



BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, **I AM.**

Holy Trinity Sunday
June 15, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Truly, truly,
I say to you,
if anyone keeps my word,
he will never see death.
(John 8:51)



Memory Verse Aid

T,T,
ISTY,
IAKMW,
HWNSD.
(J851)

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Fathers

Prelude: “Trinity Procession”

Phil Lehenbauer

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

The Ten Commandments

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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Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

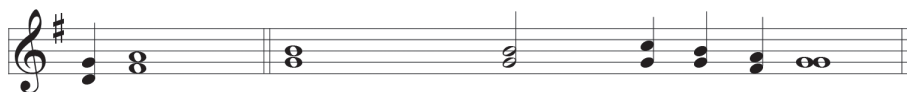


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated

A - men.

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes

her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 8

¹O | LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your Name in | all the world!
²**Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children**
your majesty is praised ab- | ove the heavens.
³You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.
⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,**
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁵What is man that you should be mind- | ful of him?
the son of man that you should | seek him out?
⁶**You have made him but little lower | than the angels;**
you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;
⁷You give him mastery over the works | of your hands;
you put all things un- | der his feet:
⁸**All | sheep and oxen,**
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

¹⁰**O | LORD our Lord,**
how exalted is your name in | all the world!

Second Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

The word of the Lord.

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: “Peace Like a River /Amen!”

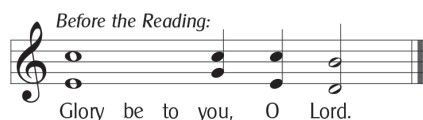
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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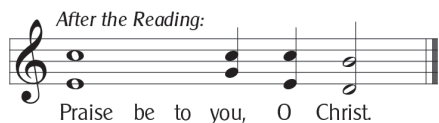


The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.



Gospel: John 8:48–59

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple. *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Children's Chat

Sermon: "Let Us Thus Think"

Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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Prayers of the Church

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.

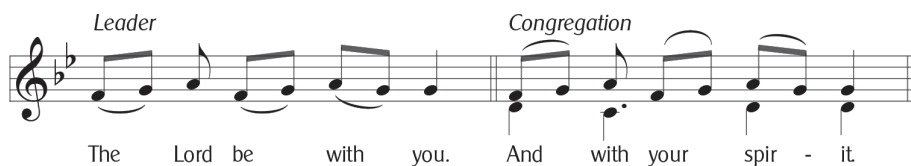
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



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

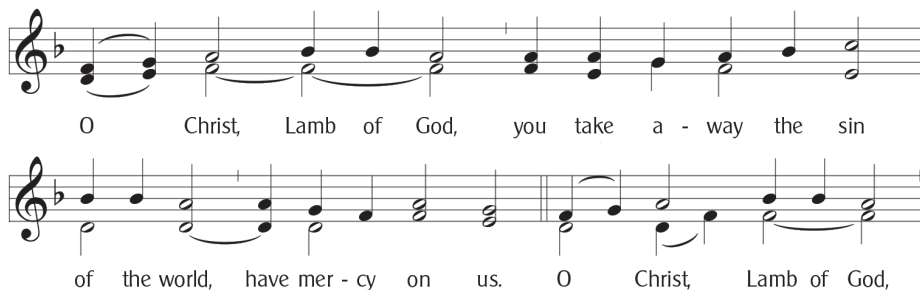
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

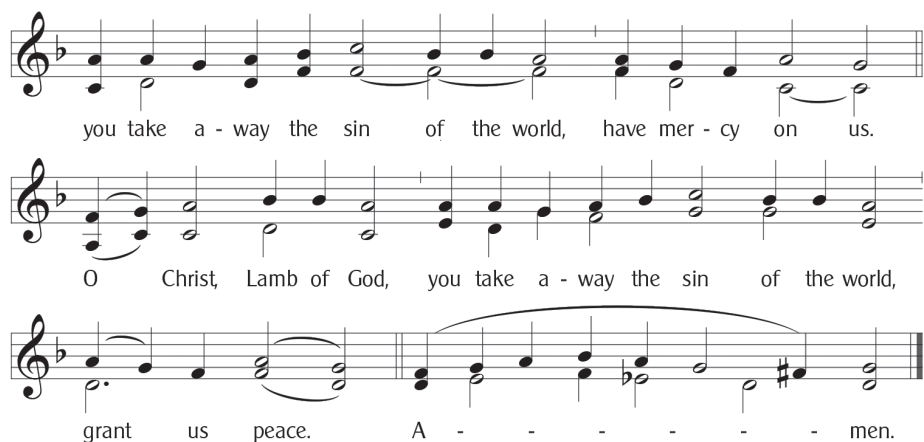
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



Distribution of 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.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.

For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.

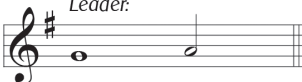
Glory be | to the | Father,
 and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
 As it was in | the be- | ginning,
 is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader:  Congregation: 

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader:  Congregation: 

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Robert Hobby

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.

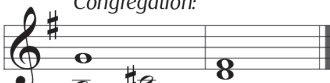
Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
 and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

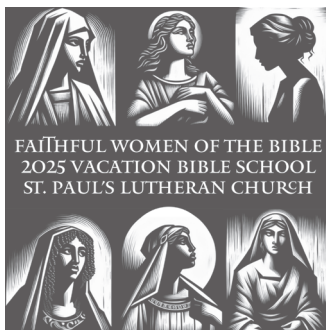
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: 

A - men.

VBS 2025—Mary, Martha, and Many Faithful Women Friday, June 20–Sunday, June 22

VBS will start on Friday, **June 20, 5:30–8pm**. Saturday hours are 9:30am–3pm. On Sunday, students should be in the music room at 10:15 to practice songs for our 10:30am worship service. Lunch will be in the fellowship hall for VBS participants following worship. Students will then meet for sessions until 3pm. The weekend will wrap up with an ice cream social for those participating in VBS.



Volunteer for VBS

All VBS volunteers will meet on **Thursday, June 19th, at 6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend so we are all on the same page with the VBS. Please contact Kara Burnett at 704-239-7614; karaelizabeth629@gmail.com, or Lauren Holland at 980-234-2907; Laurenelio9@gmail.com for information.

Water Sports Event and Cookout Friday, June 27th, 6pm-8pm

Join us for our Youth and Family Water Sports Event. We will be doing water games starting at 6pm, followed by food at 7pm, and ending with a Fire Truck! Please fill out the form so we can plan food accordingly and get volunteers to help run some of the water games. We look forward to seeing you there!



<https://forms.office.com/r/2ATiNzDsJj>

Church Cookout—Saturday, July 5, 4–7

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided in the picnic shelter. Please bring your favorite side dish (or two) to share with others. Memories will be shared about previous building programs, so bring your favorite story.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, June 15, Holy Trinity Sunday and Father's Day

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Recognition of fathers during worship service, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, June 16

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- July newsletter articles due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 18

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, June 19

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon
- Friendship Club, 10:30am
- VBS Volunteers' meeting, 6pm

Friday, June 20

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Homeschool Dance Class, 2pm
- VBS registration, 5:30pm

Saturday, June 21

- VBS, 9:30am – 3pm

Sunday, June 22

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- VBS kids meet at 10:15 in the music room
- VBS lunch and activities continue after worship
- VBS participants and families, ice cream social, 3pm
- College ministry with Pastor Brian, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Birthday Party—Saturday, July 19 at the Parsonage, 4–7pm

NC BBQ will be served at 5; ice cream and cake at 6. This party celebrates the birthdays of the twins, Alice Davis and Pastor Ryman, both born on the 23rd. It's Pastor Ryman's 70th. No gifts, please; just come for the fellowship.

Events in the Coming Months

- **Ice Cream Social**, Sunday, August 31, 4pm, shelter
- **Fish Fry**, Saturday, September 20, 6pm, shelter
- **Old Timey Stew**, Saturday, November 1, 4pm, shelter

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – upcoming surgeries
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Michael Brown, father of Zack Brown – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – Liberty Commons
- Karen Deal – upcoming surgery
- Jan Dolan –health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- D. W. Honbarger – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Alan Lyerly – health concerns
- Betty Niedens – recovering from surgery
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Melinda Redding – recovering from surgery
- George Reese – recovering from surgery
- Russ Restivo – recovering from surgery
- Jane Wilhem – health concerns; home

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.

My Flesh Shall Rest in Hope

Find the 31 bold words from Acts 2:22b–27 KJV.

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

...**Jesus** of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being **delivered** by the **determinate counsel** and **foreknowledge** of **God**, ye have taken, and by **wicked hands** have **crucified** and **slain**: whom God hath **raised** up, having **loosed** the **pains** of **death**: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, “I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my **right hand**, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my **heart rejoice**, and my tongue was **glad**; moreover also my **flesh** shall **rest** in **hope**: because thou wilt **not leave** my **soul** in **hell**, neither wilt thou **suffer** thine **Holy One** to **see corruption**.”

Stats

General Fund Offering (6/8).....	\$6,020
Other Offering (6/8).....	\$1,361
Sunday School Attendance (6/8).....	76
Worship Attendance (6/8)	195

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$159.50 Total \$1,551.50

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$18,978.12 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:

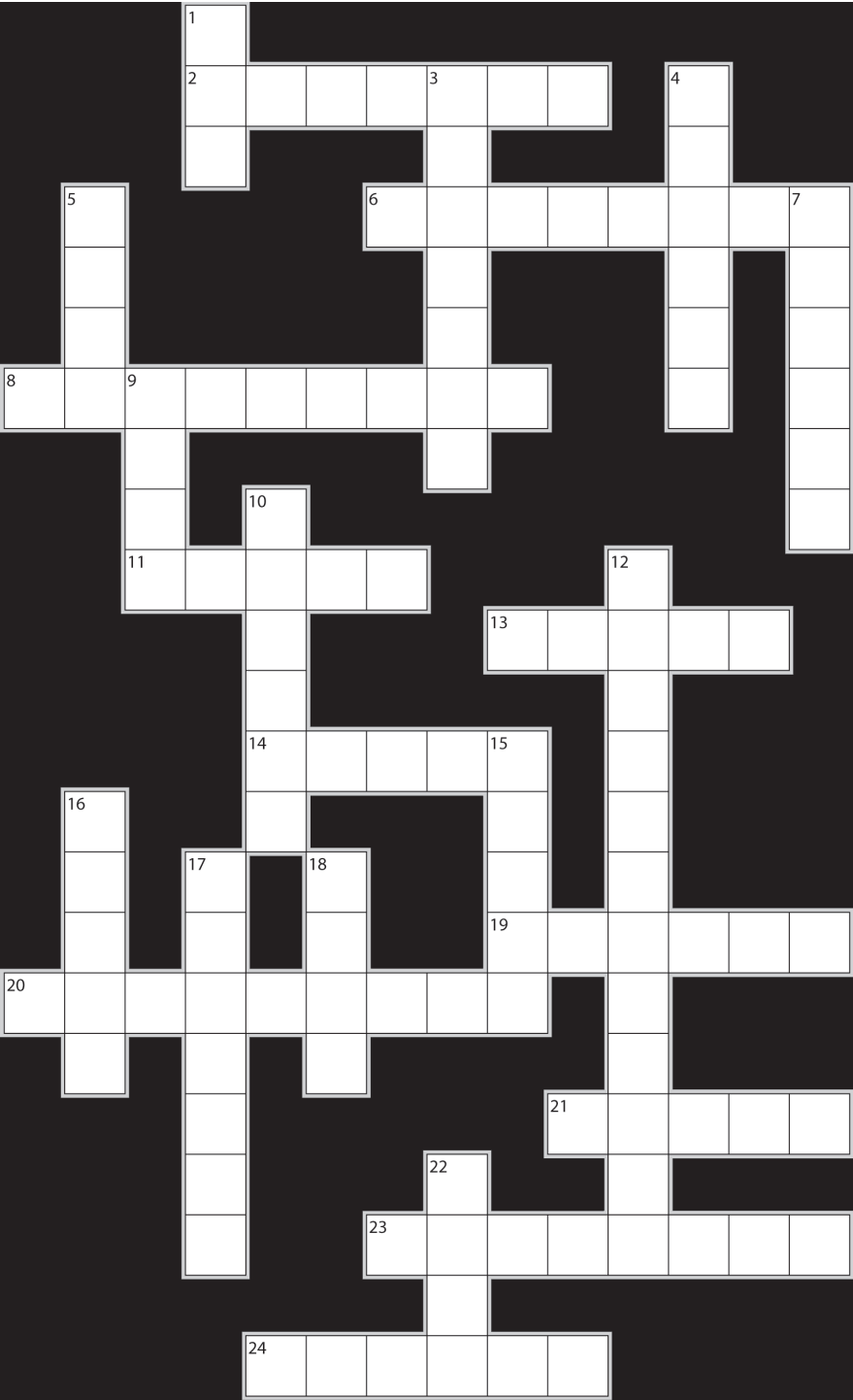
- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

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

Support for SON

If you plan to support Mark and Julia Wilhelm's mission trip with Spiritual Orphans Network, you may do so through the church offering, or online. You may go to <https://sonetwork.org> and click "2025 Team Member Support". If you donate through the church offering, please **make checks payable to St. Paul's**. We will send one check from the church account to SON.



Trinity C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; and John 8:48-59.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

2. Before he was, Jesus is.
6. Twice the psalmist declares that the Lord's name is...
8. The Lord possessed wisdom in the...
11. All who hate wisdom love this.
13. Because of Jesus' victory over death our what may dwell in peace?
14. Wisdom was present when the Lord marked out its foundations.
19. Peter stood with them at Pentecost.
20. Before they were shaped, wisdom was established.
21. The Jews were incredulous that Jesus said he had seen Abraham since Jesus was this old.
23. The Lord has given man this over the works of his hands (over creation).
24. Doesn't it call?

DOWN

1. The Lord has made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.
3. When the Lord established them, wisdom was there.
4. He glorifies the Son.
5. What is the son of man that you...
7. God has made Jesus both Lord and...
9. Abraham rejoiced that he would see Christ's day, and so, was...
10. Out of the mouth of...
12. David foresaw this.
15. God will not abandon his holy one to this place.
16. Jesus said he didn't have one of these.
17. What is man that you are...
18. Jesus was delivered up according to a definite...
22. If you would not see death, keep Christ's...

Before Abraham Was, I Am

Find the 27 bold words from John 8:51-56 KJV.

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

Verily, **verily**, I **say** unto you, if a man **keep** my **saying**, he shall **never see death**. Then said the **Jews unto** him, now we know that thou hast a **devil**. **Abraham** is **dead**, and the **prophets**; and thou sayest, if a man keep my saying, he shall never **taste of death**. Art thou **greater** than our **father** Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, if I **honour** myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that **honoureth** me; of whom ye say, that he is your **God**: yet ye have not **known** him; but I **know** him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a **liar** like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham **rejoiced** to see my **day**: and he **saw** it, and was **glad**.



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

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