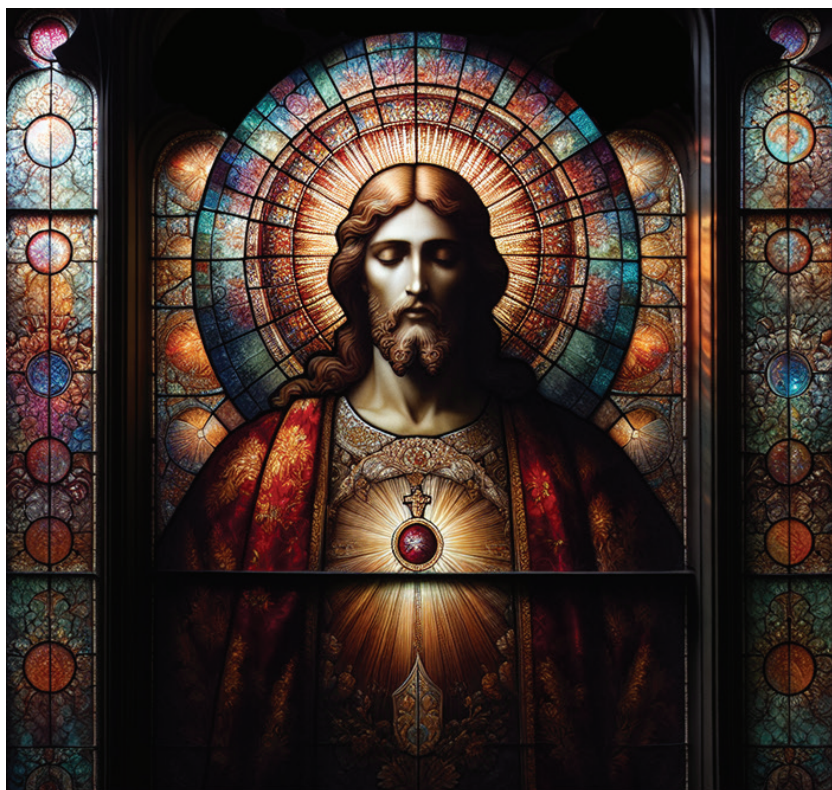




Abide in my love.
John 15:10

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC

Website: StPaulsLutheran.Church

Acolyte: Clara Canup • Crucifer: Hila Canup

Cantor: John Brock • Lector: Bonnie Hinson

Associate Pastor Candidate: Brian Lord

Communion Assistants: Crystal Bost, Katie Funderburk

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Variations on “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” David Lasky

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

73

Hymn: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

219

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

74

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

75

Leader:

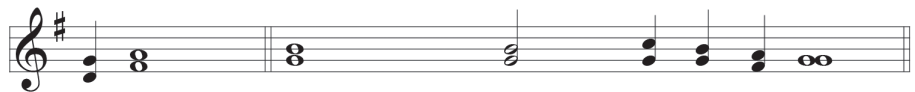


Glory be to God on high!

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

77

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

O God, all good things come from you alone. Generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his | holy arm
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

³The LORD has made | known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the
sight | of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the | house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory | of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹⁰**In righteousness shall he | judge the world
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by

water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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: “Sunshine and Rain”

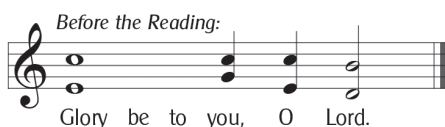
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

78



The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th chapter of John.

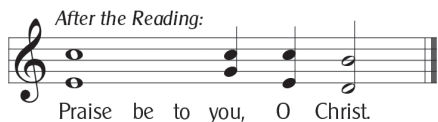


Gospel: John 15:9–17

⁹[Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not

know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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: "Abide in the Greater Love"

Brian Lord

Today, we welcome Brian Lord, our Associate Pastor candidate, along with his wife Lisa, and their children, Talia and Joshua. Brian is preaching today, sharing the gospel with our children, and assisting in worship as part of his second interview process.

Hymn: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

90

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

85

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

90

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but 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,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

92

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

92

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

93

The musical notation for the Benedicamus section is presented in two staves. The first staff is for the Leader and Congregation. The Leader's part is a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part is a three-note chord (G4, B4, D5) held for the duration of the phrase. The second staff is also for the Leader and Congregation. The Leader's part is a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part is a three-note chord (G4, B4, D5) held for the duration of the phrase.

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

Leader: Bless the Lord. *Congregation:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “The Strife Is O’er”

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

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.



Recent Prayer Needs

- Linda Beaver – Hospice care
- Melissa Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Jean Deal – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Michael Goodman – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Mark Hunger, Pastor Ryman’s brother-in-law – surgery
- Ray Kubitz – Trinity Oaks, room 206 A
- Rosemary Massey, friend of Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Alison Moore – recovering from surgery
- Mike Morris – health concerns
- Tommy Rabon – recovering from surgery
- Robin Smith, Mary Lee Earnhardt’s cousin – surgery
- Wendy Stamper, friend of Greg Wilhelm – health concerns
- Barbara Whisnant – health concerns
- Ashley Young – health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs.

SON Summer Mission Trip

Mark and Julia Wilhelm are planning another mission trip this summer with the Spiritual Orphans Network. If you would like to help cover the expenses involved with their trip, please mark SON on your envelope.

Blood Drive

The next blood drive at our church will be **Monday, May 13, 1:30–6:00pm**. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to give, please call Alice Davis at 704-855-4930, or email pherford1@yahoo.com.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is planning a trip to the **Narroway Christian Theater** in Fort Mill, South Carolina, on **May 18th**. This is a Saturday matinee show. The title of the production is **“Samson—The Last Judge.”** This is a Broadway style dinner show. The cost of the show, lunch, and bus fare is \$65.00 per person. We will use Cross Roads Bus Company for the trip. The bus will leave St. Paul’s at 10:30am. Lunch will be served at 12:00noon, and the production will begin at 1:30pm.

Find more information online at narroway.net. If you would like to go, please let me know soon so that I may reserve tickets. They sell out very quickly. Hope to see you on the bus. Contact Helen Gordon at 704-636-5002.

General Fund Offering (4/28).....	\$8,958
Other Offering (4/28)	\$2,250
Sunday School Attendance (4/28)	70
Worship Attendance (4/28)	227

This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

Last Sunday: \$199.50 Total so far: \$605.50

Love One Another

*Find the 31 **bold** words from John 15:12–17.*

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

This is my **commandment**: that you **love one another** as I have loved you. No one has **greater** love than this: that one **lays down his life** for his friends. You are my **friends** if you do what I **command** you. I no longer call you **servants**, for the servant does not know what his **master** is doing. But I have called you friends, for I have **made known** to you **all** things that I **heard** from my **Father**. You did not **choose** me but I **chose** you and **appointed** you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should **abide**, so that whatever you **ask** of the Father in **my name**, he may **give** to you. These things I command you so that you **love one another**.

Sunday, May 5

- Breakfast before Sunday school, 8:30am
- Brian Lord, guest preacher
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Meet & Greet with the Lord family, 3:30–5:30pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, May 6

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1–3pm
- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, May 7

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, May 8

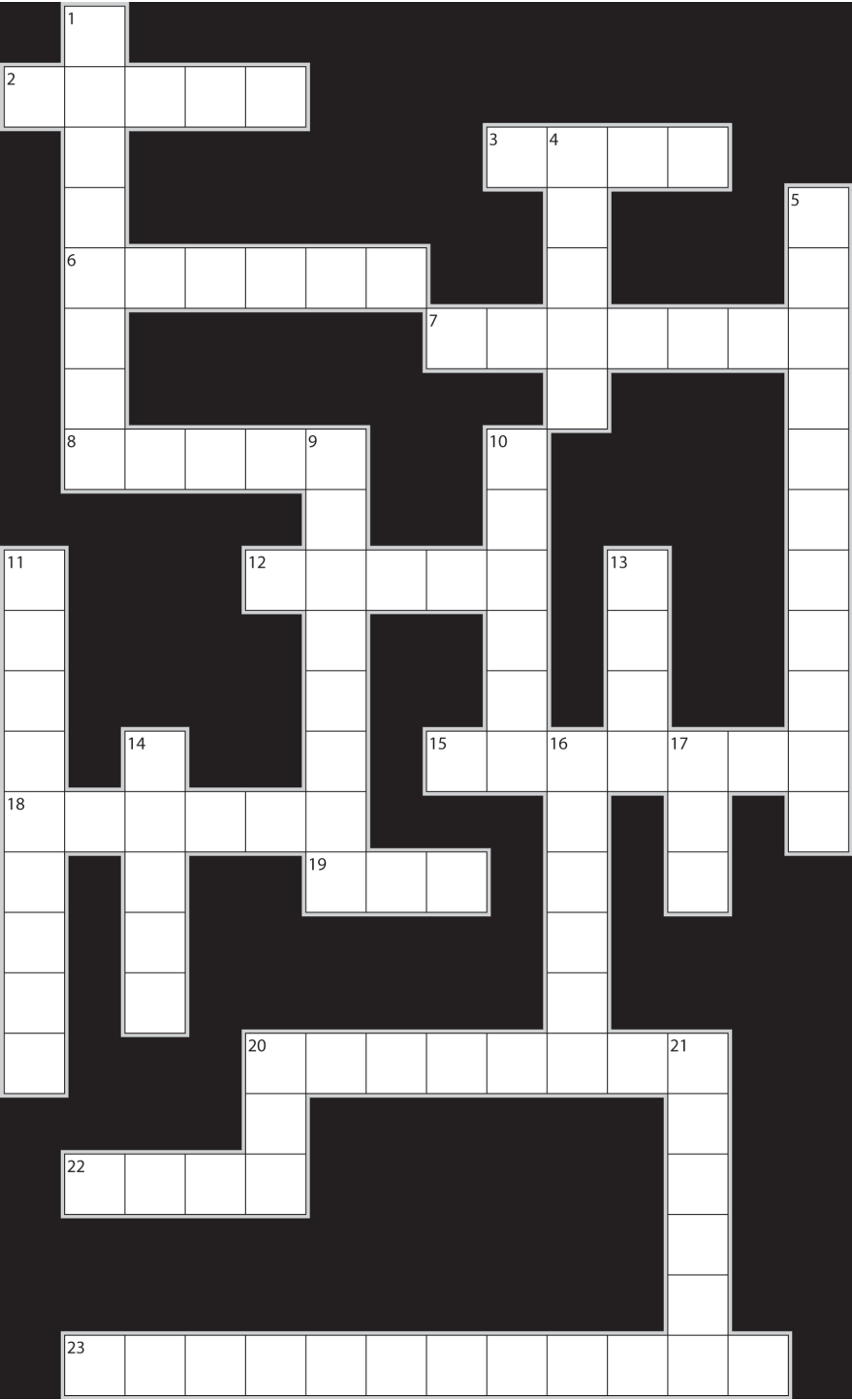
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 9

- Council and Call Committee meeting, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day

- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm



Sixth 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. The victory that overcomes the world.
3. We are God's children when we love and...
6. Let them clap their hands.
7. We are to love one...
8. Let them sing.
12. We are to bear this.
15. Greater love has no one than that he lay down his life for his what?
18. The good news of peace is preached through him.
19. Let it roar.
20. The Holy Spirit is poured out on them too.
22. He has made known his salvation.
23. The love of God is that we keep his...

DOWN

1. God anointed Jesus of...
4. Jesus came by water and the...
5. All the prophets testify that everyone who believes in Jesus receives this.
9. Jesus' friends are no longer called this.
10. Jesus made known everything he told him.
11. The one who believes...
13. We are to abide in Christ's what?
14. The Spirit is...
16. The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to this house.
17. Sing this song to the Lord.
20. He shows no partiality among nations.
21. He fell on Peter.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

OUR MISSION

A family of faith sharing the gospel and love of Christ

Phone: 704-633-0922

Email: secretary@stpaulslutheran.church

Website: StPaulsLutheran.Church

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman, Pastor

pastor@stpaulslutheran.church

Pamela Cottingham, Secretary

secretary@stpaulslutheran.church

Perry Bernhardt, Council President

perryhbernhardt@gmail.com

John Brock, Music Director

splcmusicsalisbury@gmail.com

Johnsie Taylor, Organist

jtaylor783@aol.com

Judy Lowman, Treasurer

splcjwl63@gmail.com

Alison Moore, Girl Scout Coordinator, 704-467-9191

Next weeks lessons: Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19