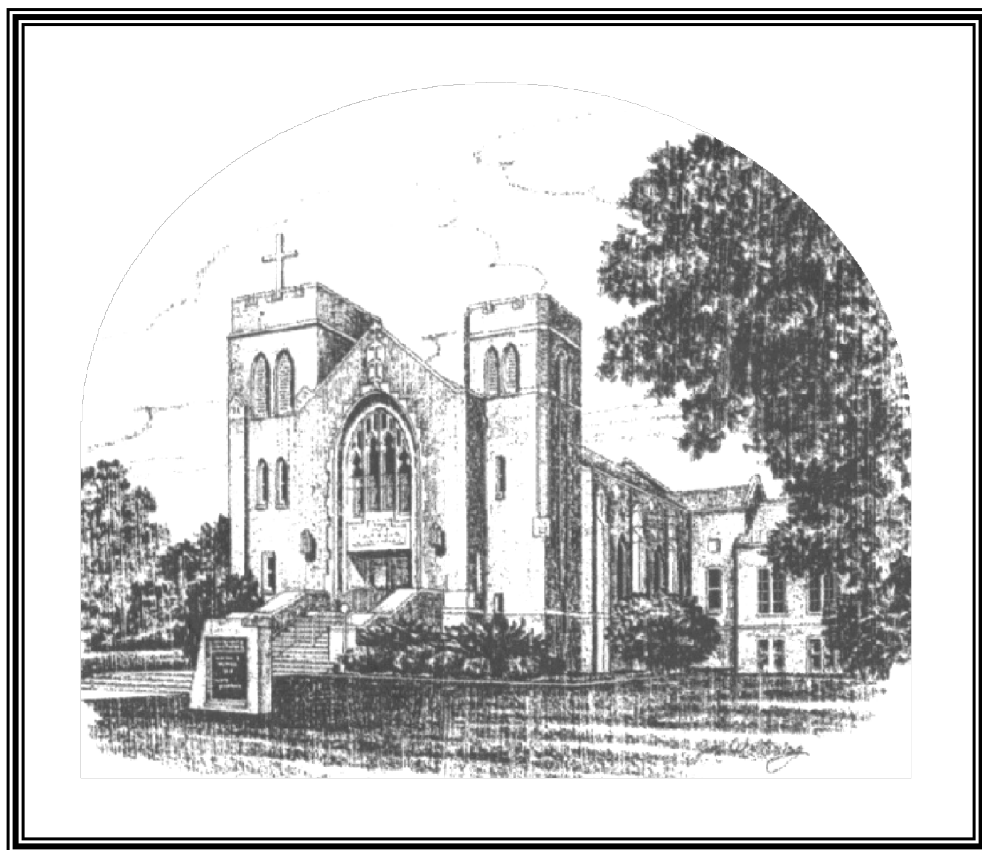


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



Saturday and Sunday

Holy Communion Services

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Silent Prayer

O God, whose Word is not just a one-way conversation, talk with us, today, and hear us as we pray. Free us, that we might listen for your voice, and empower us to speak to you. 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 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

“Thine Is the Glory”

LBW #145

Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;
life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

***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: Living God, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

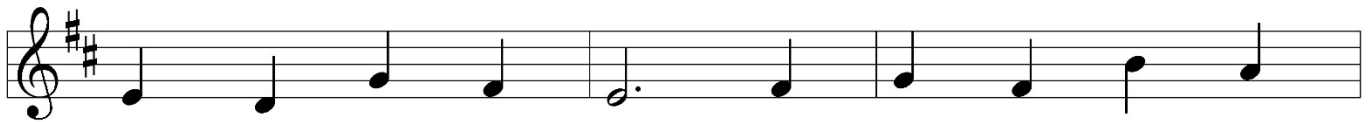
HYMN

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” vs 1-4 **LBW #345**

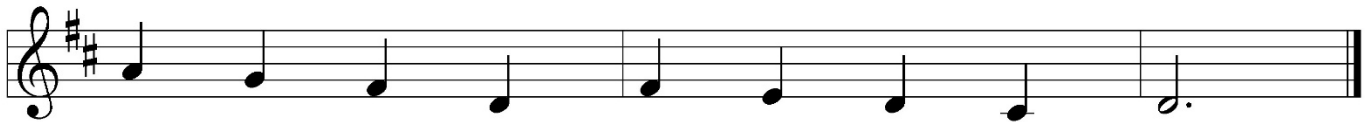
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

FIRST LESSON Acts 5:29-42

Lector: A reading from _____.

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered {the high priest and the council}, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged

and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

⁶**And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector: A reading from _____.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

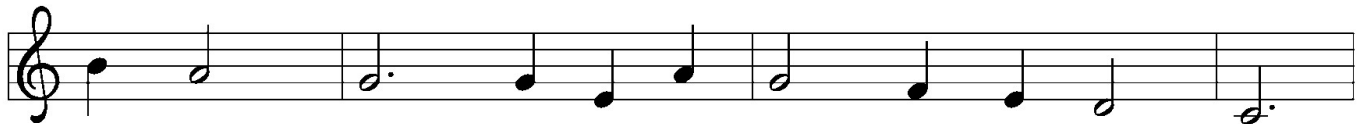
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" **LBW #144**
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.
 Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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***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.**

***PRAYERS**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

☩ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

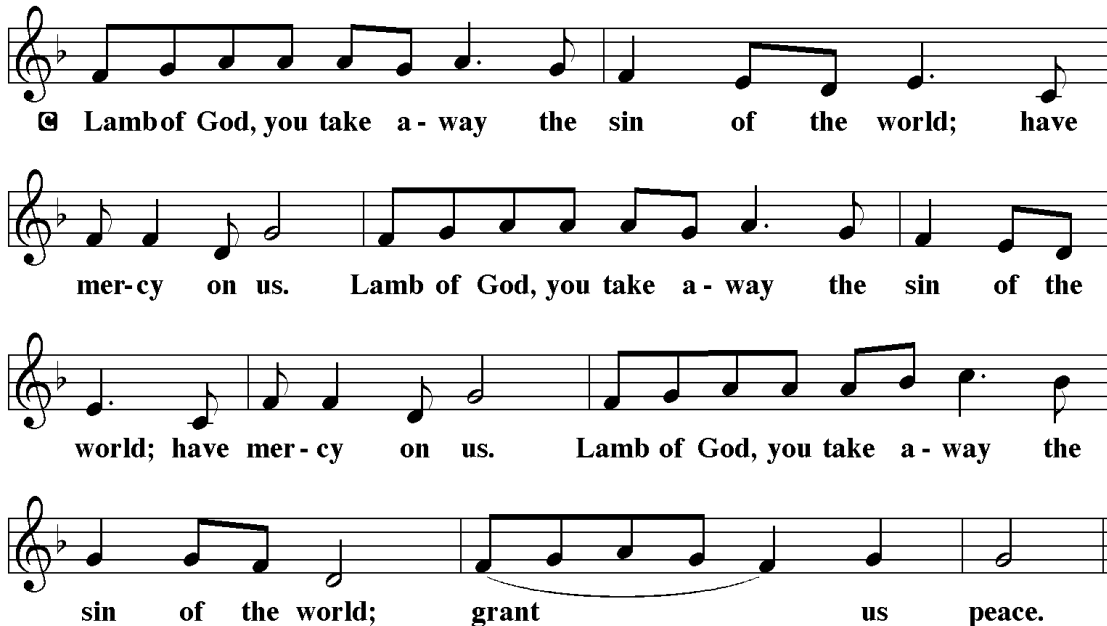
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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. 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”



☒ 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 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” LBW #259**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

***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

2nd Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 12, 2026

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

APRIL 12, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

2nd Sunday of Easter

Presiding Lay Ministers: Jay Heil & Terry Carmichael

Reader: Hannah Kneese

Acolytes: Mason Loera & Kylie Diehl

Children's Sermon: Terry

Musicians: Rebecca Innocenti

Sunday: Rebecca Innocenti

Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

APRIL 19, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

3rd Sunday of Easter

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Hilary Gohmert

Acolytes: Shelby Arguellez & Aileen Warwas

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Luellen Smiley

Sunday: Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Luellen Smiley

Helping with Worship during the month of April:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

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

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Reevie Gips

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.*

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Joe Barnes | Joanna Ivy | Jeannine Robinson |
| Caroline Blain | Kate Janis | Pam Roth |
| Carlton Bolting | Alberto Jimenez, Jr. | Aubrie Ruppert |
| Margie Bolting | Clinton Kaiser | Mary Sauermilch |
| Wade Bolting | Mary Kanuch | Joan Smith |
| Warner Borth | Lana Krietsch | Lori Nelson Stenger |
| David Brucker | Ray Lange | Alma Suggs |
| Virginia Buesing | Janet Lemke | Judy Taylor |
| Stephanie DeLorenzo | Elaine Malina | Jay Thigpen |
| Gary Deskin | Avery Martin | Deb Trautmen |
| Julie Dupree | Bea McNabb | Gary Turner |
| Joan Fischer | Lin Migura | Chandler Vaclavik |
| Kathryn Gloor | Lanie Milliff | Clem Waskow |
| Tiffany Godby | Steve Morris | Baby Mae Weischwill |
| Daniel Goehring | Larry & Carole Mueller | Mark Weischwill |
| The Family of Corey Goodale | David Norrell | Tammy Wessels |
| Nancy Guidry | Jordan Petersen | Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen |
| Rosa Horton | | |

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

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| Sunday (12th) | 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:30 am | Decoration Day – St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery |
| | 10:30 am | Sunday School will be held at the Cemetery for Decoration Day |
| Monday (13th) | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall Reserved – TLG |
| Tuesday (14th) | 1:30 pm | Cradle Workshop |
| | 5:30 pm | Worship Committee Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| Wednesday (15th) | 9:15 am | TLG Chapel |
| | 5:30 pm | Guitar Lessons |
| | 6:00 pm | FFF |
| Saturday (18th) | 5:00 pm | Worship with Holy Communion |
| Sunday (19th) | 9:00 am | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 3:00 pm | Yorktown Manor Holy Communion Service |

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The May Women's Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, May 5 at 10:00. A short study on Mary and Martha: Working and Worshiping will be led by Luellen Smiley for the joint group. This will be our last bible study before we break for summer. We will have a potluck luncheon following the bible study. All women of the church are welcome to join us for the bible study, food, and fellowship.

WE HAVE A NEW SECRETARY! Alison Salas-Wolter has accepted the position of secretary. Her first day will be Wednesday, April 15, 2026. She comes with a great deal of experience and skill as she is also the secretary for Lindenau and Westhoff Lutheran Churches. During this transition, please be patient and courteous while Alison is learning the ins and outs of St. Paul. If you come by the office, please introduce yourself with your first and last name. Your prayers and patience are encouraged and appreciated for this time of transition.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: We will be having a new member celebration on Sunday, May 3, 2026. A nacho bar lunch and a welcome reception will be at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Tim or the church office.

SR. RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 17TH - On Sunday, May 17, 2026, we will recognize our graduating seniors: Addison Corpus, Wade Dueser, Ty Fehner, Marley Hurta, Zoe Irvin and Connor Saunders. Join us as we proudly recognize their accomplishments and extend our best wishes for their future! Each of these seniors will be eligible for a scholarship from St. Paul Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to contribute, donations/memorials can be made to the Sr. Scholarship Fund at any time during the year. Your generosity has and will continue to make a difference in the future of our youth! **CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!!!** *If you do not see your graduating senior's name on our list, please contact Bonnie Riedesel or the church office.*

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 **\$125,491.11**. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

May 3, 2026 – Nacho Bar-Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Youth and Family Events:

May 10, 2026 – Muffins w/Mom-Fellowship Hall

AREA EVENTS

San Luis Catholic Church Annual Jamaica will be held on Sunday,

April 26, 2026. Carne Guisada Dinner, dine-in or to go, served with rice and beans (\$15 a plate) will be served at 11:00 am. Homemade tamales; hamburger booth; country store; cake walk; children's activities; bingo, live auction, and more! For more information, see the flyer posted on the Educational Building door.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Springfest will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Worship is at 9:30 am; BBQ plates 11am-1pm (brisket plates \$16 dine-in ONLY; chicken plates \$13 dine-in or to go. Live auction to 1:00pm; silent auction; raffle; country store. All proceeds go to benefit Gabriel Project of the Crossroads, Young Life – Victoria, Pregnancy Help Center & OSL Ministries. Meal tickets and raffle tickets are available at the church office, 4102 N. Ben Jordan Victoria, Tx 77901, Monday-Thursday 9am – 4pm.

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