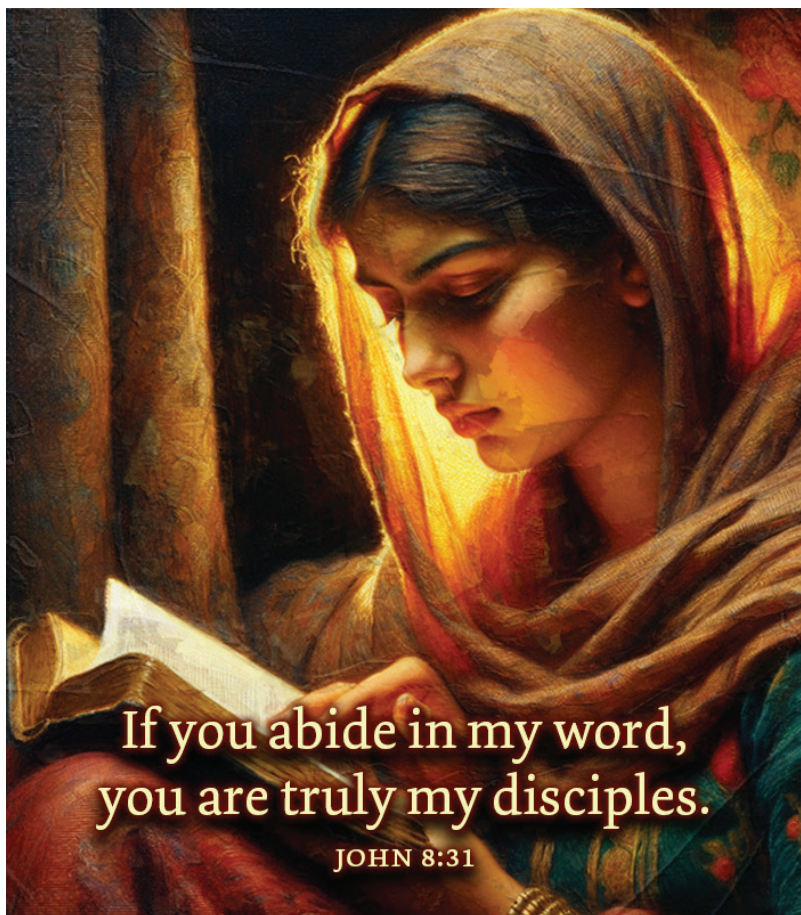




Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome

Announcements

Prelude: “Ein Feste Burg”

Johann Pachelbel

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.**

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.

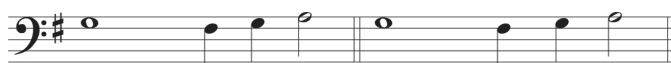


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

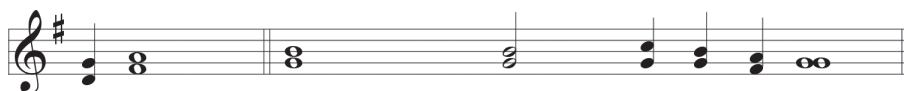


Glory be to God on high!

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,



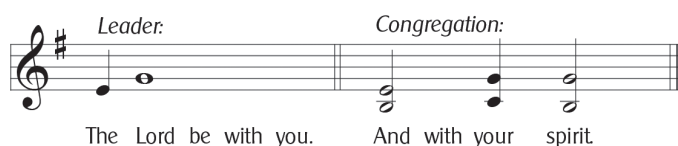
O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



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

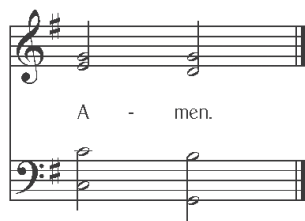
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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated



A - men.

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6–7

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into
the depths | of the sea;**

³Though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

⁴**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the ci- | ty of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;
God shall help her at the | break of day.**

⁷The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

⁸**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

⁹Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.**

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will
be exalted | in the earth.”

¹²**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “To Avert from Men God’s Wrath”

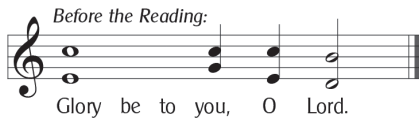
Men's Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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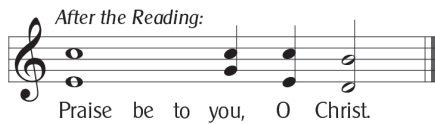
The Holy Gospel is written in the eighth chapter of John.



Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Confession of Faith

**¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**²I 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.**

**³I 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**

Special Music: “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” King’s Kids

Children’s Chat

Sermon: “Why Lutheran?”

Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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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

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—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit to guide and defend his church. Knowing that Martin Luther and other reformers have been led by your Spirit, we give you thanks for an ever-reforming church.

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,

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.

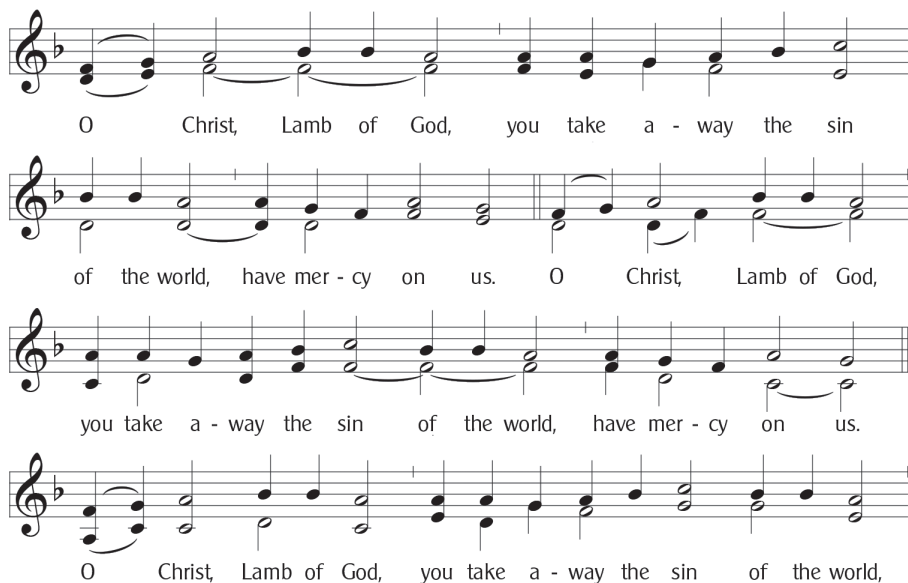
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Exhortation

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Agnus Dei

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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,



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

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Just as you have nourished our bodies, you have met our spiritual needs, forgiving the iniquity of your people, and covering all our sin. Your salvation is near to those who fear you, and you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We offer thanks that on this Lord's Day, you have again blessed us with the assurance of forgiveness through the blessed body and blood of that same Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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

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: “A Mighty Fortress”

Wayne Wold

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.

Congregation:



A - men.

*The altar flowers are provided to the glory of God
by Amy and Eric Barringer.*

New Bible Study

We have begun a new Bible study on Tuesdays at 10am and 6pm, learning about the Scriptures used in the Lutheran liturgy. Many do not know that our services are built using Scripture. This Bible study seeks to make us aware of what those Scriptures are and what they mean.

Sunday, October 27, Reformation Sunday

- Wear red for Reformation—photo to be taken after worship
- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am
- Webb family reunion, fellowship hall, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Cemetery Committee meeting, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, October 28

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 29

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 30

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

Saturday, November 2

- Daylight Savings Time ends, turn clocks back one hour tonight
- Old Timey Stew, 6pm

Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee meeting, 2pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Collections for Binns–Counts Community

Today is the last Sunday to donate *gently used household items and clothing* for Binns-Counts. John and Carolyn Canup will take these items to the community center at the end of this week. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and by the conference room.

Toy donations (new, unwrapped) for Christmas are accepted through November 24th.

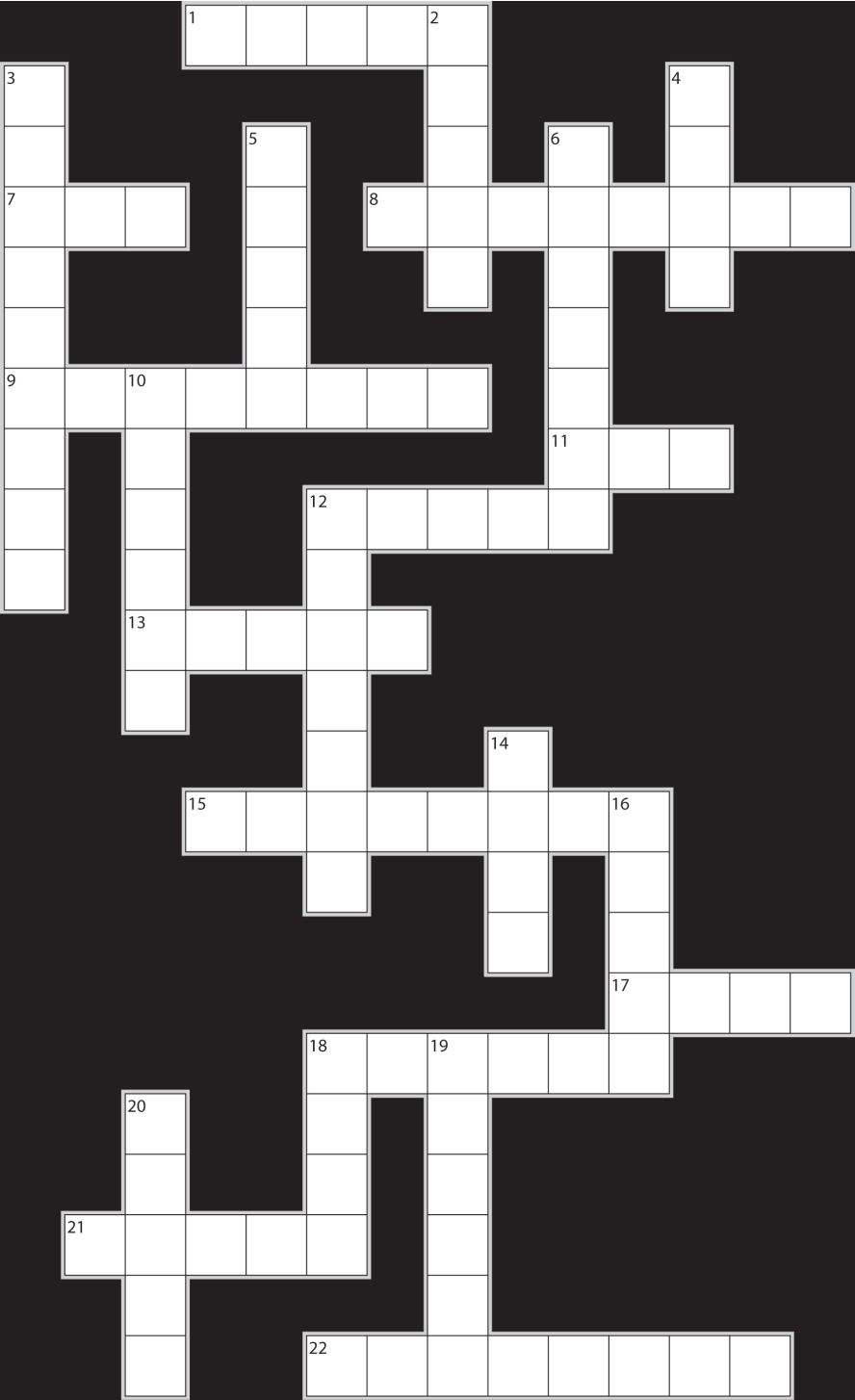
Recent Prayer Needs

- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Michael Corley, Sandy's son – health concerns
- Tim Deal – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Wayne Hinson – upcoming surgery
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Ruth Julian – health concerns
- Brynne Lippard, sister of Kara Burnett – recovering at home
- Lindsay Lowman – recovering from surgery
- Bob McCanless – health concerns
- Barbara Miller, mother of Amy Hoffner – health concerns
- Griffin Morneau, 13-year-old family friend of Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Betty Niedens – health concerns
- Mita Powlas – recovering from surgery
- Franda Raymer – health concerns
- Gail Reese – recovering from surgery
- Ashton Smith, family member of Susan Ryman – health concerns
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Wanda Thomas, sister of Dana Bost and Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Robert Weed – health concerns

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.**

**With this in mind, be alert
and always keep on praying
for all the Lord's people.**

Ephesians 6:18



Reformation Sunday

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from Revelation 14:6-7;

Psalms 46; Romans 3:19-28; and John 8:31-36.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

1. By these, no one will be justified.
7. He sets you free indeed.
8. Where was the angel flying?
9. The God of Jacob is our...
11. Righteousness has been manifested apart from this.
12. If you do this in his word, you are truly disciples of Jesus.
13. The angel urges all people to give this to God.
15. God burns them with fire.
17. What kind of voice did the angel have?
18. What did the first angel proclaim?
21. Of which commandment and which article is Revelation 14:7 speaking?
22. The first angel proclaimed that this hour had come.

DOWN

2. Everyone who practices sin is a...
3. God is just and...
4. If you know the truth, it will set you...
5. God is viewed as this never-ending refreshment in the holy city.
6. God is a present help in our...
10. God is not only our strength but our...
12. The Jews said they were his offspring.
14. One comes to the truth by abiding in Christ's what?
16. Be _____ and know that the Lord is God.
18. Grace is a...
19. Romans 3:23 states that all have...
20. Righteousness comes through this.

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NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

PLEASE HELP - GIRL SCOUT TROOP 743 by
sponsoring a wreath today to be placed on
veterans grave this December at
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.



All money for **Wreaths Across America** needs to be turned in to Nicole Amos by November 25. Each wreath is \$17.

Blood Drive—Monday, November 11, 2024

The last blood drive at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church will be held Monday, November 11th, from 1:30 – 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to collect 35 units which can provide as many as 105 transfusions. Please consider giving the “gift of life” for someone who can never repay for that act of kindness.

If you have donated within the last year, appointment schedules will be sent the last week of October. If you have not donated, but wish to do so, please contact Alice Davis, 704-855-4930, or by e-mail: pherford1@yahoo.com.

General Fund Offering (10/20)	\$12,064
Other Offering (10/20)	\$7,936
Sunday School Attendance (10/20)	78
Worship Attendance (10/20)	178

Total Last Sunday: \$139.50 Total so far:\$424.50

The children’s change collections this quarter will benefit
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM).

LMVFM representatives, including Patrick Dooley, will be with us on December 8th for worship.



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Next weeks lessons: Revelation 7:2-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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