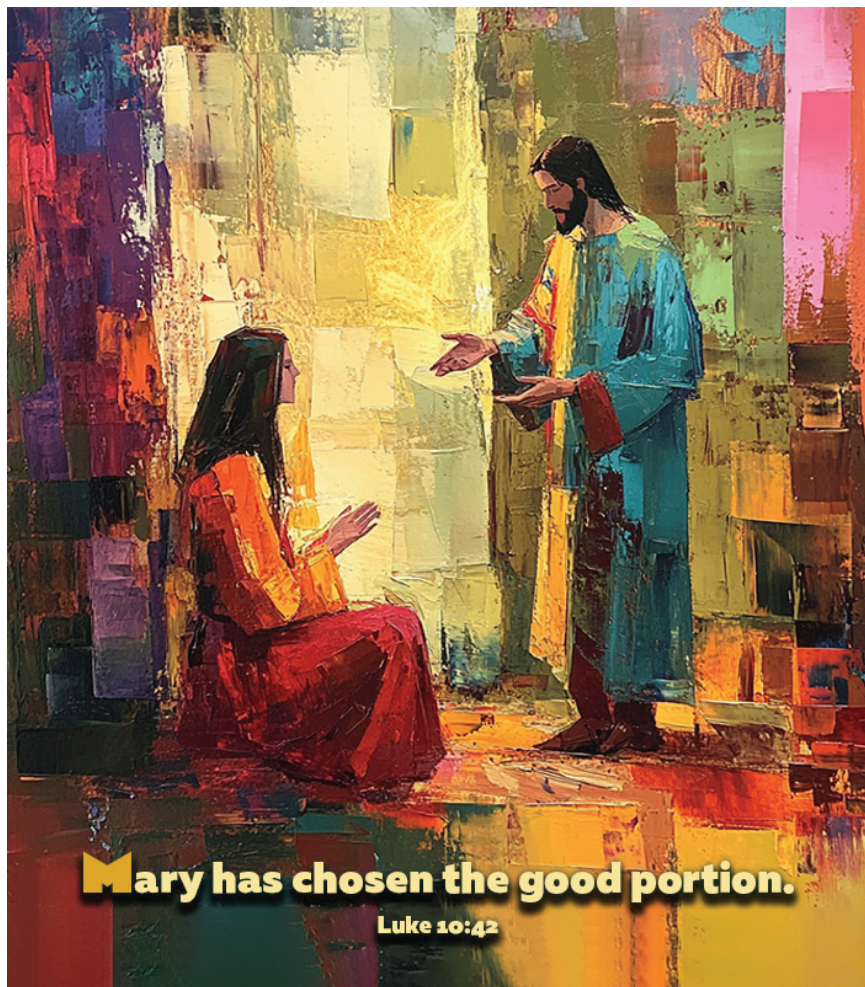




Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025 • 10:30AM

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This Week's Memory Verse

But the Lord answered her,
Martha, Martha,
you are anxious and troubled
about many things,
but one thing is necessary.
Mary has chosen the good portion,
which will not be taken away from her.
Luke 10:41-42



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Slane”

Paul Manz

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: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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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.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your people, that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated

A - men.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1–14

¹The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of

him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.”

So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ^{10a}The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” ^{10b}And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalms 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then
shall I | be afraid?

²**When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stum- | bled and fell.**

³Though an army should en- | camp against me,
yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

⁴**And though war should rise | up against me,
yet will I put my | trust in him.**

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days | of my life;

⁶**To behold the fair beauty | of the LORD
and to seek him | in his temple.**

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and
set me high up- | on a rock.

⁸**Even now he lifts | up my head
above my enemies | round about me.**

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds | of great gladness;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

¹⁰**Hearken to my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.**

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, | “Seek my face.”
Your face, LORD, | will I seek.

¹²**Hide not your | face from me,
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.**

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away;
do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁴**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the LORD | will sustain me.**

¹⁵Show me your | way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because | of my enemies.

¹⁶**Deliver me not into the hand of my | adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those | who speak malice.**

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the
goodness | of the LORD
in the land | of the living!

¹⁸**O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure;
be strong, and he shall com- | fort your heart;
wait patiently | for the LORD.**

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. *The word of the Lord.*

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Anthem: “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

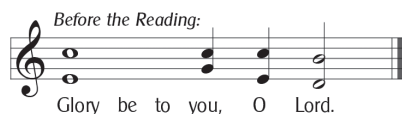
Men's Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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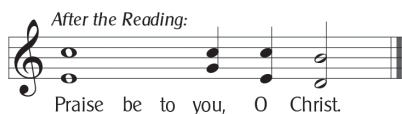
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.



Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." *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: "Are You Distracted?"

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

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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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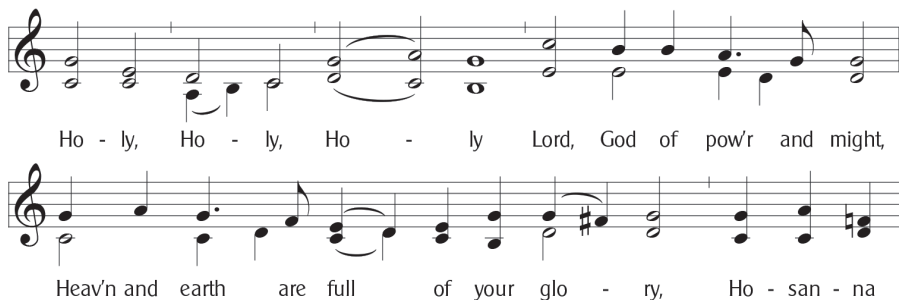
Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it



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.

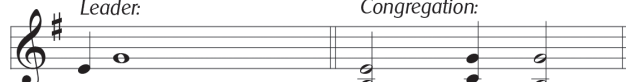
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,

As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Doxology Declaration”

Phil Lehenbauer

*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.

*We extend our love and sympathy to Jane Webb and family
on the death of Jane's brother, Thomas Mark Lowery.
Mark died July 13, 2025. A memorial service will be
held today in St. Paul's sanctuary at 4pm.
Please keep Jane and her family in your prayers.
The altar flowers are in loving memory of Mark, given by his sister
Jane Webb, his brother Buddy Lowery, and their families.*



Special Program for the July 28 Men's Meeting

2,976 people died as a result of the terrorist's attacks on the United States on 9/11/2001. Families still deal with the never-ending grief of their loss, and thoughts of what the victims went through. Now, imagine being one of those family members and having the opportunity to see the perpetrators in person, up close, and on trial at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Rear Admiral (US Navy, Ret) Terry Eddinger served for a year as the Command Chaplain for the Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay taking care of victim family members who came to GTMO to watch the trials for USS Cole and 9/11. He continues to work with the Office of Military Commissions under the Victim and Witness Assistance Program to travel with families down to GTMO to observe the ongoing hearings. For many, this is the first time they see the defendants in person and it can be very stressful.

St. Paul's **Men's meeting on July 28th** promises to be a unique opportunity to hear first-hand about how those accused are being dealt with, and the perspective of the families of those who died. Everyone is welcome to attend, but it is essential that you **let either Tim Deal or Dana Bost know that you are coming** so those supplying our meal are adequately prepared. We look forward to and thank Rear Adm. Terry Eddinger for presenting this informative and inciteful program.



Linda Deal Beaver
April 20, 1945–
July 11, 2025

The Funeral service
was held Saturday, July 19th,
at 11:00am
in St. Paul's Cemetery.

*For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live
or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Romans 14:8



First Communion Classes—Final Class Today

The final class for Holy Communion instruction is today after worship. Your child will be recognized and receive their First Communion next Sunday, July 27, during worship.

The Calendar this Week

Monday–Friday, we meet for morning prayer in the chapel at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Sunday, July 20

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- First Communion Class 3, at Noon, in the chapel
- Youth & Family Pool Day, Blue Waters, 1pm
- Contemporary Choir rehearsal, 2pm
- Autumn Care Worship Service, 2pm
- Lowery Family visitation, 3pm
- Funeral service for Mark Lowery, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, July 21

- August newsletter articles due this week.
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 22

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, July 23

- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm

Thursday, July 24

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, July 27

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Baptism of Lydia Canup, 10:30
- First Communion for Brinley Bernhardt, Lela Canup, Oliver Newsome Otto Newsome, and Gracelyn Ziegler
- Contemporary Choir rehearsal, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Youth and Family Blue Waters Pool Day

Join us today—**July 20th, at 1pm**, and cool off at Blue Waters Pool. Admission will be covered. Contact Michael Canup for info.

August Blood Drive

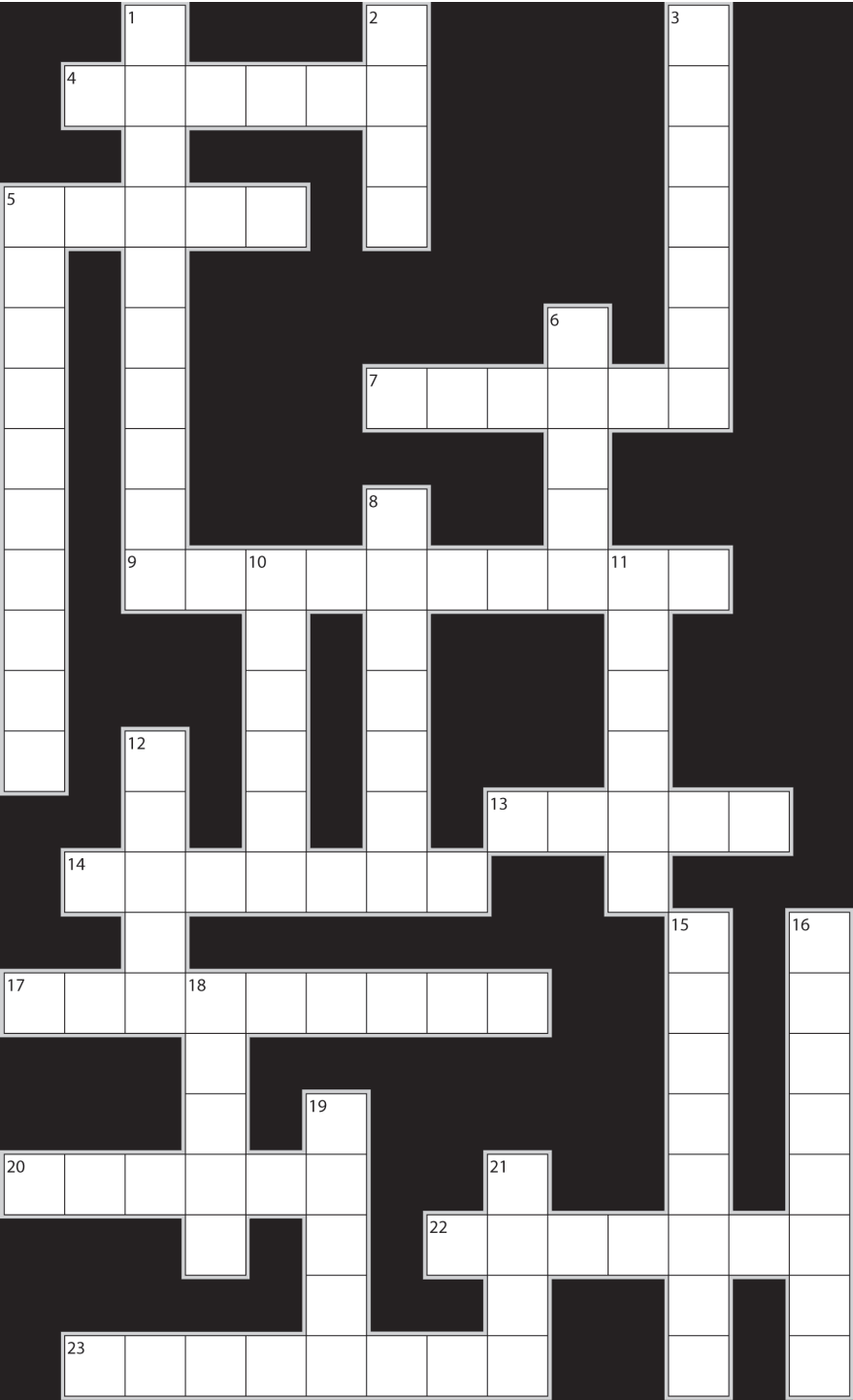
The next blood drive at St. Paul's will be on **August 18**, from **1:30–6pm**. Due to the extensive renovations scheduled to be done at our church, **this will be our last blood drive until the renovations are completed.**



Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – home; recovering from surgery
- Eric Barringer – upcoming surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Jan Dolan – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani, father of Lisa Lord – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – health concerns
- 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.



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Genesis 18:1-14; Psalm 27; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. Paul and Timothy labored to present everyone developed to this extent.
5. Who did Abraham tell to make cakes?
7. Sarah denied laughing because she was _____.
9. Paul says he rejoices in what?
13. What Abraham brought to the three men.
14. Be strong, and let your heart take _____.
17. When war arises against me I will be _____.
20. Into whose home was Jesus welcomed?
22. Jesus wants us to have the good _____ like Mary.
23. Mary did this while she sat at the Lord's feet.

DOWN

1. What will be offered in the Lord's tent?
2. Martha complained to the Lord because she wanted this from her sister.
3. What Sarah did when she heard the Lord say she would have a son?
5. The Lord is the _____ of my life.
6. Mary chose what would not be _____.
8. Martha was upset that she had much of this to do.
10. The Lord will take me in, even when my mother and _____ forsake me.
11. Do not shift from your hope in this.
12. Paul became a minister to make the word of God fully _____.
15. Is _____ too hard for the Lord?
16. False witnesses breathe what?
18. We are reconciled if we continue in this.
19. Where the Lord appeared to Abraham.
21. Paul was to make it fully known.

Stats

General Fund Offering (7/13)	\$9,919
Other Offering (7/13).....	\$3,216
Sunday School Attendance reported (7/13)	64
Worship Attendance (7/13)	176

Children's Change Collection

During the third quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Friends of Madagascar Mission.

Last Sunday: \$148.50 was collected.

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$19,720.62 for missions.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 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. **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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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 18:17-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

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