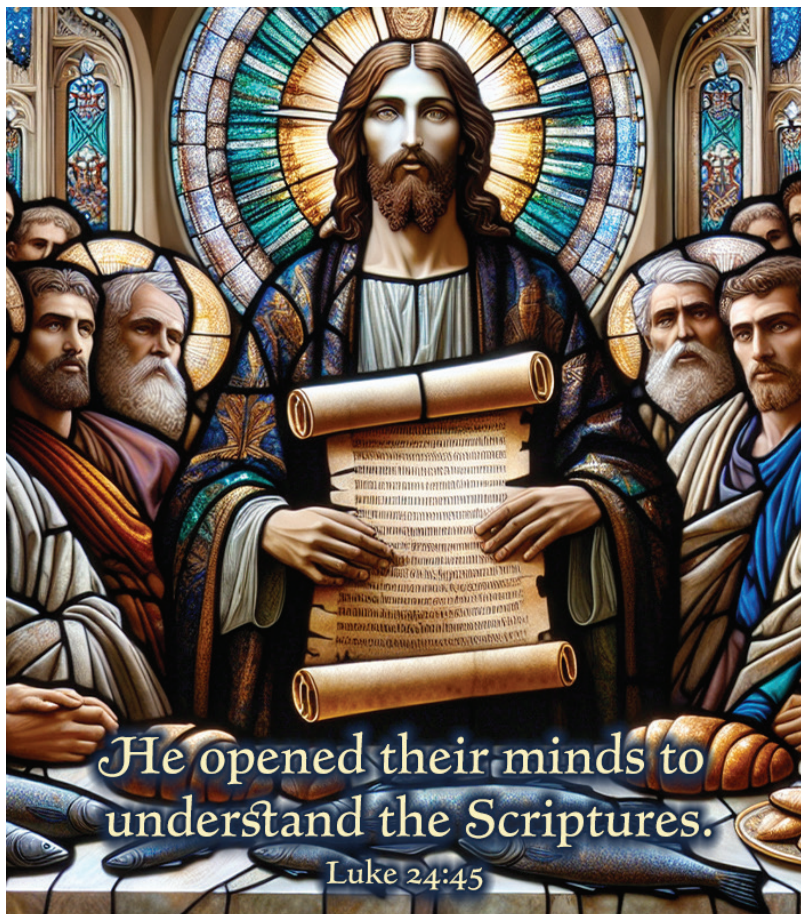




Third Sunday after Easter
April 14, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound” Robert Hobby

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.

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

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Hymn: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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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.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While [the lame man who had been healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy
on me and | hear my prayer.

**²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and
run af- | ter false gods?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

**⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**
**⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices
and put your trust | in the LORD.**
**⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.**
**⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.**
**⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.

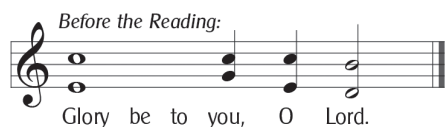


Anthem: “Christ Is Risen from the Dead”

Men’s Choir



The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of Luke.

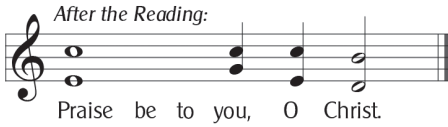
**Gospel:** Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As [the disciples] were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”
³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

We profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 Christian 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

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Emmaus 2.0"

Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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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

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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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world—who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

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

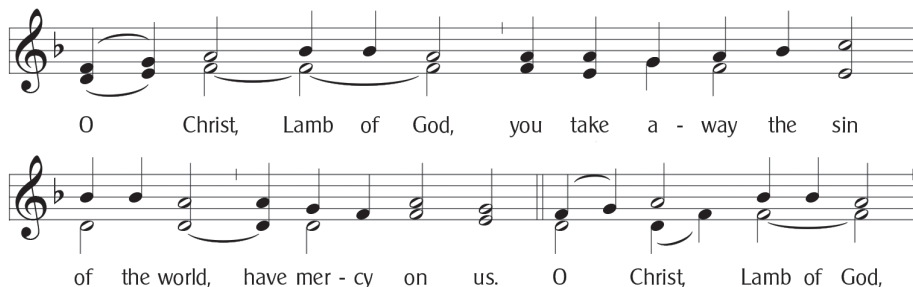
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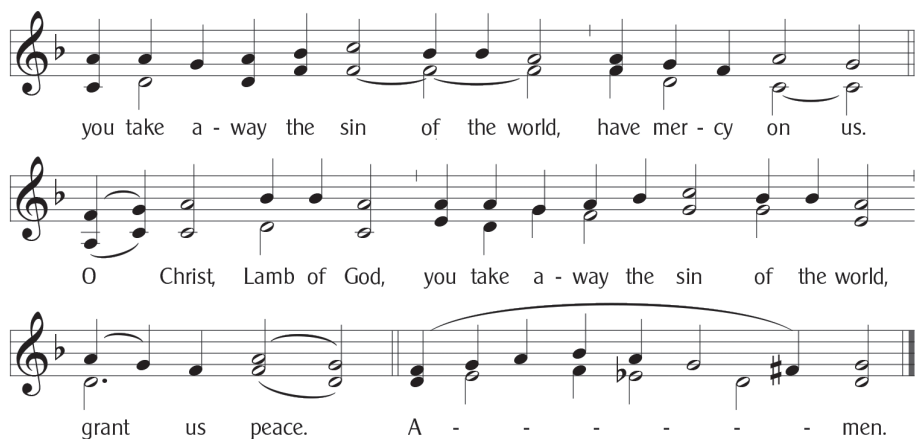
Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

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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Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

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

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Benedicamus

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay"

J. S. Bach

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

Benediction

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.



A - men.

General Fund Offering (4/7)	\$5,243
Other Offering (4/7)	\$1,435
Sunday School Attendance (4/7)	79
Worship Attendance (4/7)	184

This quarter, the children's change collections will go to
 St. Paul Lutheran Seminary. The total so far: \$133.50



Rebecca “Becky” Deal Lyerly

June 15, 1934 – April 9, 2024

Her funeral service of worship
was held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,
Saturday, April 13, 2024,
and her committal followed
in the St. Paul’s Cemetery.

*Precious
in the sight of the Lord
is the death
of his saints.*

Psalm 116:15

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available in the narthex and on the church website. If you will be attending college next fall, please be sure to get your application completed. **The deadline to turn in applications is May 1st.**

Youth and Family April Game Night

All Youth and families—please join us for Family Game Night on Friday, April 19th, from 6:30pm–8:30pm. We will have food, fellowship and fun. This month we will set up TV's for some healthy video game competitions and will also have some card and board games. We will have Nintendo Switch and Wii games and a grand prize for the winner for Mario Cart Racing. Hope you can join us and bring a friend!

Recent Prayer Needs

- Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Linda Beaver – Hospice care
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Ray Kubitz – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Mike Morris – health concerns
- Larry Watson – health concerns
- Barbara Whisnant – health concerns
- Ashley Young – health concerns

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

Ladies' Banquet

A Ladies' Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be available after service on April 14th, 21st, and 28th only. **No tickets will be available at the door.** Tickets are \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 5-11, and free for children aged 4 and under.

Sunday, April 14

- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 15

- May newsletter articles are due by the end of this week.
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 16

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesday, April 17

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30–3:30
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, April 18

- Friendship Club meets in China Grove for lunch, 11:00am

Friday, April 19

- Youth and Family Game Night, 6:30pm

Sunday, April 21

- Autumn Care chapel service, 2:00pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Friendship Club—April 18th

Friendship Club will meet April 18th at 11:00am at China Grove Family Restaurant for lunch. We will **not** meet at the church. Everyone is invited. Meet us there for good food and fellowship. Hope to see you on Thursday.

O Absalom

Find the 32 **bold** words from 2 Samuel 18:31–33.

C E L G R E A T L Y A M S E M
H T O Y S D N J C C G I Y K A
A I R I O W E E M X I N I B E
M H D S C U O G W J C N S V S
B S M B E V N M N S G A V D I
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D L U I C C E C I B U Z S K M

Behold, the **Cushite came** and said, “**Good news** for my lord the **king**, for **today** the **LORD** has **avenged** you of all those who **rose** up **against** you.” And the king said to the Cushite, “Is it **well** with the **young man Absalom**?” And the Cushite answered, “**May** the **enemies** of my lord the king, and all who **rise** up against you to do you **harm**, be as that young man.” And the king was **greatly moved**, and went up to the **chamber over** the **gate**, and **wept**. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, **my son**, my son Absalom! **Would I had died instead of you**, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Unscramble the verse:

Viadd asw nigmco ot het imtusm rhwee ogd saw dshroiewp.

Rally for Raffles

Thanks to the congregation we have 30 baskets confirmed. Just to name a few of the confirmed baskets—an iPad, a baseball basket, a Read, Write, and Relax basket, a barn quilt, a gas grill, and a bird bath. **All baskets/basket items need to be in the church Fellowship Hall by Thursday, April 25th.**

Check with Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155) or Terri Powlas (**new email**—powlastb@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) if you want to do a basket or donate some items for a basket.

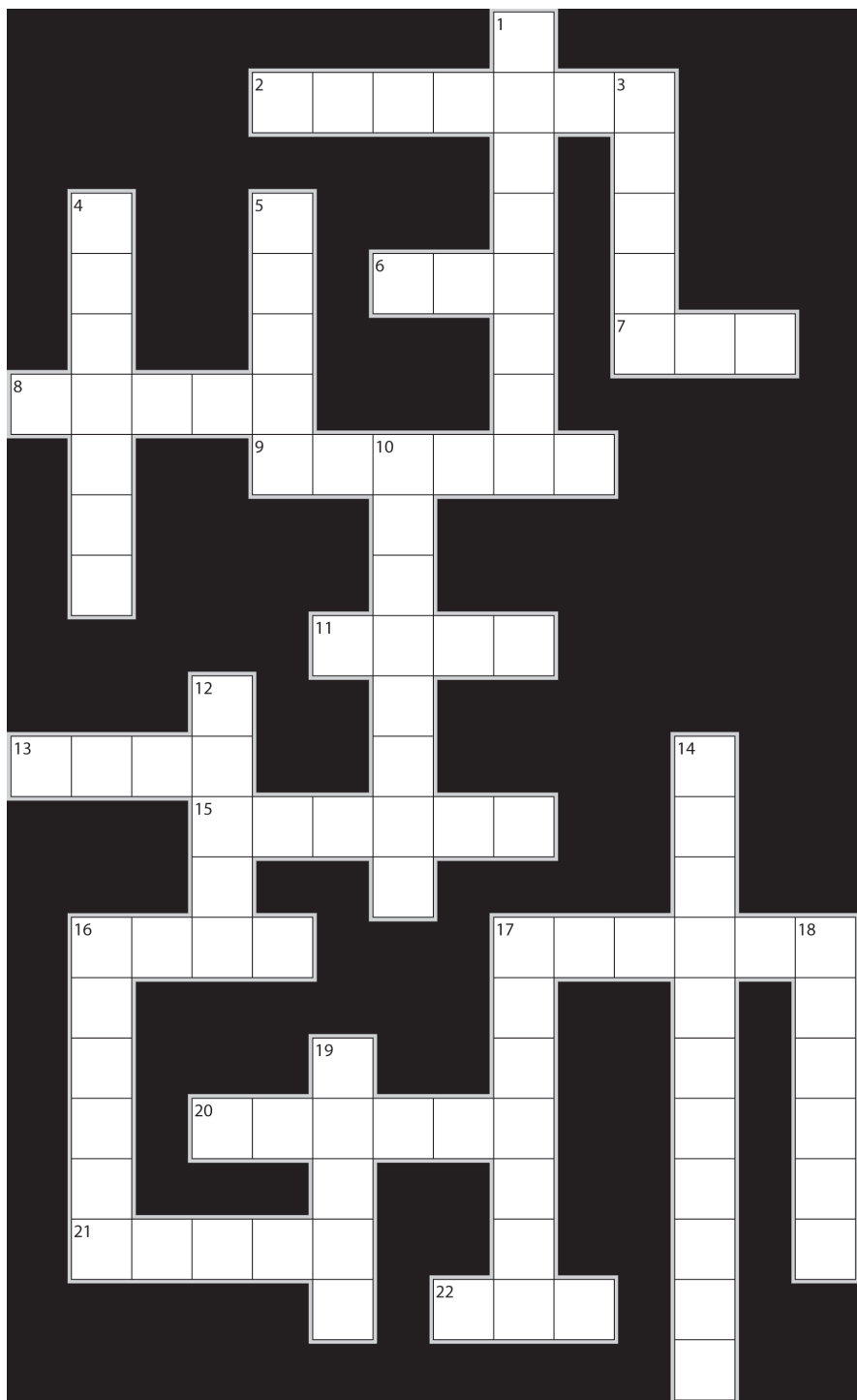
Like & Share – St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue!

The Cruise 'n Barbecue Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue) will be updated regularly as the day of the Cruise 'n Barbecue approaches. You can help spread the word and generate excitement by sharing the posts to your page, and with all your Facebook friends. Social media has become a very effective way to promote the event.

In addition to event information and updates, let your Facebook friends know that trivia questions posted and answered leading up to **April 27th**, will be used to award door prizes throughout the day. Printed flyers are available in the narthex. Help yourself to them to pass along to others, or distribute at other car shows and cruise-ins.

Cruise 'n Assignments

Volunteer assignments for St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue are posted in the narthex, and on the bulletin board in the hallway of the education building. Please review your assignment and time. If there is a need for a change, contact Tim Deal (704-239-1172.) Thank you in advance for making this great day possible.



Third Sunday of Easter

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

2. To whom did God say that "in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed"?
6. When God appears who will we be like?
7. Be angry and do not..
8. I will lie down and sleep in...
9. Peter told the people of Israel to do this.
11. Peter told the men of Israel that they killed the author of this.
13. Lift up the light of this upon us, Lord.
15. Ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be...
16. What the resurrected Jesus ate in the Gospel Lesson
17. Jesus described the Jewish Bible (our Old Testament) as the Law, the Prophets, and the...
20. When Jesus came and stood among the disciples, they thought they were seeing an apparition or...
21. Offer this kind of sacrifice.
22. God has put this in the psalmist's heart.

DOWN

1. We are called God's...
3. What Jesus opened
4. Let no one do this.
5. The disciples were to stay in the city until they were clothed with...
10. Everyone who hopes in him _____ himself as he is pure.
12. By faith in this name, the lame beggar was healed.
14. Sin is this.
16. See what kind of love the _____ has given us.
17. What was named after Solomon in the First Lesson?
18. It is written that the Christ should suffer and...
19. Acts 3:22 points to a prophecy from this book of the Old Testament.

Lessons in the Lutheran Confessions

“I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too, at the present time, there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

— *Romans 11:5–6*

In the first place, it is certain that a monastic life does not merit the forgiveness of sins, for we obtain this freely by faith, as has already been said. Secondly, eternal life is granted for Christ’s sake by mercy to those who receive forgiveness through faith, not setting their own merits against God’s judgment. Bernard says this with great force: “First of all, it is necessary to believe that you cannot have the remission of sins unless by God’s indulgence. Secondly, you can have no good work whatever, unless he has also given this. Lastly, you can not merit eternal life by works, for this is also given freely.” We have quoted above the rest that follows to the same effect. Yet, Bernard adds at the end: “Let no one deceive himself, for if he carefully reflects, he will undoubtedly discern that he cannot with ten thousand soldiers meet God who comes against him with twenty thousand.”

— *The Defense of the Augsburg Confession*

What a joy it is to realize that God’s forgiveness and eternal life are gifts. Now, we all understand that one does not work for a gift; otherwise it is not a gift at all. Instead of a gift, it has become something we earned. Yet, forgiveness of sin and salvation cannot be earned. The Scriptures tell us over and over that these things are given to us freely by the hand of God (Eg: John 4:10; Romans 5:15-16, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8). Let us believe that God is the giver of all good gifts (James 1:17) — including forgiveness, justification, and salvation — and be thankful.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for your grace, given freely for Christ’s sake. Amen



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Next weeks lessons: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18