



I will send my beloved son.

Luke 20:13

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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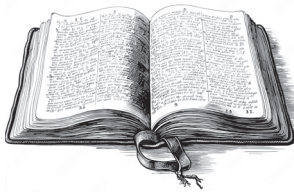
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This Week's Memory Verse

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9–11



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Wilbur Held

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

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: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

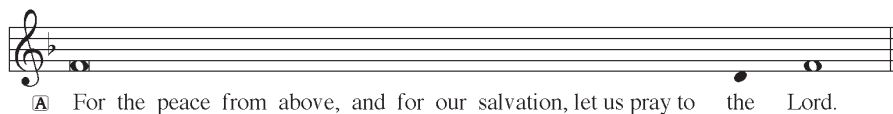
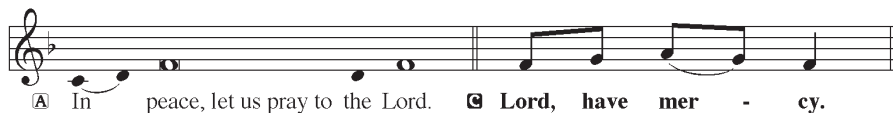
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Greeting

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.

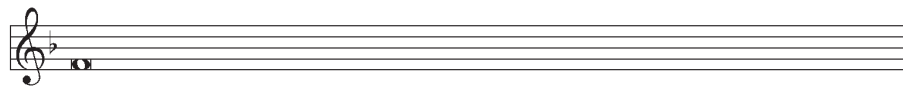
The Kyrie

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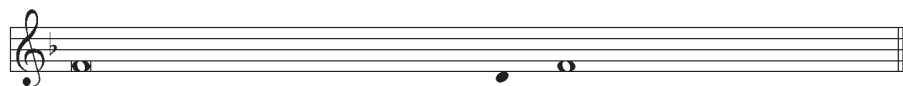




C Lord, have mer - cy.



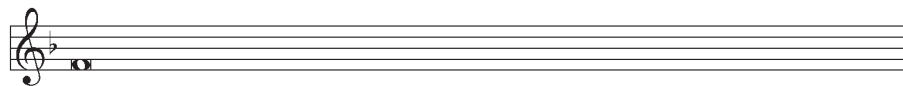
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Hymn of Praise

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Prayer of the Day



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, forever one God.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army

and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

³Then they said a- | mong the nations,
“The LORD has done great | things for them.”

⁴**The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negev.

⁶**Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b–14

^{4b}Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake

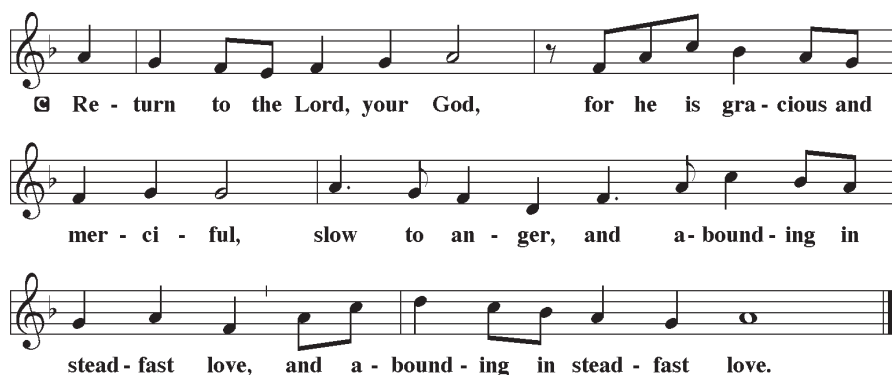
I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

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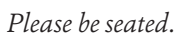
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 20:9–20

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to

¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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 Old Rugged Cross"

Hand Bell 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
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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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☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☑ 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.
 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.

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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

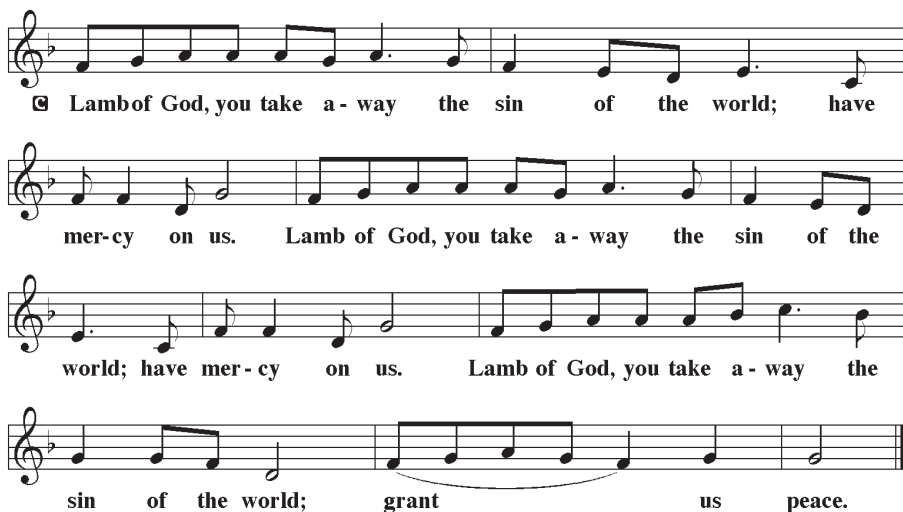
³**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

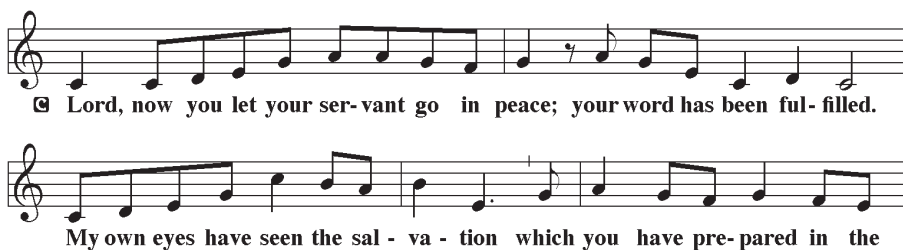
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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

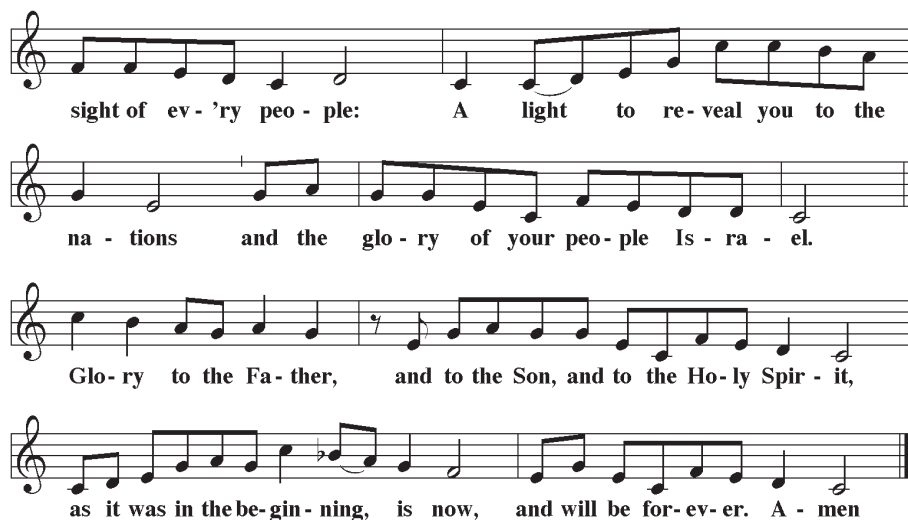


☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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



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: “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.

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



We extend our love and sympathy to Sybil Athey and family on the death of Sybil's niece, Donna Petrea, who passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Donna was a former member of St. Paul's. A graveside service for Donna will be held in St. Paul's Cemetery on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11am.

Flowers for Easter

Order forms for Easter flowers are available in the narthex. Each plant will be **\$14.50**. The deadline to order is **April 6th**. We will order Geraniums and Impatiens. However, we do not know how many of each they will send us, so we cannot guarantee that you will receive a specific flower.

Port-a-Pit Tickets Available

Port-a-Pit chicken **dinner tickets** will be available on the lawn **after service on April 13th & 20th**. Each meal is **\$15**. Tickets are also available from:

- Travis Alligood • Eric Barringer • James Lyerly
- Ben Bernhardt • Perry Bernhardt • Dana Bost • Paul Canup
- Tim Canup • Wilbur Canup • Larry Clark • Jimmie Deal
- Tim Deal • Jimmy Earnhardt • Helen Gordon
- Myralyn Goodman • Jerry Hilliard • Wayne Hinson
- Johnny Lombard • Lindsay Lowman • Kay Moody
- Brent Monroe • Alan Powlas • Wayne Taylor
- Kenneth Whisnant • Luke Ziegler

It's Raffle Time Again

The raffles for the Cruise-In were a great success last year with 41 baskets. We hope to continue our quality baskets again this year with the congregation's help. Our women's circles have been asked to donate a basket again this year, and some families get together to donate a basket. If you would like to donate a basket or some items for a basket (gift cards are always a hit), please contact Terri Powlas (powlastb@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) or Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155). The Cruise-In is Saturday, April 26th. **Baskets need to be to the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 24th**. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 30 tickets for \$20.00. Let's generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets to help Western North Carolina through Samaritan's Purse.

Collection for Valley Hope Church, Swannanoa

Supplies for Valley Hope Church storeroom in Swannanoa will be collected at the Cruise 'n Barbecue on Saturday, April 26th. There will be a truck or trailer near the Outreach tent at the picnic shelter in which to put your donations. If you have any questions about this collection, please contact Susan Bernhardt.

Only the following items will be accepted:

- White Rice • Black Beans • Masa • Juice • Shelf-safe Milk
- Snacks • Cookies • Disinfectant Wipes • Trash Bags
- Small-size Laundry and Dish Soap • Sponges • Mops • Brooms
- Paper Towels • Cleaning Sprays • New Socks and Underwear
- Body Wash • Deodorant • Shampoo

Volunteer Assignments Posted

Thank you to everyone who is helping to make St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue possible. Volunteer assignments are posted in the narthex and in the hall of the education building. Please **check your time and assignment and make note** for yourself. Every effort has been made to schedule according to your preferred time and work area. A special thank you to those who indicated you will help "wherever needed". Should there be any problem please contact Tim Deal as soon as possible.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve our Western North Carolina neighbors, devastated by hurricane Helene. We are blessed to have so many willing workers at St. Paul's.

Help Get the Word Out...

Flyers for this year's St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue are available in the narthex. **Take as many as you need to share** with friends or post at your favorite gathering place. In addition, you can help get the word out by "Liking" and "Sharing" our flyer with your Facebook friends. Go to our page: [Facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue). As the day approaches check back to the Facebook page for and pass on to your friends an up-to-date list of items we'll be collecting at the cruise-in for Valley Hope Church in Swannanoa.

Sunday, April 6

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- College ministry with Pastor Lord, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Women's Quarterly Meeting, 5pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 7

- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, April 8

- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Bible Study classes will not meet during Lent.

Wednesday, April 9

- Lenten meal, (Melissa Lura Circle, baked potatoes/salad), 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, after the worship service
- Youth Confirmation classes will not meet during Lent.

Thursday, April 10

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm

Saturday, April 12

- Graveside Committal Service for Donna Petrea, 11am

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

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

Recent Prayer Needs

- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Shiela Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns
- Edna Chapman – Bermuda Commons Nursing/Rehab
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Mitch Drew, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Jimmy Earnhardt – health concerns
- The family of Grady Earnhardt, who died March 15th
- Patti Horinka – recovering from surgery
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Zack Lemmon, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- The family of Wesley Page, who died March 13th
- Stan Parnell, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns

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.

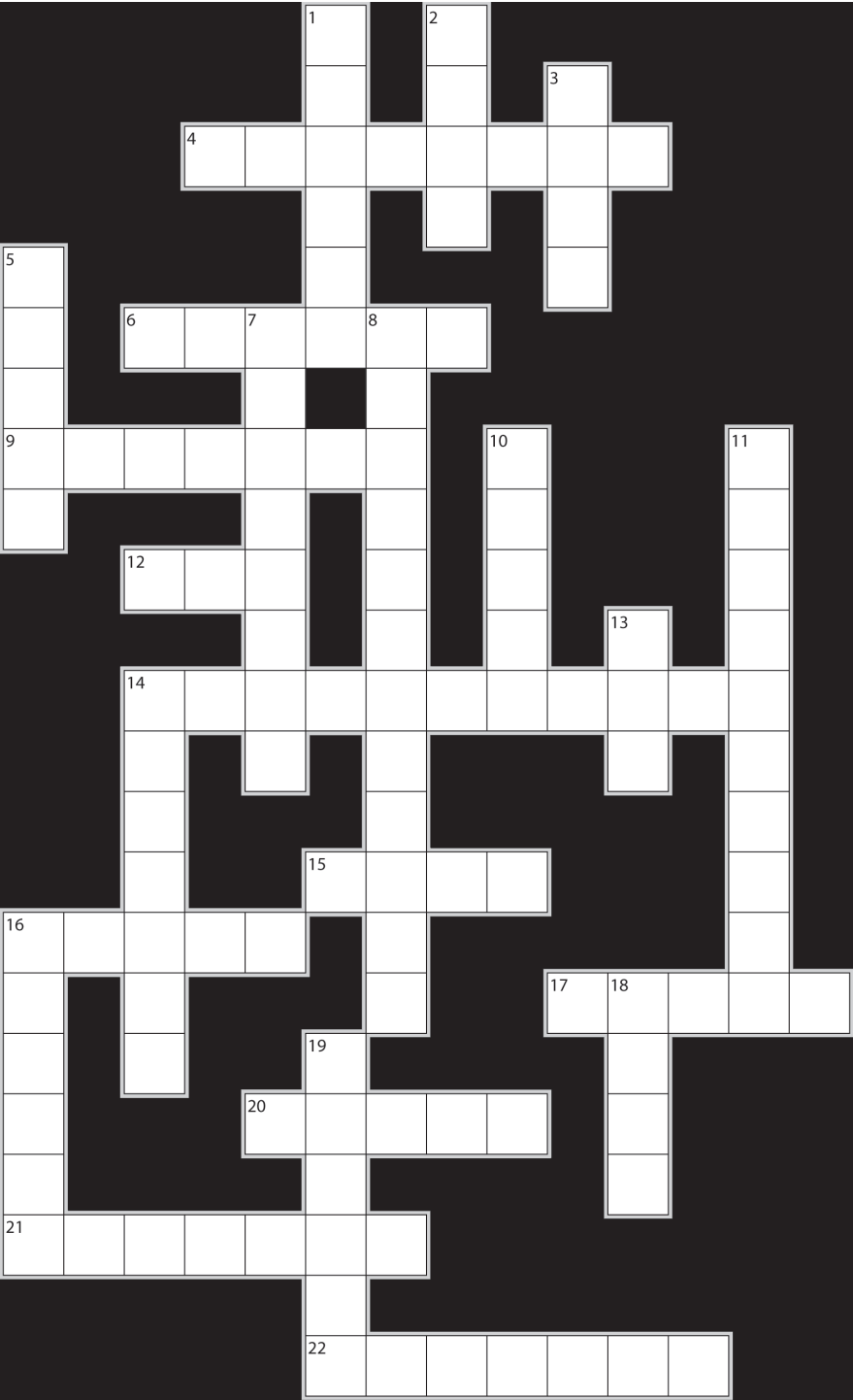


General Fund Offering (3/30).....	\$8,174
Other Offering (3/30)	\$6,292
Sunday School Attendance (3/30)	66
Worship Attendance (3/30)	188

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$174.50 Total to benefit Lutherans for Life: \$1,950

Today begins the second quarter of children's change collections which will benefit The Table Ministry.



Lent 5C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b–14; Luke 20:9–20.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. Paul was of this tribe.
6. The Lord gives this in the desert.
9. In the parable, whom did the man send to his servants?
12. Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of _____.
14. The stone the builders rejected became this.
15. What the tenants did to the son
16. The righteousness from God depends on this.
17. Paul had reason to be confident in this.
20. The Lord restored their fortunes like streams there.
21. Paul considered everything but gaining Christ to be this.
22. He goes out weeping with seed but will come home in joy bringing these with him.

DOWN

1. It is filled with shouts of joy.
2. Paul pressed on toward this.
3. The Lord restored its fortunes.
5. It was filled with laughter.
7. In the parable, what did the man plant?
8. Paul wanted to know its power.
10. The scribes and chief priests sent them to Jesus.
11. The Lord will make a way there.
13. In the parable, the man eventually sent him.
14. Warrior and army and horse and _____ will lie down in the mighty waters; they will not rise.
16. Do not remember these things.
18. He makes a way in the sea.
19. They will honor the Lord.

Advance Raffle Ticket Sales

The incredible raffle baskets and prizes are one of the most popular features of the Cruise 'n Barbecue, and one for which our events is known to be the best. In order to afford our volunteers an opportunity to avoid the rush on Saturday, volunteers may **pre-purchase raffle tickets** on the lawn after service on **Sunday, April 13th**, and at the volunteer's meeting on **Thursday, April 24th**. Tickets are \$1 each or 30 for \$20. Note that no provision can be made for lost or tickets forgotten and left at home, so be sure to hold on to and bring your tickets on Saturday. Drawings and awards will begin at 3:00pm.

Extra-Special Volunteer's meeting — Thursday, April 24th

Mark your calendar for the Cruise 'n Barbecue pre-event celebration and volunteer briefing, **Thursday April 24th**. T-shirts will be distributed as you enjoy refreshments beginning at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. At 7:00 a very unique opportunity—we will hear a special presentation by **Terry Eddinger** who works with Samaritan's Purse assisting those impacted by hurricane Helene.

Rear Admiral Eddinger, U.S. Navy (Retired), who was our guest preacher back in October, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Gardner Webb University, a Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1995, reaching the rank of Rear Admiral. Terry will share heart-wrenching videos and personal experiences with Samaritan's Purse to **help us better understand the value of our work on April 26th, that will benefit our Western North Carolina neighbors**. Also, again this year, volunteers may pre-purchase raffle tickets at the meeting in order to avoid the lines on Saturday.

College Scholarships

If you are a member of St. Paul's and will be going to college next school year, scholarship applications are available for you in the narthex and on the church website. Please have all applications in to the church office **no later than May 1st**.



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: John 12:12-19; Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:1-23;56

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