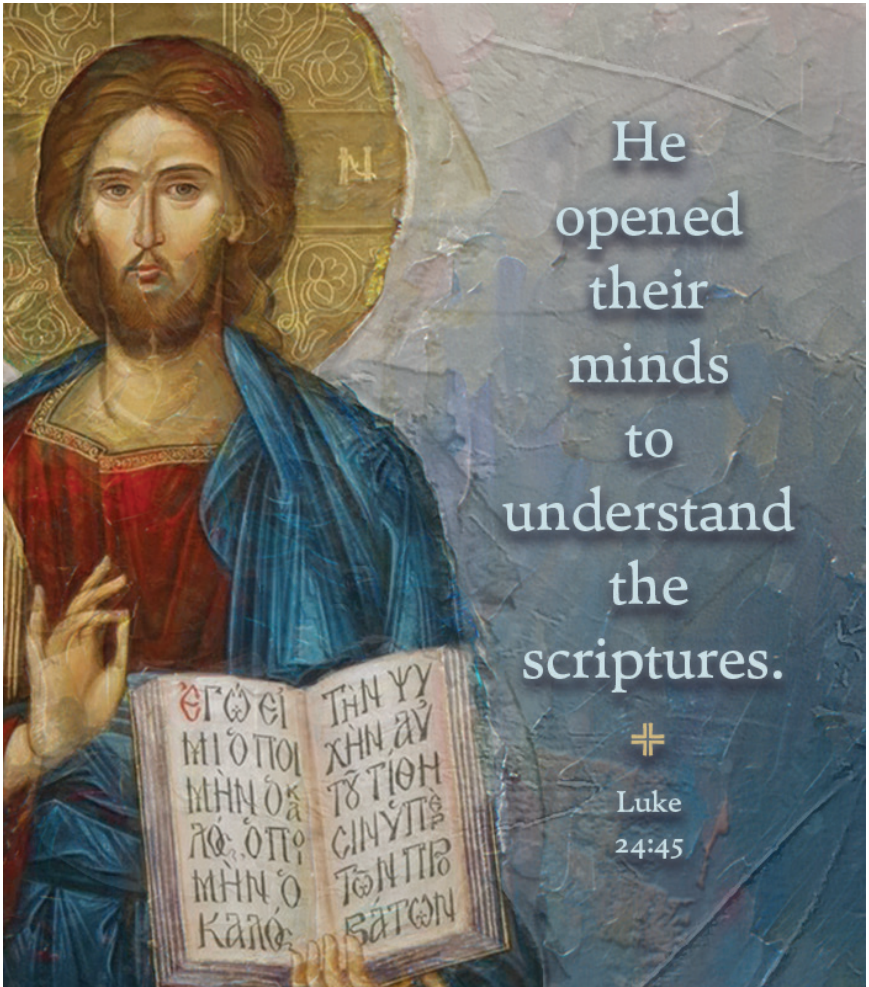




The Ascension of Our Lord
June 1, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Then he opened their minds
to understand the Scriptures.
(Luke 24:45)



Memory Verse Aid

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(L2445)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Victor C. Johnson

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

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: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

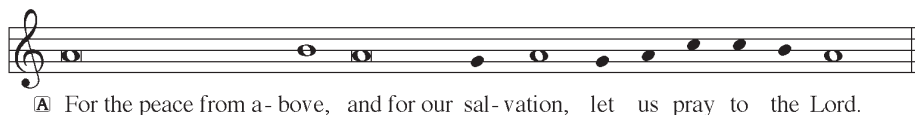
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Greeting

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.

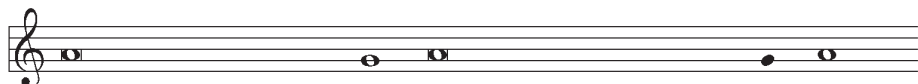
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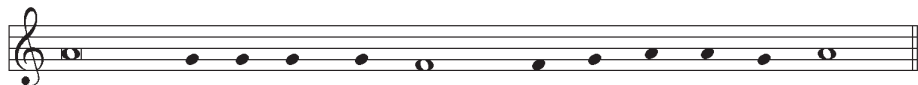




C Lord, have mer - cy.



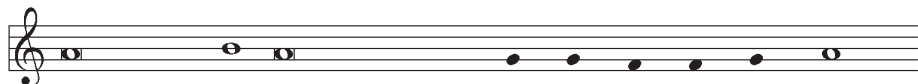
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

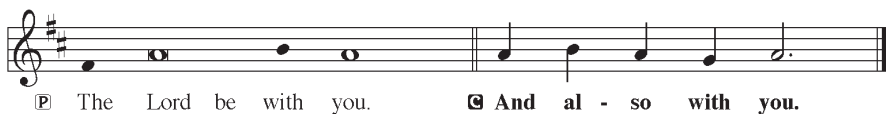


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Almighty God, we believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand. Grant that our hearts and minds may be directed there as well, to dwell in him each day, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 47

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | cry of joy.
**²For the LORD Most High is | to be feared;
he is the great king over | all the earth.**
³He subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet.
**⁴He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.**
⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram’s horn.

**⁶Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises with | all your skill.

**⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God sits upon his | holy throne.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together
with the people of the | God of Abraham.

**¹⁰The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,
and he is high- | ly exalted.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
The word of the Lord.

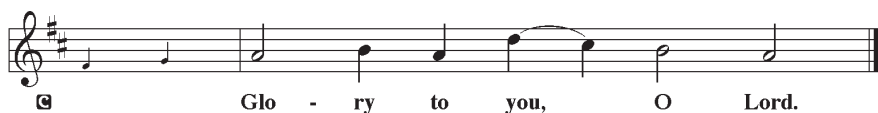
Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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



Gospel: Luke 24:44–53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to [his disciples], “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God. *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Confession of Faith

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We profess our faith in God using the Apostles Creed.

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

I 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.

I 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.

Children's Chat

Sermon

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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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

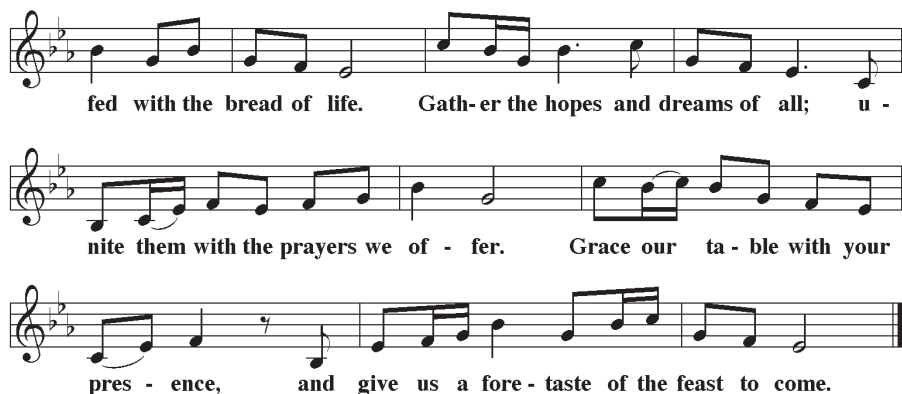
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Anthem: "Bread of Life"

Pianist, John Brock

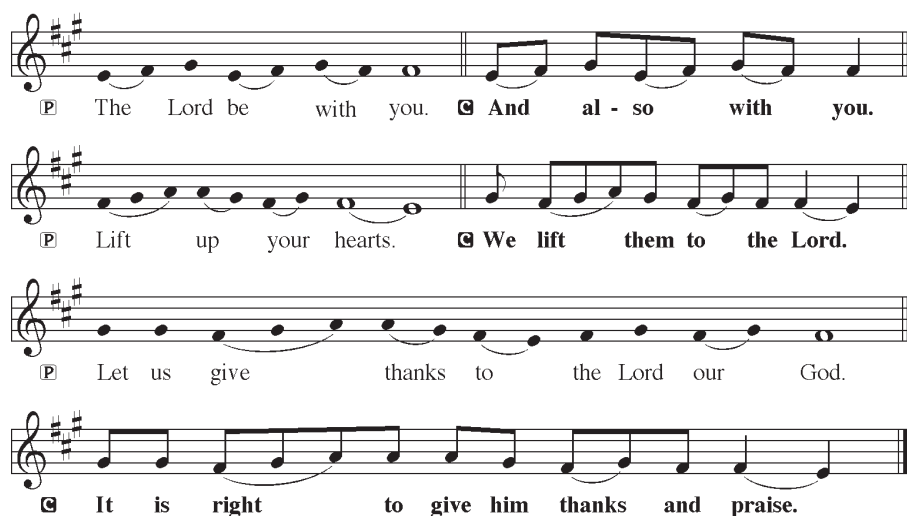




Thanksgiving

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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



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—who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 -



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**

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

Postlude: “Majestic Postlude”

Mark L. Williams

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

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 Laura Brock for filling in
as organist today and next Sunday.*

Attic “Clean Out” Day—Saturday, June 7th, 8am – Until We Need Your Help!

Please mark your calendars to help clean out the attic space in preparation for the Capital Improvement project. Lunch will be provided for those who help. **If you have anything stored in the attic, please be in attendance so that these items will be kept and stored properly.**

We will have a dumpster on-site Saturday morning to dispose of all items in the attic that are no longer needed. There will be wooden tables and chairs available on this day *only for congregational members*. All remaining tables and chairs will be donated to ReStore/Habitat for Humanity.

Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402, or bethanywhisnant@gmail.com before June 7th, if you have any questions (or know of any items that need to be kept, but are unable to attend this “Clean Out” day.)

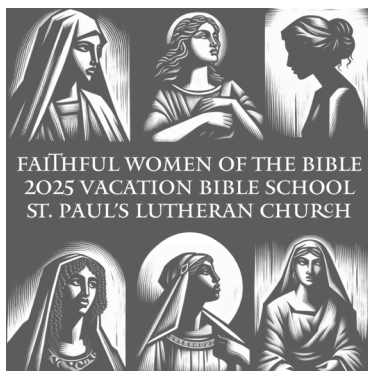
VBS 2025—Mary, Martha, and Many Faithful Women Registration Deadline Next Sunday

VBS will start on Friday, **June 20, 5:30–8pm**. Saturday classes will meet 9:30am–3pm. On Sunday, students should be in the music room at 10:15 to practice songs. After lunch in the fellowship hall, students will meet for sessions until 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 help with VBS, please contact Kara at 704-239-7614; karaelizabeth629@gmail.com, or Lauren at 980-234-2907; Laurenelio9@gmail.com.

<https://stpaulslutheran.church/vbs2025>



The Calendar this Week

Sunday, June 1

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee meeting, 2pm
- No Vespers tonight

Monday, June 2

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Hama Lingle Circle, 6pm
- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 3

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- **No Bible Study classes this Tuesday**
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 4

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, June 5

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

Friday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 7

- Attic Clean-Out, upstairs education wing, begins at 8am

Sunday, June 8, Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Reception in honor of Confirmands after worship
- Christian Education Committee meeting, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee meeting, 2:30pm
- College Ministry with Pastor Brian, 4pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Him That Filleth All In All

Find the 32 bold words from Ephesians 1:19–23.

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

And what is the **exceeding greatness** of his **power** to us-ward who **believe**, according to the working of his **mighty power**, which he **wrought** in **Christ**, when he **raised** him from the **dead**, and set him at his own **right** hand in the **heavenly places**, **far above all principality**, and **power**, and **might**, and **dominion**, and every **name** that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things **under his feet**, and gave him to be the **head over all things** to the **church**, which is his **body**, the **fulness** of him that filleth **all** in all.

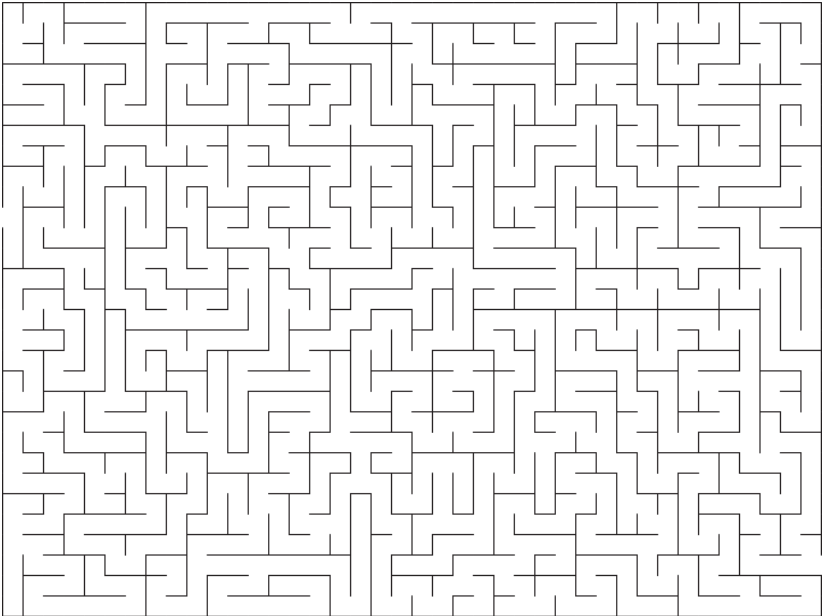
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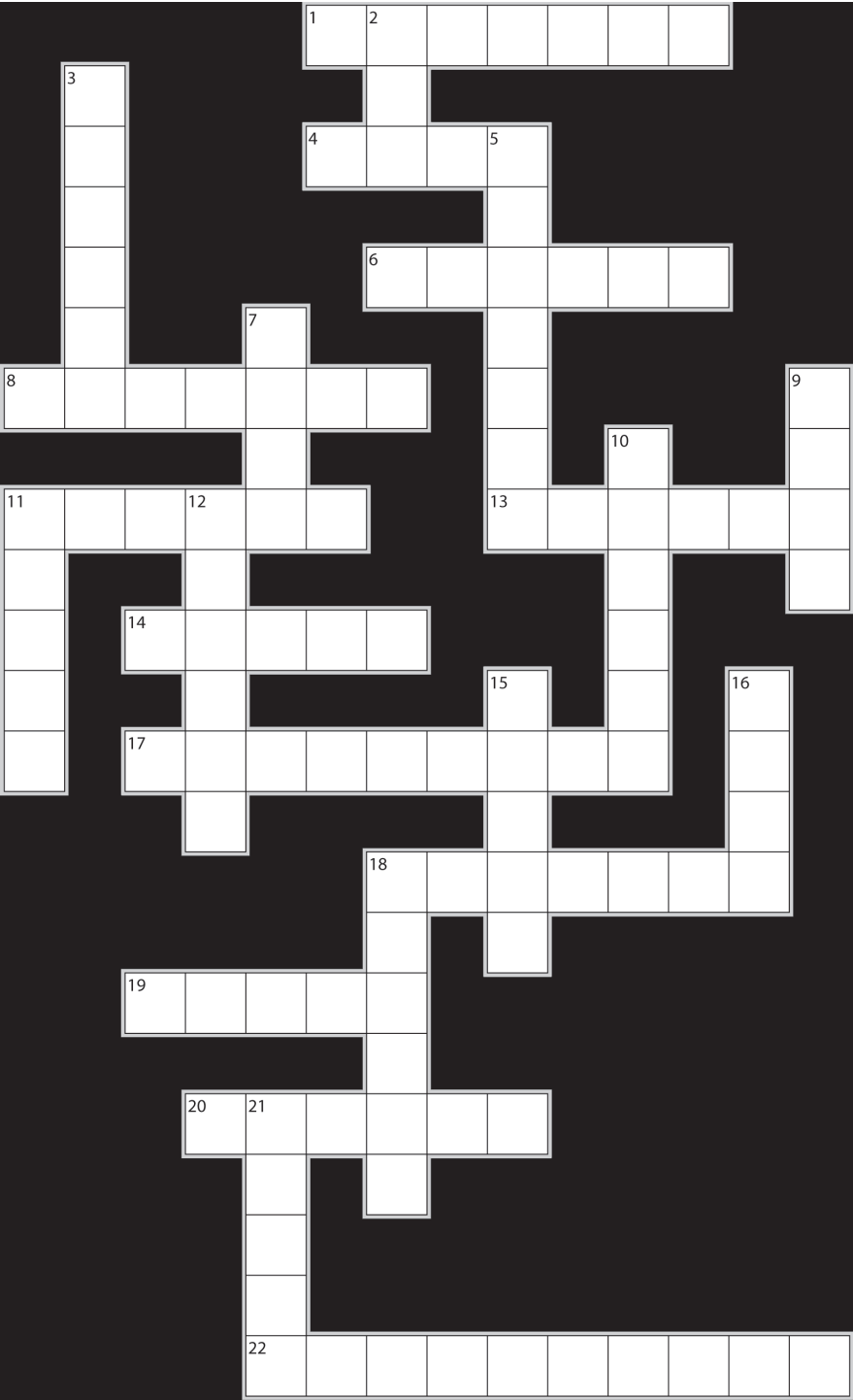
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Recent Prayer Needs

- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Michael Brown, father of Zack Brown – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – Liberty Commons
- Jan Dolan –recovering from surgery
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- D. W. Honbarger – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – Liberty Commons
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns; home
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – recovering from surgery
- Melinda Redding – recovering from surgery
- George Reese – recovering from surgery
- Russ Restivo – recovering from surgery
- Jane Wilhem – Trinity Oaks, Room 14-b

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page 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.





Ascension C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15–23; Luke 24:44–53.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. The disciples would be the Lord's witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and...
4. Do this with your hands as you shout for joy.
6. The LORD, the Most High, is to be...
8. It is not for us to know times or...
11. After his ascension Jesus would send whose promise upon his followers?
13. John baptized with water but there is another baptism with the...
14. Paul had heard about the Ephesians' love and...
17. The proclamation of the forgiveness of sins began there.
18. As he will return one day (1 Thes 4:16), the Lord has gone up with the sound of a...
19. Sing praises with a...
20. Christ was foretold in the writings of the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the...
22. Luke wrote to him.

DOWN

2. The fullness of Christ fills all in...
3. Where God sits
5. Paul remembered the Ephesians in his...
7. God has filled you with his Spirit so that you may know the _____ to which he has called you.
9. Jesus told his disciples to stay there until they were clothed with power.
10. The eyes of our hearts are enlightened through the Spirit of...
11. The number of days Jesus appeared after his resurrection
12. Jesus was carried up into...
15. It took Jesus from their sight.
16. God put all things under the Christ's what?
18. After the ascension, the disciples were continually blessing God there.
21. God has gone up with a...

Stats

General Fund Offering (5/25)	\$13,869
Other Offering (5/25)	\$1,213
Sunday School Attendance reported (5/25)	50
Worship Attendance (5/25)	162

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$156.50 Total \$1,251.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$18,677.62 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

**God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.**

Psalm 47:8



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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

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