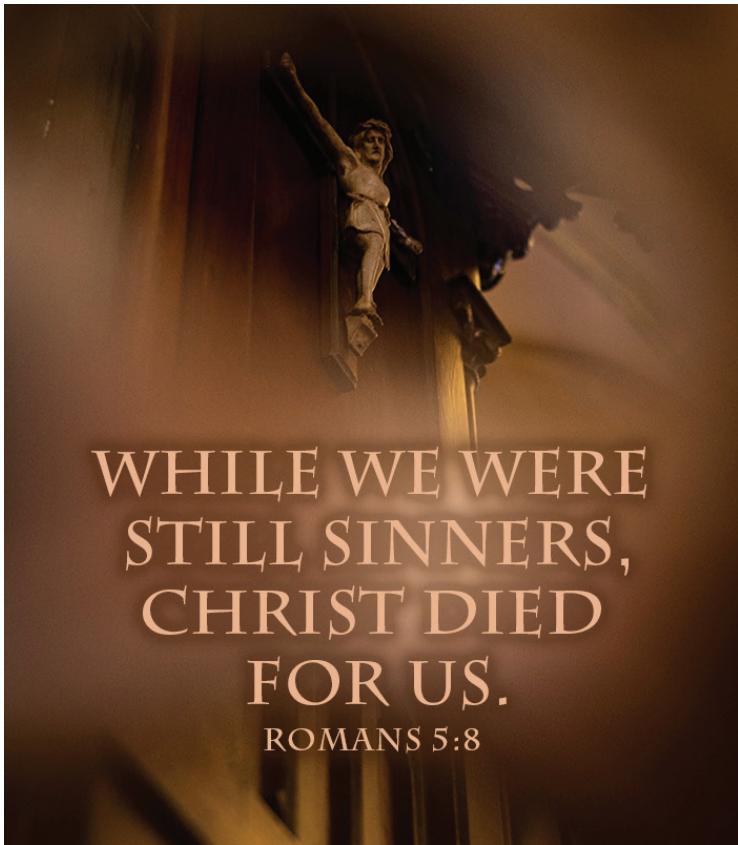




Third Sunday in Lent
Girl Scout Sunday
March 12, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC
Website: StPaulsLutheran.Church

Acolyte: Alyssa McCraven • Crucifer: Sara Barringer
Guest Preacher: Lillie Yousey
Communion Assistants: Stan McConnell,
Wayne Taylor, Bethany Whisnant

Girl Scout Troop 743

Daisies

Camila Rios
Lilah Roberts
Gracelyn Ziegler

Brownies

Bailee Boileau
Alyssa McCraven
Mackenzie Murray
Rebecca Lombard
Ellie Roberts

Junior

Maddie Roberts

Cadette

Angela Boileau

Senior

Sara Barringer

Ambassadors

Riley Herge
Lillie Yousey

Leaders

Amy Barringer
Chloe Lombard
Alison Moore
Karen Yousey

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Michael Burkhardt

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

Alyssa McCraven

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

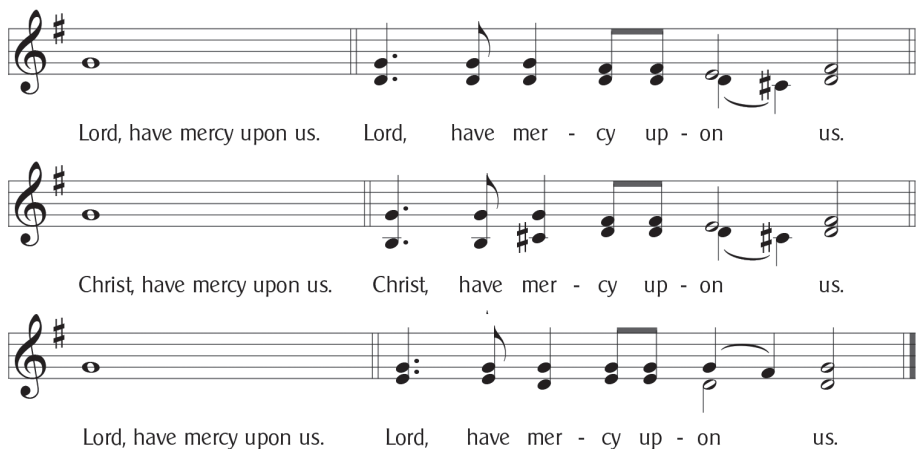
Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,
 we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,
 O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, consider the Lenten prayers of your people. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.”

And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 95:1-9

- ¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of | our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**
- ³For the LORD | is a great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.
- ⁴**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**
- ⁵The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have molded | the dry land.
- ⁶**Come, let us bow down, and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice!

⁸**Harden not your hearts, as your forebears**

did | in the wilderness,

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when

they | tempted me.

⁹They put me | to the test,

though they had | seen my works.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Rebecca Lombard

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: "Give Us a Vision"

Adult Choir

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

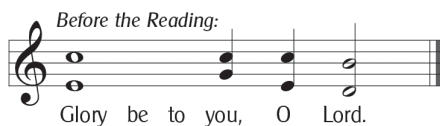
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The Gospel is written in the fourth chapter of John.

Lillie Yousey



Gospel: John 4:5-26

Lillie Yousey

⁵So [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your

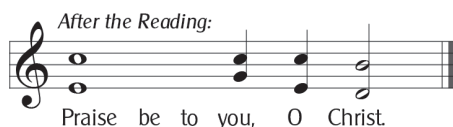
husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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We confess our faith with the Apostles Creed.

Lillie Yousey

**I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his
only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

*Karen Yousey, Amy Barringer,
Rebecca Lombard, Mackenzie Murray*

Sermon

Lillie Yousey, Girl Scout Ambassador

Hymn: "When Peace Like a River"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na



in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,**

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

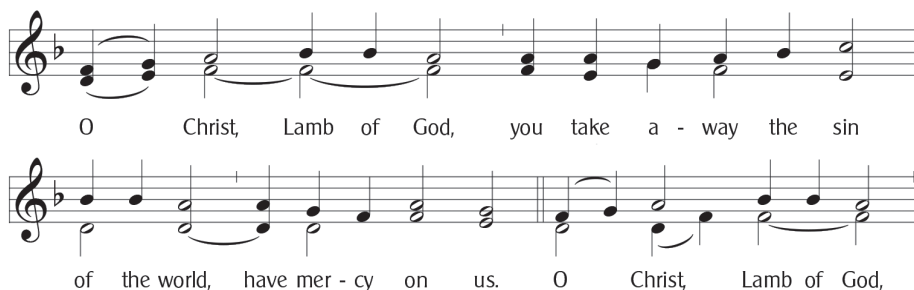
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

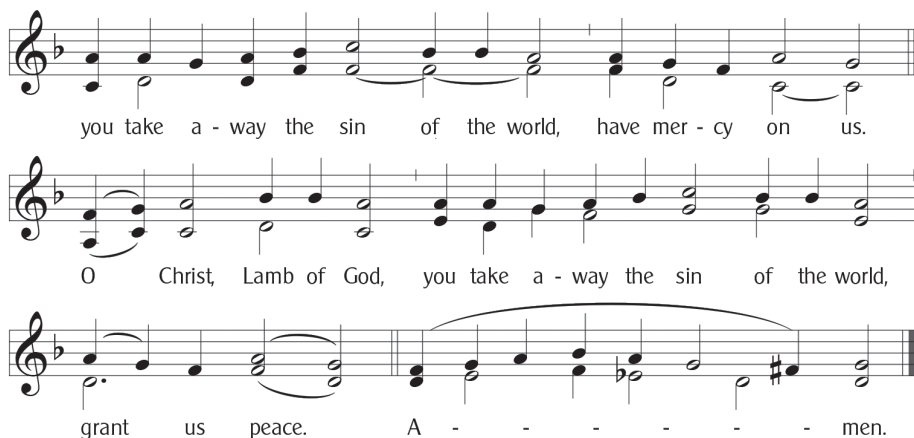
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
 ac- | cording to | your | word.
 For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
 which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
 A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
 and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
 Glory | be to the | Father,
 and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
 As it | was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, you dear Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “O Lamb of God Most Holy”

Robert Laul

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

Gracehyn Ziegler

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you
 and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:



A - men.

*We extend our love, prayers, and sympathy to the family of
 Judy Katherine Bernhardt, who passed away Friday,
 March 3, 2023. A memorial service for Judy will be held April 4.*

*We extend our love, prayers, and sympathy to the family of
 Lola Mae Leab Floss, who passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023.
 A memorial service for Lola was held Thursday, March 9.*

Sunday, March 12

- *Daylight Savings Time begins, 2am*
- Girl Scout Sunday
- Membership class (3rd of 3), in the chapel after worship
- Youth Bible study & music, 2:30pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, March 13

- Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- Cruise 'n Barbecue Steering Committee, 7pm

Tuesday, March 14

- Adult Confirmation class, 6pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Executive Committee, 7pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, March 15

- Lenten Supper, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Choir practice will follow the worship service during Lent
- No Youth Confirmation during Lent

Thursday, March 16

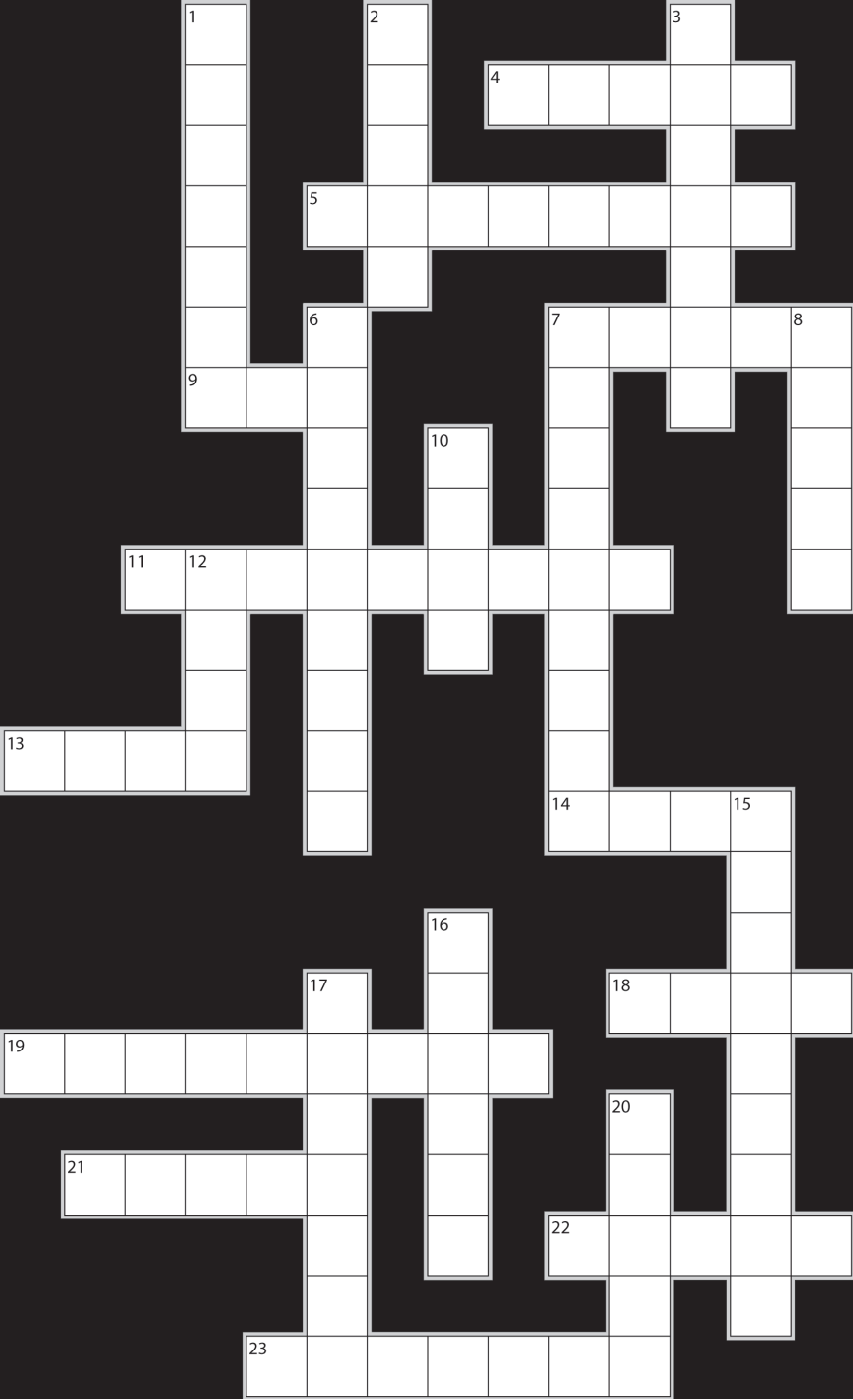
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, March 18

- Lutheran Women, assembly of disaster relief hygiene kits in the fellowship hall, 8am

The **Cruise 'n Barbecue Steering Committee** will meet in the Sunday School classroom across from the conference room tomorrow evening at 7pm.

An order form for **Sun Impatiens for Easter Sunday** is on the last page of the bulletin. You may also donate to the Youth Fund in lieu of flowers. Orders will be taken through March 26th.



Lent 3A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
Using an ESV Bible will help.*

ACROSS

4. Who cried out, "What shall I do with this people?"
5. Where there was no water to drink
7. Moses was to strike a rock with this.
9. It's God because he made it.
11. What produces hope?
13. The people quarreled with Moses and tested another. Who?
14. The Lord is above all...
18. Number of husbands the woman at the well had
19. It produces character.
21. The people grumbled that Moses took them from there.
22. Whose well was in Sychar?
23. What did Jesus want the woman at the well to do?

DOWN

1. Christ died for us while we ere...
2. If you drink from living water, when will you be thirsty again?
3. Don't harden your hearts like you did there.
6. What kind of woman did Jesus ask for a drink of water?
7. It produces endurance.
8. We are justified by...
10. God told Moses to strike this in Horeb.
12. We are the sheep of the Lord's...
15. The rock of our...
16. Jesus came to this town in Samaria.
17. We are the people of God's...
20. Because we are justified we have this.

Unscramble the verse:

Eurt shoiweprrs lilw priohsw the htfare ni isiprt dan htrut.

First Communion classes will be held the three Sundays preceding Easter—March 19, 26, and April 2. Classes will be after worship service in Pastor Ryman’s office. Any parent who would like their child to have their first Communion on Easter Sunday should contact the church office and bring their child to *all three classes*.

Vacation Bible School June 23-25, 2023—This year’s theme is **water**—think Noah and the ark, Jonah and the whale, baptism, sprinklers, water slides, etc. Age groups are pre-school thru middle school. More details to come as plans are made. Mark your calendars. Your kids will have a great time at 2023 VBS.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/05)	\$6,278
Other Offering (3/05).....	\$1,788
Children’s Mission Offering so far	\$1,336.50
Sunday School Attendance (3/05).....	88
Worship Attendance (3/05).....	196
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (3/05)..	\$76,239
General Fund YTD Budget as of 3/05).....	\$89,031

Special prayers for members and friends of St. Paul’s:

- Wilbur Canup – Recovering surgery
- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Terry Eller – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Teresa Peeler – Recovering from surgery
- Stan McConnell – Health concerns
- Nancy Menius – Recovering from surgery
- Crystal Moore – Cancer (friend of Amy Barringer)
- Lynn Proice – Health concerns
(daughter of Betty and Don Camerlin)
- Dottie Stancil – Health concerns
- Amy Watson – Cancer (friend of Greg Wilhelm)
- Jane Wilhelm – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Sun Impatiens for Easter Sunday

Orders for Sun Impatiens will be accepted **through March 26th**. The cost is \$12 per plant. These will be placed around the altar for our Easter worship service on April 9th. Please return the completed form with your payment no later than March 26th.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Total number of Impatiens _____ Total purchase \$ _____

(please do not tear this form)

In lieu of flowers—If you wish to honor or remember a loved one without purchasing a flower, please complete the information below and return the form with your donation of any amount. Funds in lieu of flowers will go to St. Paul's Youth for providing, preparing, and serving our Easter breakfast.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Total given in lieu of a flower: \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Orders may be placed in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, (send it early if you mail.)

You may take your flowers with you after the 10:30am
Easter worship service on April 9.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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