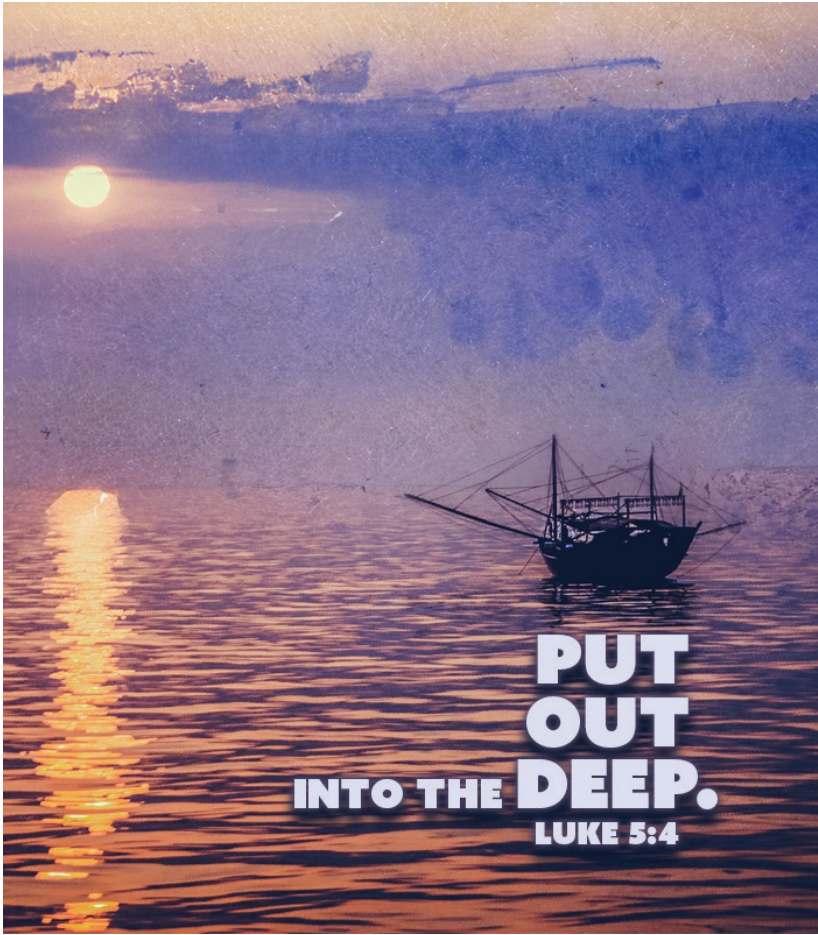




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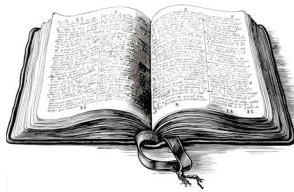
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This Week's Memory Verse

In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
so that they may see
your good works
and give glory to your Father
who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



Memory Verse Aid

ITSW,
LYLSBO,
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Bread of the World”

David Cherwein

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand*

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection and self-examination

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.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By Christ's authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Hymn: "Lord of Light"

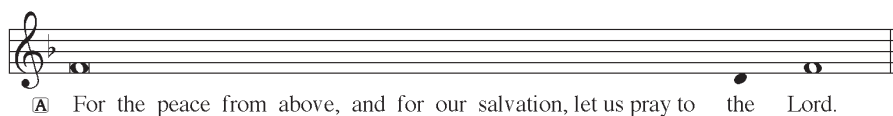
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Greeting

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.

The Kyrie

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 **A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Musical notation for the vocal line of 'Amen'. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. A double bar line follows. The melody then continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. A slur covers the last four notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. [C] A - men

Hymn of Praise

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This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. [1] Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.





Prayer of the Day



Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their

eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O LORD?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹²and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.
The word of the Lord.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple
and | praise your Name,**

because of your | love and faithfulness;

³For you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.

**⁴When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right | hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon
the works | of your hands.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 14:12b-20

^{12b}Strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴For

if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fifth chapter.

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Gospel: Luke 5:I-II

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Listen to Me!”

We are thankful for Rev. Scott Licht joining us as our guest preacher today. Rev. Licht is CFO/COO of Lutherans for Life.

Hymn: “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

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Confession of Faith

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Let us profess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**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

The Prayers of the Church

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

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

Offering

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Anthem: “The Steps of a Good Man”

Men’s Choir

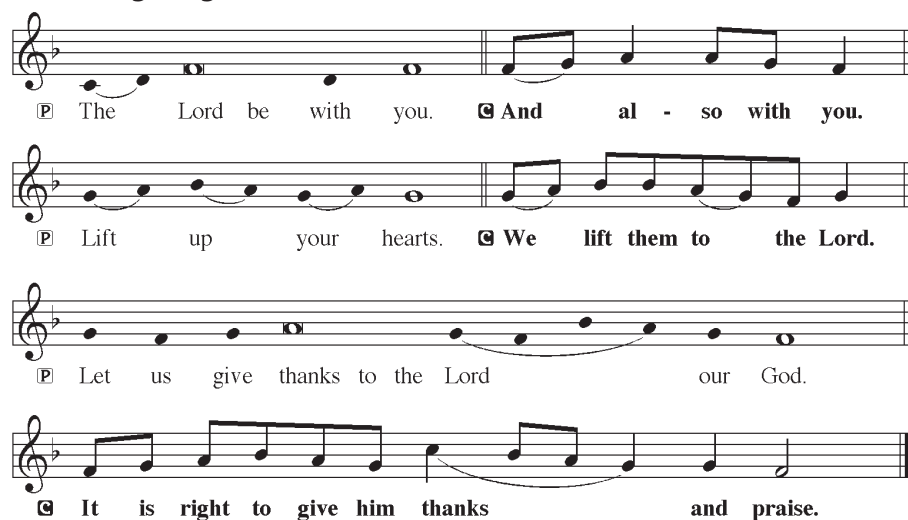
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

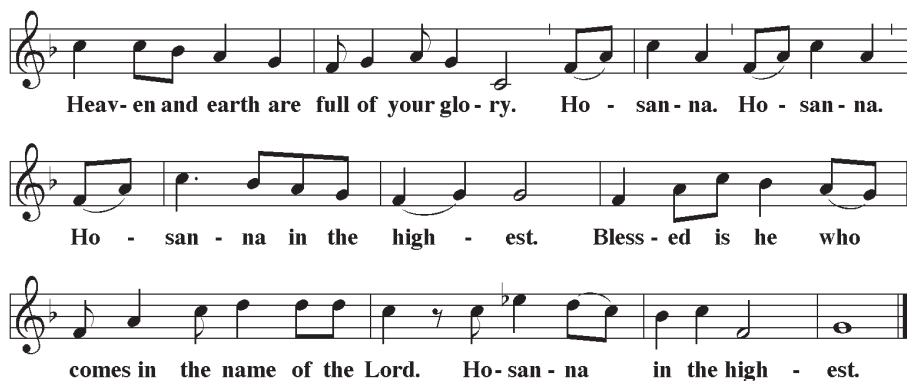
Thanksgiving

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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:





In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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,

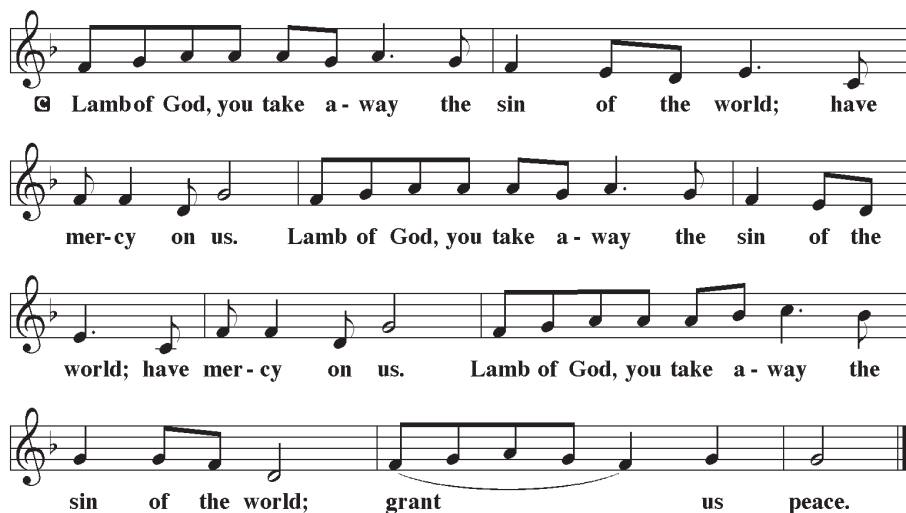
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Distribution of Holy 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.



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Postlude: “Praise”

Philip Nicolai

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.

The Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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New Member’s Class

As no one signed up for the classes, the New Members Class is canceled. A new class will be offered in March. If you are interested in joining St. Paul’s, please call the church office so we may prepare the necessary number of handouts.

March 2, 9, 16, Noon – 12:45

Shag Dance Lessons

Sandy and Tim Canup are offering Shag lessons on Thursday, February 13th, at 6pm in the fellowship hall in preparation for our dinner on February 15th. Invite friends to join us for fun and fellowship with some dance steps!

Cruise 'n Barbecue Volunteer Sign-Up

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the cruise-in on April 26th. As always, it's going to be a great day as we host over a thousand people to experience the love that lives within the St. Paul's congregation—and we all have a great time! Approximately 45 faithful volunteers who help each year have not yet confirmed your availability. Please do so **TODAY** by filling out a blue volunteer sheet located on the soundboard, or **contact Tim Deal today** at 704-239-1172. Thank you!

Blood Drive—Please Give

The first blood drive for 2025 at St. Paul's is **Monday, February 17th**, from 1:30pm – 6:00pm. The church needs more donors in order to reach our goal of 30 units. To schedule an appointment, contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com or 704-855-4930, and indicate an appointment time (2:45 pm is the earliest available). Walk-ins are always welcome.

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Recent Prayer Needs

- Edna Chapman – Pine Acres Center for Rehab, Lexington
- Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Kay Moody – upcoming surgery
- Barbara Upright – Liberty Commons Rehab

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Sunday, February 9

- Scott Licht with Lutherans for Life guest preacher
- Kathy Ketchie circle meets after worship—transept near piano
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Shag lessons in the fellowship hall, 6pm

Saturday, February 15

- Beach/SOS Dinner and Dance, 5pm

Sunday, February 16

- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- College Ministry meeting, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Beach/SOS Dinner Night

The Outreach Committee has made final plans for the Beach/SOS Dinner Night on Saturday, **February 15th, at 5:00**. To help with the program we are asking church members to give a **high school photo** to Gina Barringer for a slide show, or email her a photo at ginabarringer@yahoo.com.

The meal will be catered by Rockwell Café and consist of barbecue, baked beans, slaw, buns, and cherry cobbler. **Tickets** will be on sale after service in the Ladies Parlor on Sunday, February 2nd and 9th. Adult tickets are \$10.00, ages 4-10-\$7.00, and ages 3 and under are free.

We will provide shag music for dancing after the meal along with limbo and hula-hoop contests, and a slide show to guess who members of the church are. Come dressed to impress for the Beach Night! Prizes will be awarded for best dressed.

We want to use this night to help with **relief efforts in Western North Carolina**. We will have a truck parked at the event to collect items to take to Valley Hope Church, which is in Swannanoa and is helping with relief efforts. Below are the only items they are collecting now:

- Paper Products—paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex
- Cleaning Supplies—dish soap, sponges, hand soap, laundry detergent
- Trash bags—kitchen and contractor black bags
- Hispanic food
- Baby squeeze pouches and unsweetened applesauce
- Size 5, 6, 7 diapers and pull ups
- NEW coats, NEW shoes, NEW socks, NEW underwear for all ages & sizes

If you are unable to bring items on Saturday, the truck will be available after service on Sunday, February 16th.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, we will accept those at the dinner also. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's, and mark it **Outreach WNC**. *(In order to get credit on your church account, use a blue envelope with your name and 'outreach' on the envelope.)* The Outreach Committee will match up to \$500 out of our treasury for the total of your donations.

General Fund Offering (2/2).....	\$8,470
Other Offering (2/2)	\$2,245
Sunday School Attendance (2/2)	72
Worship Attendance (2/2)	169

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$188.50 Total so far: \$624.00
During the first quarter of 2025,
the children’s change collections
will benefit Lutherans for Life.

Family Game Night - Mario Kart Tournament
Friday, February 21, 6:30pm–9pm

Join us for Family Game Night featuring a Mario Kart Tournament! Pizza will be served for dinner while the games commence! Mario Cart on the big screens, and board games for those who are not in the tournament. Fun for the whole family! Invite a friend! Please RSVP by February 19th using the following link or QR code.
<https://forms.office.com/r/Sdisim5x7h>



Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser

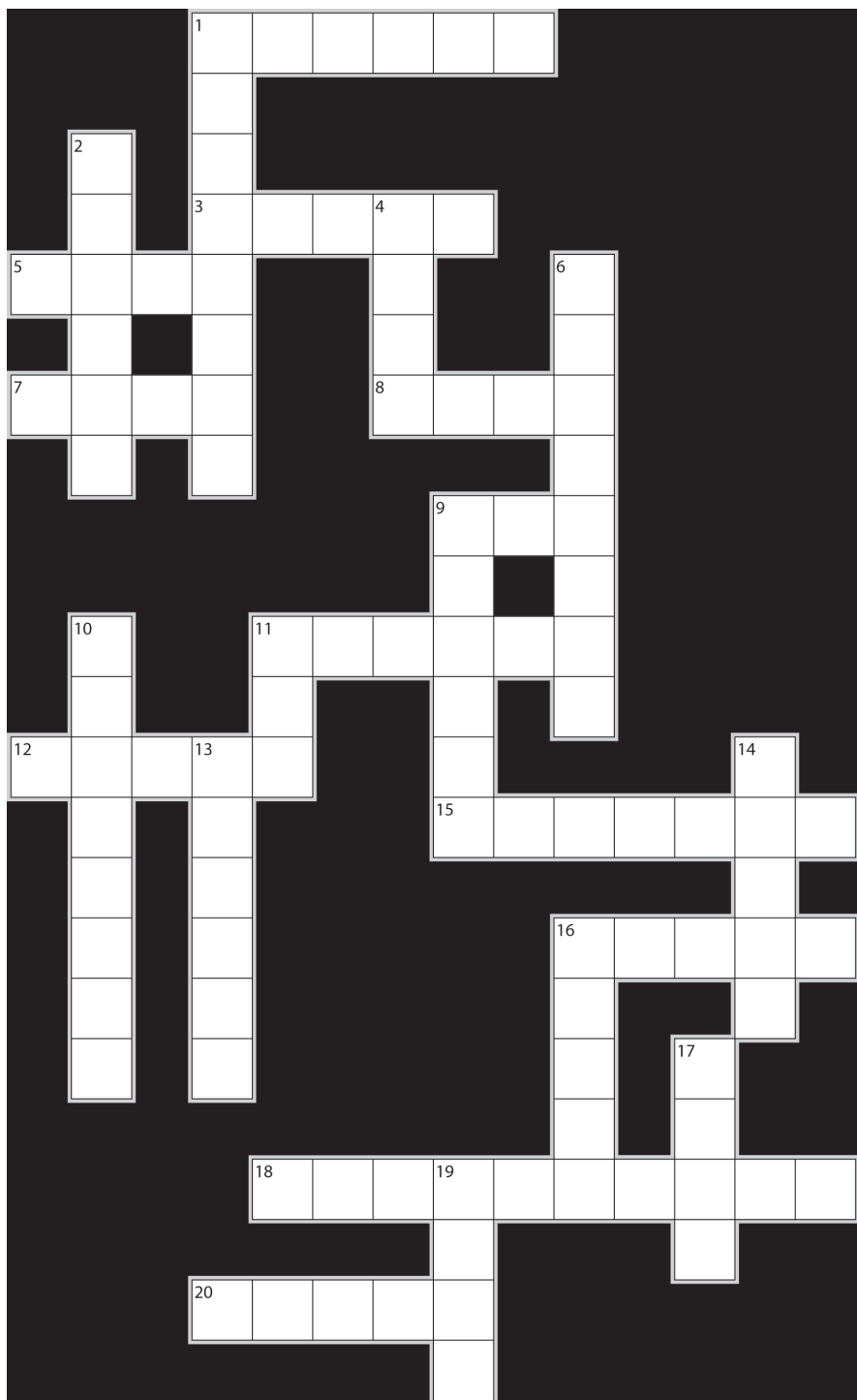
Andrew Baker is working on his Eagle Scout project at Union Lutheran. He is planning to build and install a free little library, and cleaning up their playground. He is doing an all-you-can-eat spaghetti lunch at Union as a fundraiser, and would like to invite the members of St. Paul’s to the lunch. The lunch will be **Sunday, March 2**, following worship in the Dutch Meeting Hall at Union Lutheran Church. Minor alternatives will be provided for any dietary concerns. Drinks will be provided.
All proceeds will go towards the Eagle Scout Project (Boy Scout Troop 315). A suggested donation of \$10 or any monetary amount of your choosing is greatly appreciated.

Launch Out into the Deep

Find the 24 bold words from Luke 5:1-6 KJV.

N L T W N S R U B W O N V J E
W E O H F E S H I P S W L L A
K R T I G Z M T T T U O C R B
D K M T X I I R E H A D Q S R
T E R A S E N N E G H U K M A
D L G T I G U C E H L F G N K
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J O O T R H R I U Y U Q Y H S
Y E L D J H L H N G E L Z S T
I U C U S E O F I S H E S A E
M H V L D A N H Q M D T V W R
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And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to **hear** the **word** of God, he stood by the lake of **Gennesaret**, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the **fishermen** were gone out of them, and were **washing** their **nets**. And he entered into one of the **ships**, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and **taught** the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto **Simon**, "**Launch** out into the **deep**, and **let down your nets** for a **draught**." And Simon answering said unto him, "**Master**, we have **toiled all** the **night**, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." And when they had this done, they inclosed a great **multitude** of **fishes**: and their **net brake**.



Epiphany 5C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. Strive to build up this body.
3. The Lord has regard for them.
5. Paul would also pray with this.
7. Paul would rather speak this many words with his mind than 10,000 words in a tongue.
8. God increased the strength of this in David.
9. How many boats did Jesus see by the lake?
11. Be this in your thinking.
12. In Isaiah's vision he saw this fill the temple.
15. Though the psalmist walked in the midst of this, God preserved his life.
16. David would give thanks with all of this.
18. In today's gospel, Jesus is standing by this lake.
20. When the angel touched the prophet's lips, this was taken away.

DOWN

1. Do not be like them in your thinking.
2. Paul would pray with this.
4. Isaiah said his were unclean.
6. The fishermen left everything and _____ Jesus.
9. What Jesus did from the boat.
10. They called, "Holy, holy, holy."
11. What Jesus said the fishermen would begin catching
13. He saw the Lord high and lifted up, sitting upon a throne.
14. In Isaiah's vision, the whole earth is full of this.
16. Lord, do not forsake the work of your...
17. The Lord has exalted this and his name above all things.
19. When Jesus saw the fishermen, they were washing these, items.



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Next weeks lessons: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-20; Luke 6:17-26

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