	Lin Migura	Judy Taylor
Carl Clyne	Lanie Milliff	Chandler Vaclavik
Teresa Evans	Larry & Carole Mueller	Baby Mae Weischwill
Kathryn Gloor	David Norrell	Mark Weischwill
Tiffany Godby	Jeannine Robinson	Levi Wilhelmsen
Daniel Goehring	Bennett Rohan	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Rosa Horton	Pam Roth	Olivia Wilkerson
Keith Ibrom	Mary Sauermilch	The Zimmerman Family
Joanna Ivy	Courtney Scott	

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (30 th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class
Tuesday (1st)	EASTER LILY DEADLINE	
	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday (2 nd)	9:15 am	TLG Chapel
, ,	10:00 am	Midweek Lenten Service in the Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Supper at San Luis Catholic Church
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church
Thursday (3rd)	5:30 pm	CEM Board Meeting
Saturday (5th)	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday (6th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
,	10:15 am	Sunday School

<u>ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES!</u> Don't wait; order today! — Order deadline is Tuesday, April 1. Order forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and in the Educational Building.

<u>St. Paul is looking for an "as needed" handyman as a paid position</u>. For more information, contact Larry Gohmert or the church office.

<u>The Pictorial Directories are in!</u> Please call the church office to make arrangements to receive yours.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

May 4, 2025 – Donuts & refreshments at the plaza after church.

<u>June 8, 2025</u> – Day of Pentecost: Chicken Spaghetti Meal; Congregation is asked to bring a **RED** dessert.

Upcoming Youth Events

April 20, 2025 – Youth Host Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

May 7, 2025 - Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Steak Dinner - Fellowship Hall

May 10 & 11, 2025 – Youth will pass out gifts for Mother's Day

June 14, 2025 – Paint & Praise w/Nancy Beeson: 1-3pm \$35 per person

June 14 & 15, 2025 – Youth will pass out gifts for Father's Day

August 1, 2025 – Annual Swim Party: 7-9pm Cuero Pool & Swim Pad

September 7, 2025 – Grandparents Day Reception: Fellowship Hall, during SS Hour

Upcoming Area Events

<u>**DEWITT COUNTY GABRIEL PROJECT:**</u> The next meeting of the DeWitt County Gabriel Project will be on Monday, April 7th at 5:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Cuero (Fellowship Hall).

Volunteers Needed: If you would like to help mothers and babies in need in DeWitt County, come join the Gabriel Project! We have a wide variety of ways to help depending on your gifts and how much time you have available. A few ways to help include:

- Work directly with mothers and babies as an "Angel"
- Attend monthly meetings
- Sort and organize donations
- Transfer items to/from the main storage room in Victoria
- Pray for our volunteers and the mothers we minister to

Learn More About the Gabriel Project: Are you a member of a Bible study, church committee, etc, that would like to know more about The Gabriel Project? We would love to join you at your next meeting to tell your group about our ministry. Please reach out to Brenda or Lori for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact: *Brenda Cheesman 361-676-7738 or Lori Kneese 361-550-6105*

LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025

April 2 - LENT

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

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

April 9 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Sanctuary Supper at First United Methodist Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church

April 13 – PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Special Presentation for Sunday School

April 17 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

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

April 19 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE

10:00 am Easter Program and Egg Hunt

April 20 – EASTER

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 27 – 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.

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