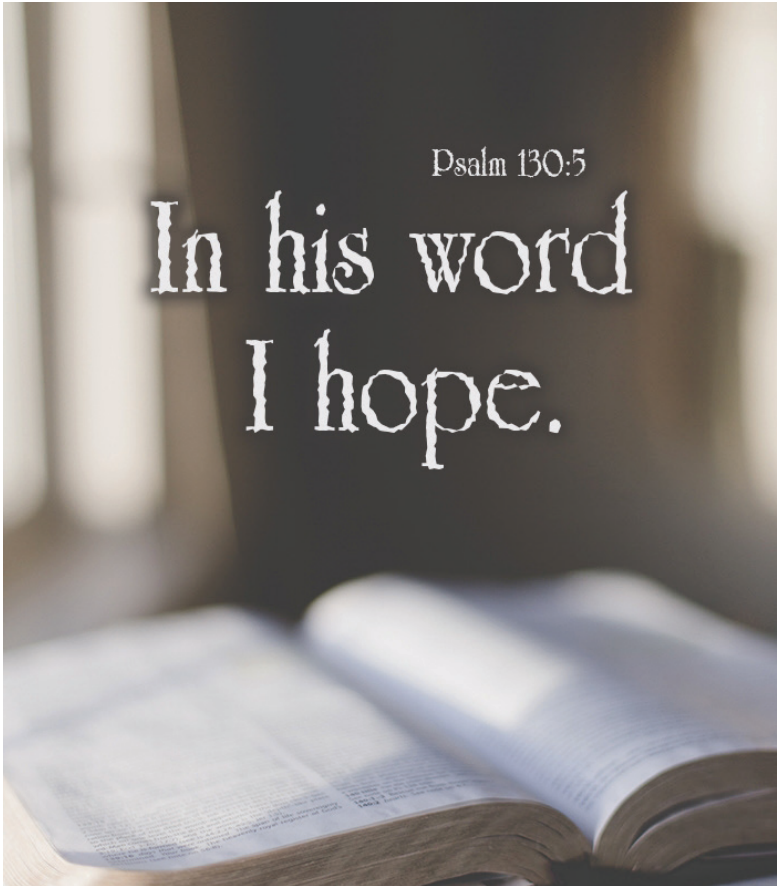




Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Communion Assistants: Stan McConnell,
Wayne Taylor, Bethany Whisnant

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Karrin Ford

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

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.

¹**You shall have no other gods before me.**

²**You 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.**

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

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

⁵**You shall not kill.**

⁶**You shall not commit adultery.**

⁷**You shall not steal.**

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

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

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “What Wondrous Love”

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: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through 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.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O LORD God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 130

- ¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, | hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.
- ²**If you, LORD, were to note what is | done amiss,
O LORD, | who could stand?**
- ³For there is forgive- | ness with you;
therefore you | shall be feared.
- ⁴**I wait for the LORD; my soul | waits for him;
in his word | is my hope.**
- ⁵My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen | for the
morning,
more than watchmen | for the morning.
- ⁶**O Israel, wait | for the LORD,
for with the LORD | there is mercy;**
- ⁷With him there is plen- | teous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:I-II

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

righteousness. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: "Nearer, Still Nearer"

Men's Choir

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

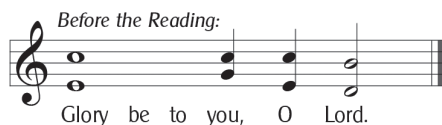
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Christ has hum - bled him - self, and be - come o - be - dient
un - to death: even the death of the Cross.

The Gospel is written in the eleventh chapter of John.

Before the Reading:



Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 11:1-53

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea

again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was

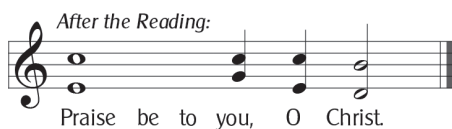
and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Christian Mindset"

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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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

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

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

The musical notation is in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and 4/4 time. The Leader's part consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G2 (half), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it'. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G2 (half), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are 'Lift up your hearts.' The Congregation's part consists of one staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G2 (half), A2 (quarter), B-flat2 (quarter), C3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are 'We lift them to the Lord.'

Leader



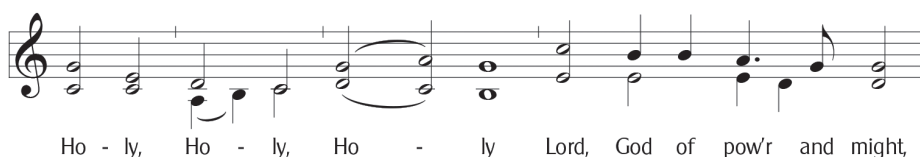
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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

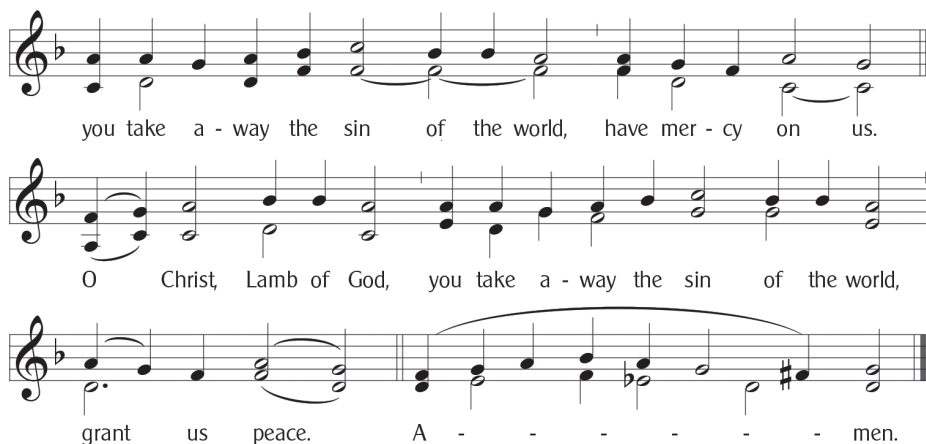
Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

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

91

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy 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 Dimittus

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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

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with this one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Robert Lau

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

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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.

First Communion Class—will be in the pastor’s office right after worship today and next Sunday, April 2. Any parent who would like their child to have their first Communion on Easter Sunday should call the church office and bring their child to *all three classes*. See the pastor if you need to make up a class.

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. **Today is the last day to order flowers.**

Recent prayer requests:

- Glen Amos – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Wilbur Canup – Recovering from surgery
- Helen Gordon – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Stan McConnell – Health concerns
- Nancy Menius – Recovering from surgery
- Franda Raymer – Recovering from surgery
- George Reese – Health concerns; upcoming surgery
- Linda Shirley – Health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Upcoming surgery

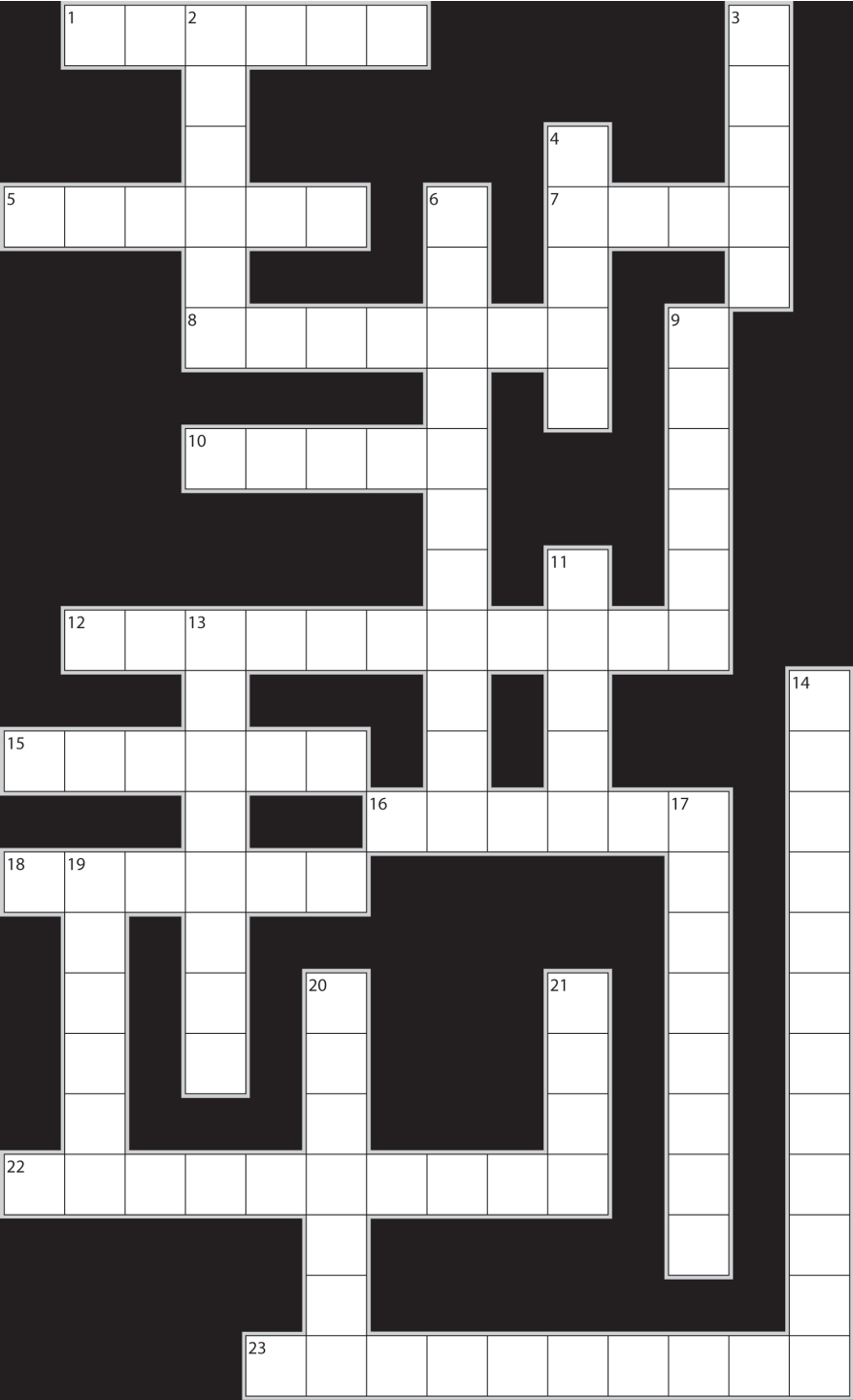
Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

It's Raffle Time Again—The raffles for the Cruise ‘n Barbecue were a great success last year with 29 baskets. We hope to continue this year with the congregation’s help. Our women circle groups have been asked to donate a basket again this year. In past years, some families have gotten together to donate a basket as well. If you would like to donate a basket or some items to be included in a basket (gift cards are always a hit), please contact Terri Powlas (tbpowlas@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) or Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155).

The Cruise ‘n Barbecue is April 29th. Baskets need to be at the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 27th. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 30 tickets for \$20.00. Let’s generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets for our Helping Hands Fund.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/19).....	\$6,434
Other Offering (3/19)	\$2,900
Children’s Mission Offering so far	\$1,644
Sunday School Attendance (3/19)	84
Worship Attendance (3/19)	212
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (3/19).....	\$94,415
General Fund YTD Budget as of (3/19).....	\$109,818



Lent 5A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

1. We live because God's breath, or this, dwells in us.
5. It would enter the dry bones, causing them to live.
7. God is steadfast in this.
8. He was very ill.
10. We are to set these on things of the Spirit.
12. So that he is feared, God extends this.
15. The psalmist cries from there.
16. Jesus did not say Lazarus was dead but instead, that he was...
18. Ezekiel was set down there.
22. If God kept track of these, who could stand?
23. With God, there is plenty of this.

DOWN

2. Who will God forgive of all his sins?
3. The valley was full of these.
4. You cannot please God if you walk according to this.
6. There is no condemnation for those who are in him.
9. God has promised to raise his people from these.
11. Setting the mind on the Spirit is life and...
13. When the bones came together, Ezekiel heard this sound.
14. Jesus is life and this.
17. Ezekiel was told to do this over the bones.
19. When Lazarus died, Jesus said he went to to this to him.
20. You will live and see the glory of God if you do this.
21. They wanted to stone Jesus.

Unscramble the verse:

I ma het terrnercoius nad the eilf. Od uoy eibevel isht?

Sunday, March 26

- First Communion class (2nd of 3), pastor's office after worship
- 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 27

- Faith Academy after school program, 1-3pm
- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 28

- Adult Confirmation class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, March 29

- Classical Conversations homeschool group, 8:30-3:30
- Lenten Supper, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Choir practice will follow the worship service during Lent
- No Youth Confirmation during Lent

Thursday, March 30

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, April 2

- *Palm Sunday*
- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- First Communion class, 3rd of 3 classes, after worship
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Lutheran Women's quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

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: John 12:12-19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:19-29;
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66

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