


"IN THE DAY THE JUDGES RULED"



# RUTH

CURIOUS FACT: GOD IS HARDLY MENTIONED

NAOMI THE WIDOW  
RUTH THE MOABITE  
BOAZ THE FARMER



INTERPLAY OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND HUMAN DECISIONS

TRAGEDY  
BOLDNESS  
LOYALTY  
LOYALTY  
GENEROSITY  
LOYALTY

1

2

3

4

ELIMELECH MAHLON KILYON NAOMI

1 LIVING IN BETHLEHEM

TRAGEDY & DEATH

ORPAH RUTH

TRAVEL

THE 'LAND OF' MOAB

ORPAH

Loyalty

CALL ME MARA (BITTER)

WHERE YOU GO I WILL GO. YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE MY PEOPLE, AND YOUR GOD WILL BE MY GOD.

ISRAEL

WE NEED FOOD.

BOAZ =

- MAN OF NOBLE CHARACTER (2:11)
- SHOWS GENEROSITY (SEE DEUTERONOMY 24:19)
- PRAYS THAT GOD WILL BLESS HER

MAY GOD REWARD YOU.

I MET BOAZ

BOAZ IS OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER!

- CULTURAL PRACTICE
- MARRIES THE WIDOW
- PROTECTS THE FAMILY LINE

GET DRESSED UP

WILL YOU REDEEM OUR FAMILY... AND MARRY ME???

WOMAN OF NOBLE CHARACTER... YES

HE SAID YES!!!

Loyalty

CLOSE RELATIVE

JOY & BIRTH

OBED

GENEALOGY

PEREZ  
HEZRON  
RAM  
AMINADAB  
NAHSHON  
SALMON  
BOAZ  
OBED  
JESSE  
DAVID



## Welcome

We are a community of beloved and broken people brought home to God the Father and made whole by the work of our Savior Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In addition to what you see mentioned this week in the bulletin, there are many opportunities to connect with other Jesus followers. Be sure to call or ask how we can help you take your next step of following Jesus.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are welcome to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper when you believe:

Yes, I am a sinner in need of Jesus' forgiveness. Romans 3:23

Yes, I am baptized in His Name. Acts 2:38

Yes, I recognize Jesus' real presence of body and blood in the bread and wine. 1 Corinthians 10:16

Yes, I trust Jesus' promise to forgive my sins as I receive His Supper. Matthew 26:26-28

Yes, I receive His power to renew my life. John 8:11

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

-Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request. Please notify a Pastor or Elder beforehand.



### 5:30pm Order of Worship

**Prelude** My Shepherd Will Supply and  
O God Beyond All Praise  
by Thomas Keesecker

#### Welcome

**Hymn** I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Invocation Opening Sentences**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

**Salutation Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading** Acts 4:1-12 (CSB)

**Epistle** 1 John 3:16-24 (CSB)

**Gospel** John 10:11-18 (CSB)

**Hymn** For All the Faithful Women (vs. 1,7,3,4)

**Sermon** Ruth

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** Beautiful Savior

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** The Lord's My Shepherd  
by Carol Tornquist

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Keyboard: Sandy Thormahlen  
Reader: Marge Hamburg

### 8:30 AM Order of Worship

**Prelude** This Joyful Eastertide by Paul Bouman

**Welcome**

**Hymn** I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461

**Invocation**

**Opening Sentences**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn of Praise** The Lord's My Shepherd LSB 710

**Salutation**

**Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading** Acts 4:1-12 (CSB)

**Epistle** 1 John 3:16-24 (CSB)

**Gospel** John 10:11-18 (CSB)

**Hymn** For All the Faithful Women (vs. 1,7,3,4) LSB 855

**Sermon** Ruth

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** Beautiful Savior LSB 537

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Christ Is Alive by Mary McDonald

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Organist: Carolyn Schwartz  
Reader: Caroline Steele

### 10:30 AM Order of Worship

**Welcome**

**Song** On Earth As In Heaven

**Apostles Creed**

**First Reading** Acts 4:1-12 (CSB) **Epistle** 1 John 3:16-24 (CSB) **Gospel** John 10:11-18 (CSB)

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Dismissal Children's Church (Community Room)**

**Song** Speak O Lord

**Sermon** Ruth

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** I Will Follow

**Blessing**

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Music: Praise Band  
Reader: Quentin Anderson

## Men's Night

All men are invited to join us for St. Paul Men's Night on April 25th at 6pm at the Campbell's residence (2322 Tucker Rd., Harlingen). Food, fun, and new friendships await! Bring a friend and don't miss out on the fun!

## Calling All Graduates

If you have a high school or college student who will be graduating, we want to recognize them and their achievements in May. Please provide us with your graduate's name, whether they are a high school or college graduate, and let us know what their future plans are.

Please send a graduation photo along with the information. You can send this information to Peggy in the church office at church@splch.com

## Foundation Class

A new Foundation / New Member class will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am to Noon in the community room. The class is for those interested in learning more about St. Paul and especially for those desiring to join as members of our congregation. To find out more and to register contact the church office at church@splch.com or call 423-3924.

## Memorial Services

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary for our brother in Christ Jesus, Jesse Longhofer who passed away on March 31st. Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Buck Ashcraft San Benito Funeral Home in San Benito. A light reception will follow the Memorial Service on Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Please keep his wife Kathy, and all of his family in your prayers and join us for this time of remembering and celebrating his life and faith in Jesus Christ.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 am in the sanctuary for our sister in Christ Jesus, Paula DeBolt who passed away on April 4th. A light reception will follow the Memorial Service on Saturday in the Parish Hall. Please keep Paula's family in your prayers during this time as we all wait with eager anticipation and hope of the resurrection because of Jesus.

## Ladies Social

Ladies, join us on Monday, April 22nd at 6 pm at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Harlingen for Ladies night. This is the perfect opportunity for all ladies to come together for a night of food, fellowship, and fun. We understand how busy life can get, so this event is designed to give you a chance to relax, connect with your favorite ladies, and create lasting memories. The event is open to all ladies, so don't forget to mark your calendars and come join us. We can't wait to see you there!

**The Stringphonic**  
STRING QUARTET  
PRESENTS  
**Masters of Quartets**  
Mozart String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465  
Beethoven String Quartet No. 4 in C Minor, Op 18  
Sunday, April 28th 3:00PM  
St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Sanctuary



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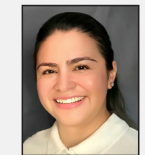


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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Weekly Attendance ..... 255  
General Offering to The Lord ....\$8088.89  
His Power Our Mission .....\$1169.71  
Fiscal YTD.....\$690,574.05

Stay connected with St. Paul - Stay up to date with everything happening at St. Paul by signing up for our weekly Wednesday epistle at stpaultexas.com. On our website you can also send us a comment, prayer request, or ask a question. We will make a point to personally answer every question. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Online Services Available

Our Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services are available online on facebook, youtube and our website:

facebook.com/St.PaulHarlingen

stpaultexas.com/live

youtube.com/@stpaultexas



## CHURCH SERVICES AND HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 5:30pm Gospel Praise

Holy Communion: every Saturday

Sundays, 8:30am Traditional

Holy Communion: First and third Sunday

Sundays, 10:30am Contemporary

Holy Communion: Second and fourth Sunday

An offering box is located in the front entrance of the sanctuary for your convenience.

There is also an opportunity to give online thru our giving platform by going to stpaultexas.com and click GIVE or scan the pictured QR code.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

6:30 AM .....MEN OF PRAYER

6:00 PM ..... WOMEN OF JOY (OLIVE GARDEN)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

9:00 AM ..... LADIES BIBLE STUDY (ZAMORA'S)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

9:30 AM .....LADIES BIBLE STUDY (BELL'S)

NOON .....MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (COMM. ROOM)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH

9:00 AM .....MEET AND MAKE (COMM. ROOM)

6:00 PM ..... MEN'S NIGHT (CAMPBELL'S)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

5:30 PM ..... WORSHIP SERVICE HC

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

8:30 AM .....WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 AM ..... BIBLE STUDY

10:30 AM ..... WORSHIP SERVICE HC

HC = HOLY COMMUNION