



Go out and stand on the mount
before the LORD.

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

I have set the LORD
always before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I shall not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8



Memory Verse Aid

IHSTL
ABM;
BHIAMRH,
ISNBS.
P168

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Clay Christiansen

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: “Nicene Creed”

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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.

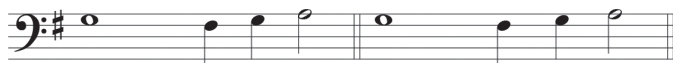


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

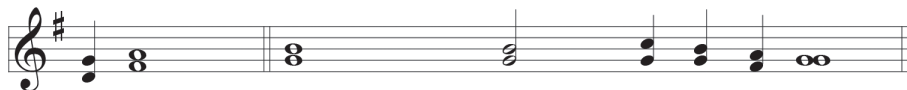


Glory be to God on high!

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.

Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated

A - men.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9b–21

^{9b}Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been

very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

¹¹And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him. *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD,
my good and above all other.”

²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al-ways before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these

are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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.



Offertory: “O Lord Most Holy”

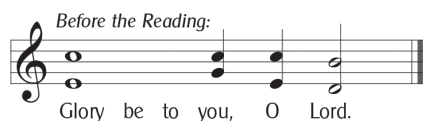
Cesar Franck

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.



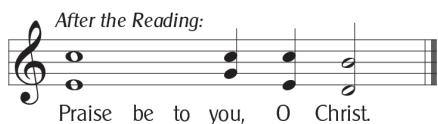
Gospel: Luke 9:51–62

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his

⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

We profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Follow Him"

Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

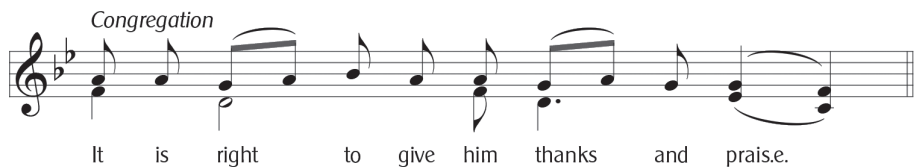
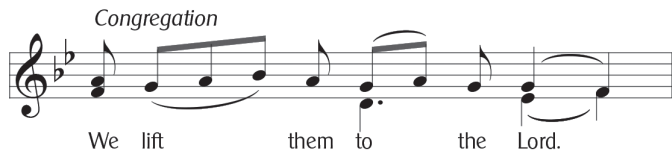
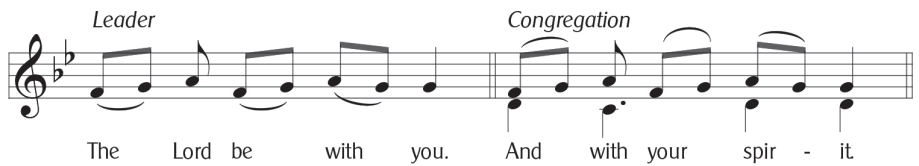
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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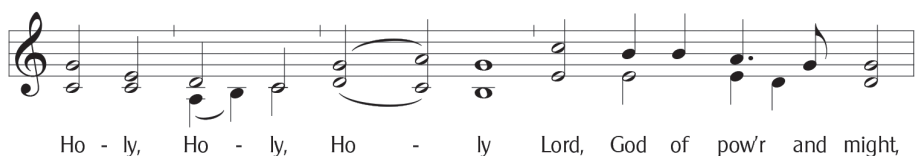
Preface and Sanctus

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

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 Dimittus

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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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The musical notation for the Benedicamus is presented in two systems. Each system features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system is divided into two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a single half note (F#4). The Congregation's part consists of a half note (F#4) followed by a whole note (F#4). The second system also has two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a half note (F#4) followed by a whole note (F#4). The Congregation's part consists of a half note (F#4) followed by a whole note (F#4). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Leader: Congregation:
Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Declare His Glory"

Mary McDonald

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.



First Communion Classes

Classes for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held in the chapel right after worship for **three Sundays, July 6, 13, and 20**. Classes last about 30 minutes and are open to those **nine years of age and older**. All three classes must be attended with **at least one parent per child** present as well.

Church Cookout—Saturday, July 5, 4–7pm

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

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, June 29

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 3

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

Friday, July 4

- Church Office is closed today.

Saturday, July 5

- Church cook-out, picnic shelter, 4–7pm (bring a side-dish)

Sunday, July 6

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle meets, 11:45am in the parlor
- First Communion Class 1, Noon, in the chapel
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee meeting, 2pm
- Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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

NC BBQ will be served at 5pm; ice cream and cake at 6pm. 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.

Concert at Faith Lutheran Church

The annual patriotic concert at Faith Lutheran Church will be on **Sunday, June 29th**. The **Rowan Big Band, featuring Pastor Carl Haynes on trombone**, will begin playing at **3:30pm**, followed by an intermission. The **chorus will sing at 5pm**. Everyone is invited to attend this concert of patriotic music in celebration of our Independence Day.

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

Youth and Family Blue Waters Pool Day

Join us **July 20th at 1pm**, and cool off at Blue Waters Pool. Admission will be covered for those attending. Please check your Sunday bulletins in July for additional details.

Support for the Wilhelms

If you plan to support **Mark and Julia Wilhelm's mission trip** with Spiritual Orphans Network (SON), you may donate through the church offering. Checks should be **made payable to St. Paul's**. We will send one check from the church to SON.

You may also donate online to <https://sonetwork.org> and click "2025 Team Member Support."

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – home; recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Family of Zack Brown on the death of his father Michael Brown
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Karen Deal – home; recovering from surgery
- Jan Dolan –health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – recovering at home
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Susie Page – health concerns
- Susan Page (Susie's daughter-in-law) – health concerns
- Dawn Peeler (Bonnie Bernhardt's daughter) – health concerns
- George Reese – health concerns
- Jane Wilhem – health concerns; home

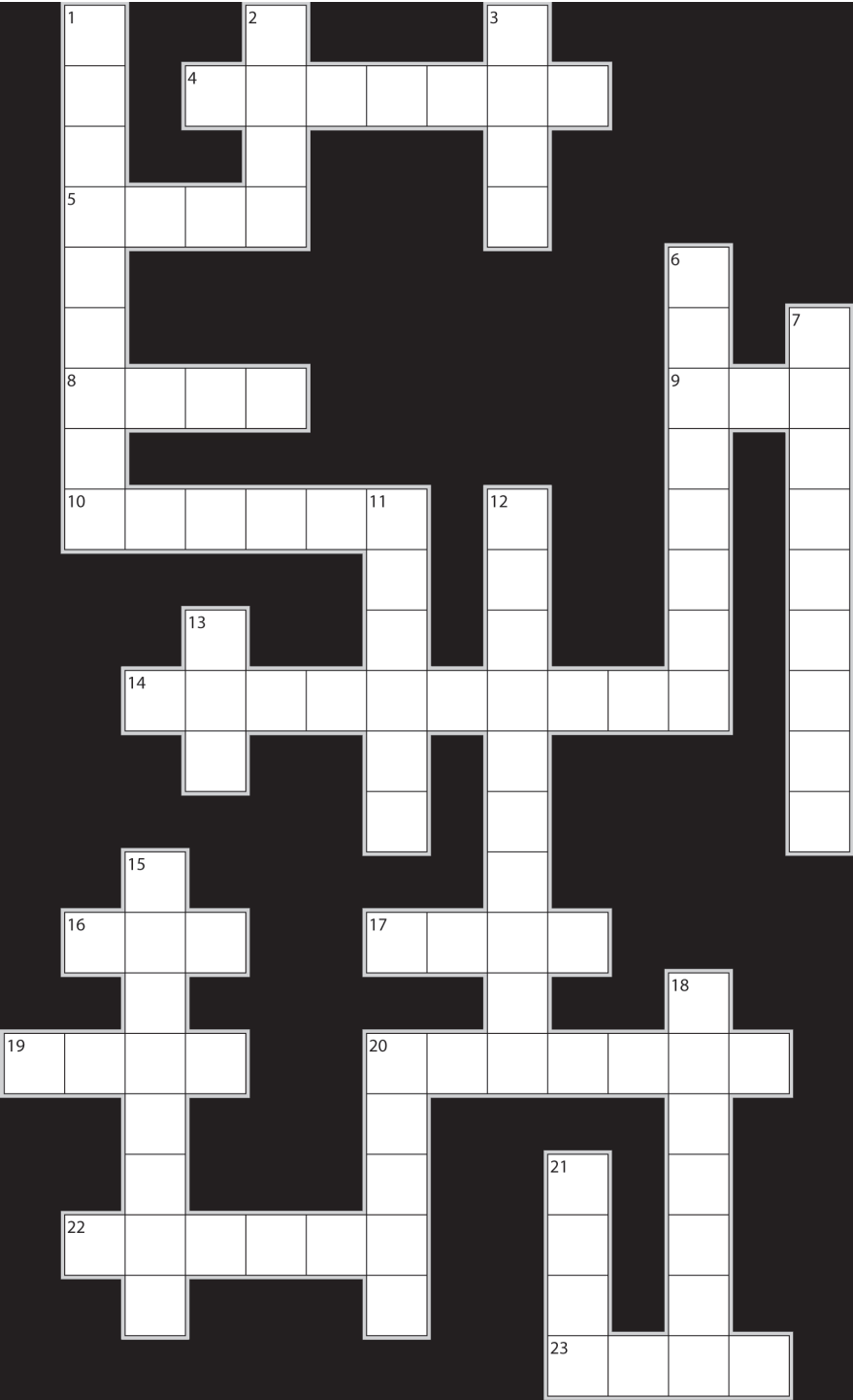
For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Christ has Set Us Free!

Find the 24 bold words from Galatians 5:13-18 KJV.

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

For, **brethren**, ye have been **called** unto **liberty**; only use not liberty for an **occasion** to the flesh, but by **love serve** one another. For all the **law** is **fulfilled** in one word, even in this; **Thou shalt** love thy **neighbour** as **thyself**. But if ye **bite** and **devour** one another, take **heed** that ye be not **consumed** one of another. This I say then, **Walk** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the **flesh lusteth** against the **Spirit**, and the Spirit **against** the flesh: and these are **contrary** the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the **Spirit**, ye are not **under** the law.



Third Sunday after Pentecost

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

1 Kings 19:9b–21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

4. Go and proclaim it
5. Where Elijah lodged
8. The psalmist set him always before himself.
9. The whole law is summed up in how many words?
10. They are the excellent ones.
14. Jesus entered one of their villages.
16. In your presence there is fullness of...
17. The Son of Man has nowhere to lay it.
19. The Lord was not in this blaze.
20. For this, Christ has set us free.
22. Elijah threw them down.
23. The Lord was not in this blast.

DOWN

1. Two of them wanted to call fire from heaven to consume the unbelieving Samaritans.
2. You make known to me the path of...
3. We have none of this apart from the Lord.
6. Elijah killed them.
7. Jesus set his face to go there.
11. Walk by the...
12. The Lord was not in this shaking.
13. If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under this.
15. You shall love your neighbor as...
18. The Lord was the psalmist's cup or...
20. Do not let your freedom be an opportunity for this.
21. No one who puts his hand to it and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Stats

General Fund Offering (6/22)	\$5,302
Other Offering (6/22).....	\$3,381
Sunday School Attendance reported (6/22)	72
Worship Attendance (6/22).....	223

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$145.50 Total \$1,869.00
In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$19,295.62 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



Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. Please do not ask us on a Sunday morning to remember your information. We will most likely forget. **Also, please be sure you and your family have signed the friendship register.** This helps us know how many are worshipping today.



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

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