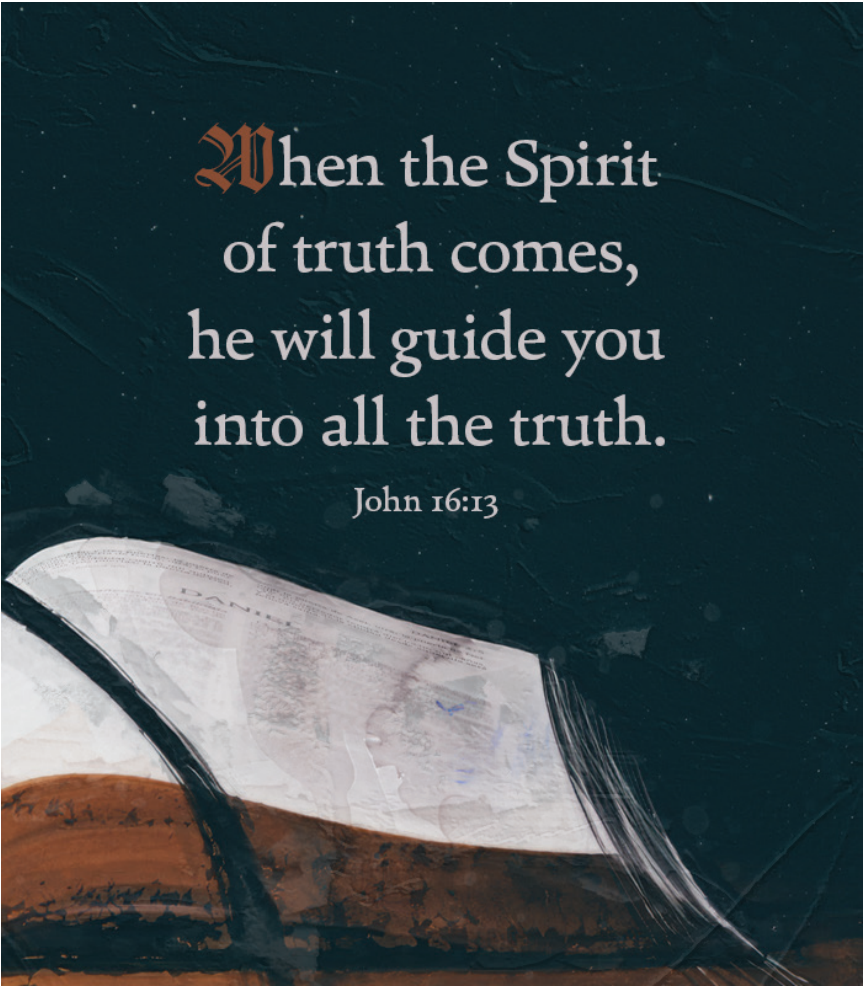




When the Spirit
of truth comes,
he will guide you
into all the truth.

John 16:13

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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Youth Sunday

This Week's Memory Verse

And he said to me, "It is done!
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end.
To the thirsty I will give
from the spring of the water of life
without payment."
Revelation 21:6



Memory Verse Aid

AHSTM, IID!
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Slane

Paul Manz

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Brady Bost

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

Clara Canup

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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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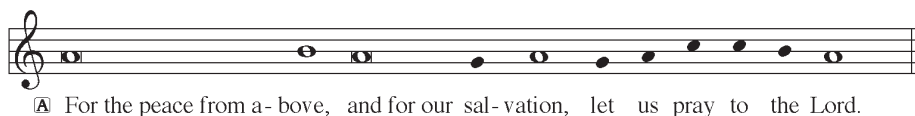
Greeting

Andrew Baker

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

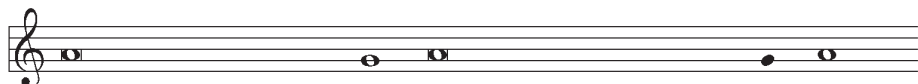
And also with you.

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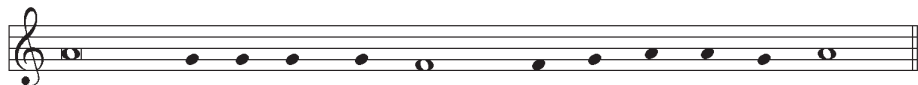




C Lord, have mer - cy.



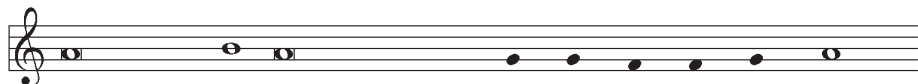
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,



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



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

Hymn of Praise

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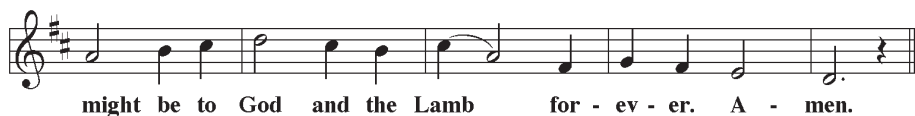
A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



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

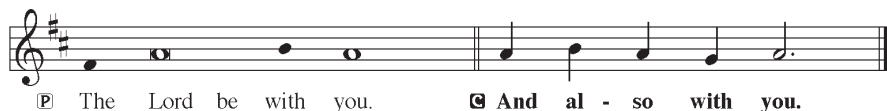


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Andrew Baker



O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen *Please be seated.*

¹The apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 148*Andrew Baker*

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

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

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

**⁴Praise 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.

**⁶He 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;

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

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

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

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

**¹²Young | 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.

**¹⁴He 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 21:1–7

Sutton Fisher

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,

and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.” *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.* 83



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



Gospel: John 16:12–22

Cooper Aldridge

¹²[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us,

‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?”

²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” *The Gospel of our Lord.*



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**

Please be seated.

Special Music

Children's Chat

Sara Barringer and Gracelyn Ziegler

Sermon

Lindsey Whisnant

Hymn: Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is he.
We sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing,
Praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything,
And I will adore you.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder,
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to you, the only wise King.

Chorus

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name.
Jesus your name is power, breath, and living water.
Such a marv'lous mystery, yeah.

Chorus

The Prayers of the Church

Grace Walker

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: Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

*Alexander Canup,
Hila Canup, Lindsey Whisnant*

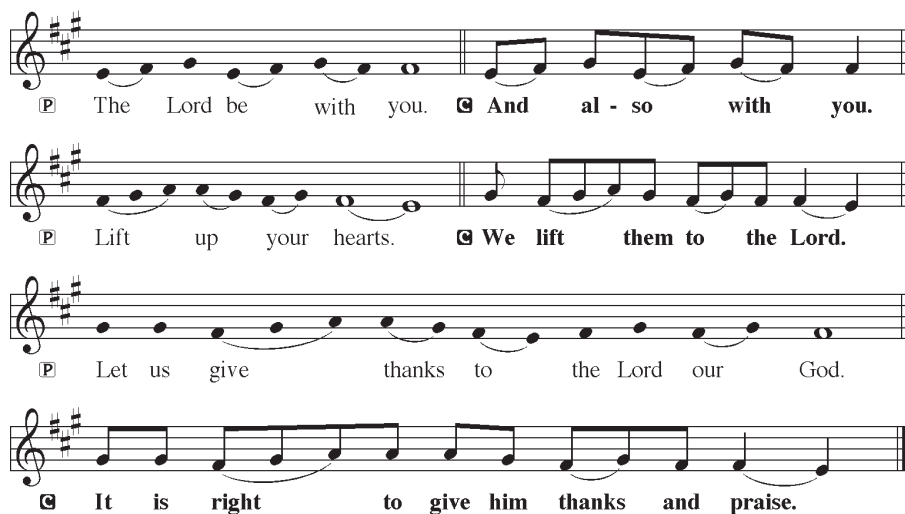
A musical score for the hymn 'Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone'. It consists of five staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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.

Thanksgiving

Hila Canup

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



♩ 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.

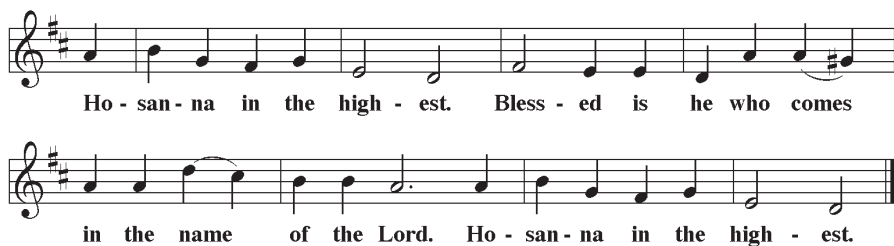
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord—for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away 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.



Sophie Hoffner

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.



☐ 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, grant us peace.

Grace Walker

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



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what



he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -



es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty David Lasky

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 Alyssa McCraven

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

Special thanks to our youth who led our worship service this morning!

Greeters: Caroline Aldridge, Reagan Goodman, Carson Holland,
Lauren Ziegler, Rachel Ziegler

Ushers: Brinley Bernhardt, Baylor Bost, Hudson Burnett,
Lela Canup, Stanton Fisher, Josh Lord

Worship Leaders: Brady Bost, Clara Canup

Lectors: Cooper Aldridge, Sutton Fisher, Peyton Holland

Children's Chat: Sara Barringer, Gracelyn Ziegler

Cantor: Andrew Baker • *Guest Preacher:* Lindsey Whisnant

Acolyte: Alyssa McCraven • *Crucifer:* Reese Goodman

Banner Bearer: Rebecca Lombard

Communion Assistants: Hila Canup, Sophie Hoffner,
Talía Lord, Grace Walker

Music: Alexander Canup and Michael Canup

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
205 St Paul Church Rd
Salisbury, NC 28146

Monday, May 19, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Our hope is that the May blood drive will be just as successful as the February drive, when we collected 44 units.

Please donate tomorrow.

You may make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org,
or you may contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

Youth & Family Skating

The Youth & Family Committee is having a youth event on May 18, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, at Skateland USA in Kannapolis. Youth & their families are encouraged to join us for skating. Please text RSVP to Angela Ziegler 704-433-0636 by May 16th, with your youth's name and number of people skating.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, May 18, Youth Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Youth & Family roller skating, 2pm
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir Practice, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, May 19

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Blood Drive, 1:30–6pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 20

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

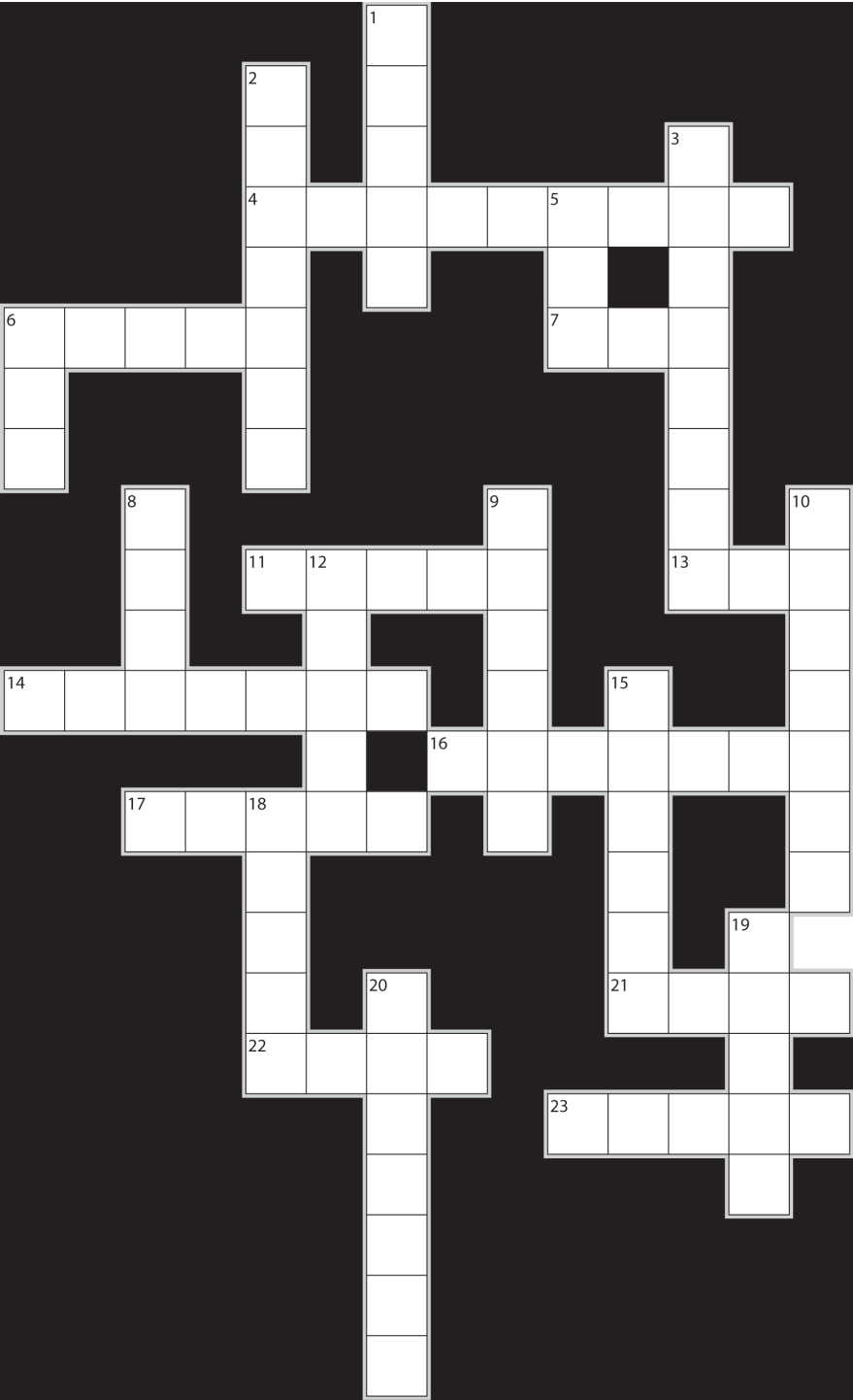
- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Friday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 25

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- College Ministry with Pastor Brian, 4pm
- Men's Choir Practice, 4pm
- No Vespers



Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148:1-14; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. It was new and John saw it coming down out of heaven.
6. The Spirit will glorify him.
7. A voice told Peter to kill and...
11. The city where Peter had his vision.
13. In John's vision, it was no more.
14. The Lord commanded and they were...
16. What your hearts will do when you see Jesus.
17. Do not call common what God has made...
21. Fire, hail, snow, mist, and stormy wind are fulfilling the Lord's...
22. The Lord has raised this up for his people.
23. It will be no more.

DOWN

1. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining...
2. This characteristic of the Lord is above heaven and earth.
3. Who did the apostles and the brothers throughout Judea hear had received the word of God?
5. The circumcision party criticized Peter because he did this with Gentiles.
6. No one will take this from you.
8. It alone is exalted.
9. All that he has is Jesus'.
10. To the thirsty he will give from the spring of the water of life without...
12. He is the Alpha and the...
15. It will turn to joy.
18. The first one had passed away.
19. When the Spirit comes, he will guide you into all...
20. What was Peter doing when he had a vision?

VBS 2025—Mary, Martha, and Many Faithful Women

VBS will start on Friday, **June 20, 6–8pm**. Saturday and Sunday classes will be 9:30am–3pm. The weekend will wrap up with an ice cream social for all those participating in VBS.

Registration forms are available at each entrance of the sanctuary. You may put them in the offering plate or give them to Kara Burnett or Lauren Holland.

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact Kara or Lauren.

Kara: 704-239-7614; karaelizabeth629@gmail.com

Lauren: 980-234-2907; Laurenelio9@gmail.com

<https://stpaulslutheran.church/vbs2025>

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
- Jan Dolan –recovering from surgery
- Jimmy Earnhardt – health concerns
- Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- D. W. Honbarger – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns; home
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – recovering from surgery
- Melinda Redding – recovering from surgery
- George Reese – health concerns
- Russ Restivo – recovering from surgery
- Jane Wilhem – 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.

Stats

General Fund Offering (5/11)	\$7,918
Other Offering (5/11)	\$1,424
Sunday School Attendance (5/11)	67
Worship Attendance (5/11)	197

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$185.50 Total \$994.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$18,420.62 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



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33

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