



# JUDGES

ISRAEL'S TOTAL FAILURE



**BE WARNED**

⚠️ DISTURBING and VIOLENT

⚠️ TRAGIC TALE

⚠️ ISRAEL

— BECOMES —

⚠️ CANAANITE

created by the Bible Project

1-2

3-16

17-21

THE EMPOWERMENT OF GOD'S SPIRIT  
≠  
ENDORSEMENT OF HUMAN CHOICES

PRETTY GOOD ——— OKAY ——— BAD ——— WORSE

**1 CANAANITES**

JUDAH  
BENJAMIN  
JOSEPH  
MANASSEH  
EPHRAIM  
ZEBULUN  
ASHER  
NAPHTALI  
DAN

MORAL CORRUPTION

CHILD SACRIFICE

A **WARRIOR** PEOPLE

KANAANITE

**2**

SIN

PEACE

OPPRESSION

DELIVERANCE

REPENTANCE

ISRAEL FAILS TO DRIVE OUT THE CANAANITES

**3a OTHNIEL**

**3b EHUD**

**4-5 DEBORAH**

**6-9 GIDEON**

ONLY 300 MEN

MIDIANITES

FELLOW ISRAELITES

CORRUPTION OF ISRAEL'S JUDGES

**10-12 JEPHTHAH**

help?

AMMONITES

GOD DEMANDS THIS...

ISRAEL NO LONGER KNOWS THE CHARACTER OF THEIR OWN GOD.

**13-16 SAMSON**

\*PROMISCUOUS

\*VIOLENT

\*ARROGANT

PHILISTINES

**17-18**

MICAH

DAN

LAISH

"IN THOSE DAYS ISRAEL HAD NO KING AND EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES."

19-21

VERY DISTURBING (AND THAT'S THE POINT...)

CIVIL WAR

CORRUPTION OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

## 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** I Will Sing of My Redeemer  
by Lisa Hockstra

**Welcome**

**Hymn** Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

**Invocation**

**Opening Sentences**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Hymn** Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

**Salutation Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament** Judges 2:16-23 (CSB)

**Epistle** 1 John 3:1-7 (CSB)

**Gospel** Luke 24:36-49 (CSB)

**Hymn** Crown Him With Many Crowns

**Sermon** Judges

**Apostle Creed**

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** In Joyful Praise by David Lasky

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Mauricio Franco  
Worship Leader: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Keyboard: Sandy Thormahlen  
Reader: Marge Hamburg

### 8:30 AM Order of Worship

**Prelude** Come Christians Join to Sing by John Behnke

**Welcome**

**Hymn** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen LSB 474

**Invocation**

**Opening Sentences**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Baptism** Kinsley Hardy Crockett

**Old Testament** Judges 2:16-23 (CSB)

**Epistle** 1 John 3:1-7 (CSB)

**Gospel** Luke 24:36-49 (CSB)

**Hymn** Crown Him With Many Crowns LSB 525

**Sermon** Judges

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven LSB 477

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds  
by Robert Hobby

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Mauricio Franco  
Worship Leader: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Organist: Carolyn Schwartz  
Reader: Rodney Eckert

### 10:30 AM Order of Worship

**Welcome**

**Song** All Creatures Of Our God and King

**Apostles Creed**

**Old Testament** Judges 2:16-23 (CSB) **Epistle** 1 John 3:1-7 (CSB) **Gospel** Luke 24:36-49 (CSB)

**Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Holy Communion**

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

**Song** What A Beautiful Name

**Sermon** Judges

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** The Blessing

**Blessing**

#### SERVING TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Mauricio Franco  
Worship Leader: Pastor Nathan Wendorf  
Music: Praise Band  
Reader: Daniel Johnson

## 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!



## Construction Update

The construction work on the campus was in full swing this week, and the installation of the sprinkler system is underway. The window crews still need to install the louvers with a cross shape on the large window, and the inside crews are currently hanging ceilings, installing lighting, and updating the emergency exit signs with lights. We appreciate your patience and support for the project, and we assure you that we are making every effort to complete the work as soon as possible. We are getting closer to the finish line, and we look forward to a successful completion and a grand celebration shortly.

## 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. Services are under the direction of Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home in San Benito.



## Congratulations!!!

What a wonderful celebration this past weekend as we installed our Deaconess Interns Sara and Gladys! Blessings to you on your continued studies at the Seminary and your work among us!

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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## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

Weekly Attendance ..... 269  
General Offering to The Lord . \$14,142.11  
His Power Our Mission ..... \$354.34  
Fiscal YTD..... \$681,229.05

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!

## 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 15TH

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

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

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

7:00 PM ..... YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

8:30 AM ..... WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 AM ..... BIBLE STUDY

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

HC = HOLY COMMUNION

