



Peace be with you.
John 20:19

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Romans 5:1)



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” Burkhardt

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.

Confession and Absolution

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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: "Thine Is the Glory"

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Greeting

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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.

Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.



♩ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



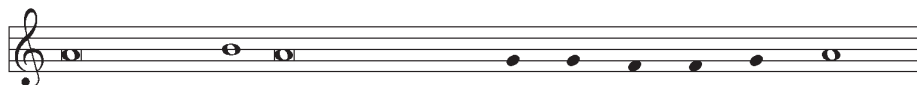
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



♩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



♩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ♩ A - men

Hymn of Praise

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

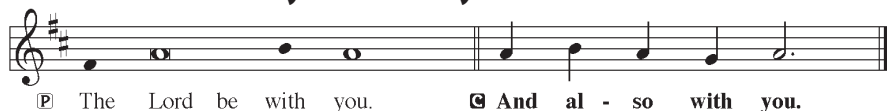


♩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

First Lesson: Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus,

whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 16

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;*
praise him | in the heights.

²**Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;***
praise him, | all his host.

³Praise him, | sun and moon;*
praise him, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,***
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD;*
for he commanded, and they | were created.

⁶**He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;***
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**Fire and hail, | snow and fog,***
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;

⁹Mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**Wild beasts | and all cattle,***
creeping things and | winged birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth | and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**Young | men and maidens,***
old and | young together.

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,*
for his name only is exalted,
his splendor is over | earth and heaven.

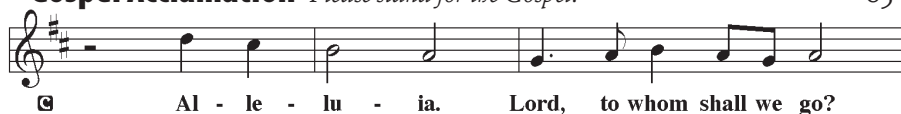
¹⁴**He has raised up strength for his people**
and praise for all his | loyal servants,*
the children of Israel,
a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet “saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.



Gospel: John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have

life in his name. *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Please be seated.

Confession of Faith

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We profess our faith in God using 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

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Perfect Peace"

Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

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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: 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: “This Blessed Easter Day”

The King’s Kids

Grace our table with your presence!

Musical notation for the anthem, consisting of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. 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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord—for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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 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.**

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,

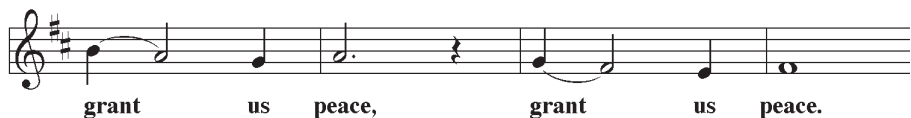
forever and ever. Amen

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.





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



Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food—through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Postlude: “Trumpet Tune on ‘The Day of Resurrection’” J. Payne

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



Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will not rehearse today.

Cruise 'n Meeting Today

A meeting to evaluate this year's Cruise 'n Barbecue will be this afternoon at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is encourage to share your comments.

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.**

Seasonal Choir

Would you like to sing at church, but you just don't have the time to commit to a choir full-time? If so, consider joining the new seasonal choir! We plan to sing a few times a year, committing to about 4–5 weeks worth of practices in preparation for our performance. We will sing modern songs that have a strong Biblical basis, utilizing instruments beyond the piano and organ. If you are interested in participating, please meet with John Brock and Heather Canup in the left transept right after church **on April 27th, for a quick interest meeting.**

Second Sunday of Easter

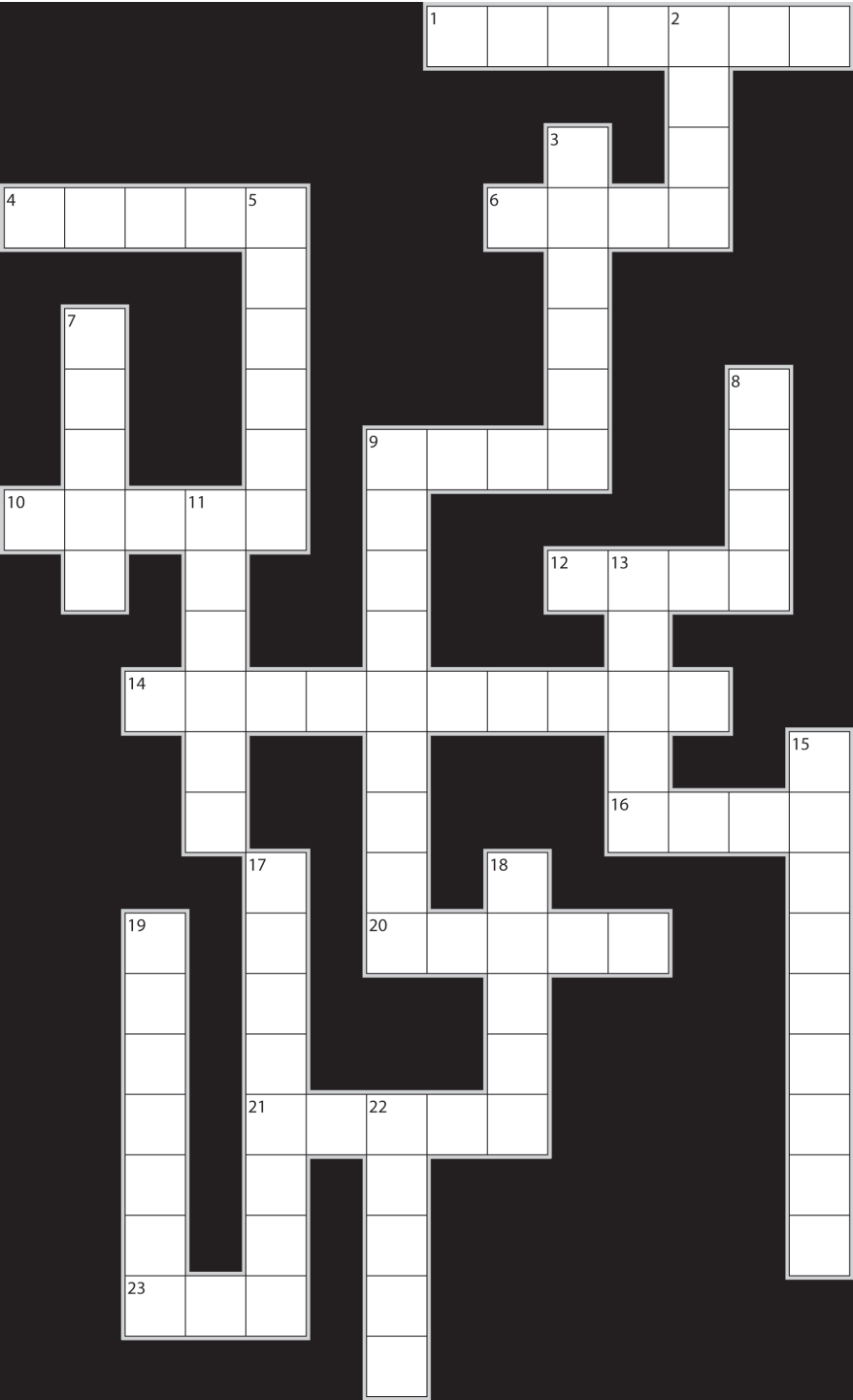
*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Acts 5:12-32; Psalm 148; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. In whose portico did apostles meet with the people?
4. On what day of the week did Jesus come and stand among the believers?
6. What did God raise up for the people?
9. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the...
10. John blessed the people with grace and...
12. Fire, hail, snow, mist, and stormy wind fulfill God's...
14. How many believers were being added to the Lord?
16. John wrote to churches in this province.
20. Praise him, all you shining...
21. Praise him, all his (another name for angels).
23. Who did Peter say they must obey instead of men?

DOWN

2. Praise him, sun and...
3. In what condition were the doors when Jesus appeared to his disciples?
5. Where were the apostles told to go and preach?
7. Whose shadow interested the sick?
8. Whose name alone is exalted?
9. They were glad when they saw the lord.
11. Every eye will see him as he is coming with the...
13. Jesus Christ is Alpha and...
15. What Jewish party arrested the apostles?
17. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is...
18. Jesus showed them to his disciples.
19. What was Jesus doing with his disciples when he appeared to them?
22. John wrote to this many churches.



The Calendar this Week

Sunday, April 27

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Cruise 'n Evaluation meeting, 5pm
- College Ministry, 6pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, April 28

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 29

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 30

- Classical Conversations, 8am–3:30pm
- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7pm

Thursday, May 1

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Friday, May 2

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Dance Class, 2pm

Sunday, May 4

- Breakfast, 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Christian Ed Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir Practice, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns
- Dennis Cook, Luke Deal’s “Paw Paw” – recovering from surgery
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Jimmy Earnhardt – health concerns
- Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery

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.

Stats

Pam was on vacation this week, so the books won’t be posted until tomorrow. Last Sunday’s stats will be in next Sunday’s bulletin.

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$169.50 Total \$470.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected \$17,897.12 for missions.

During the second quarter of 2025, the children’s change collections which will benefit The Table Ministry.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life during the first quarter of the year was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901

Grace and Peace

Find the 36 bold words from Revelation 1:4–8 KJV.

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

John to the seven **churches** which are in **Asia**: **Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the **seven Spirits** which are before his **throne**; And from **Jesus Christ**, who is the **faithful witness**, and the **first begotten** of the **dead**, and the **prince** of the **kings** of the earth. Unto him that **loved** us, and washed us from our **sins** in his **own blood**, And hath made us **kings** and **priests** unto **God** and his **Father**; to him be **glory** and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen**. Behold, he cometh with **clouds**; and every **eye** shall **see** him, and they also which **pierced** him: and all kindreds of the earth shall **wail** because of him. Even so, **Amen**. I am **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.



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Next weeks lessons: Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:1-14; John 21:1-19

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