



Give us each day
our daily bread.

Luke 11:3

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

And I tell you, ask,
and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.
Luke 11:9



Memory Verse Aid

AITY,A,
AIWBGTY;
S,AYWF;
K,AIWBOTY.
LII9

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Anna Laura Page

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: “Lord, As Incense Rises before Thee”

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Verse 1

Lord, as incense rises before Thee,
so my voice in prayer shall ascend.
Hear me when I cry: come Thou quickly;
graciously to me descend.
Lift my hands to give
the sacrifice of praise.
Look with mercy on my ways.

Verse 2

Set as sentinel Thy Spirit
at my lips and mouth and heart.
Guard and guide me; by Thy merit
cause all evil to depart.
From my words and thoughts,
my actions and my life,
purify and save me from strife.

Verse 3

Turn my heart to Thee, holy Father,
turn my eyes to Thy holy Son.
Turn my life, by Thy Holy Spirit
to the victory Christ has won:
To the refuge sure, which
given by his grace,
keeps me ever in Thy embrace.

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.

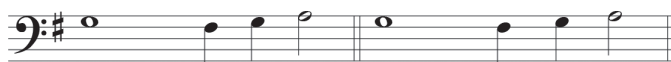


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

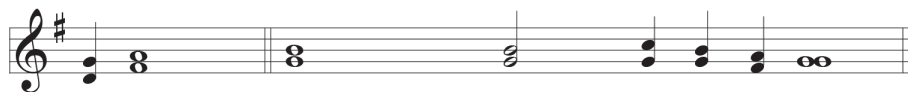


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



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



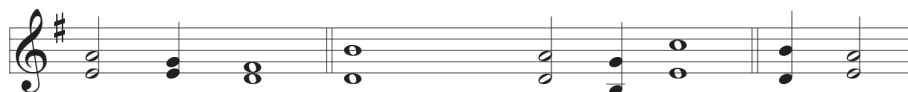
we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



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.

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated

A - men.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:17–33

¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the

righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and | praise your Name,**

because of your | love and faithfulness;

³For you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.

⁴**When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right | hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon
the works | of your hands.

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6–19

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about

visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven”

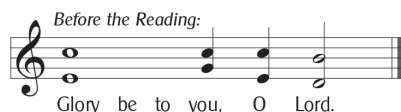
Laura Brock

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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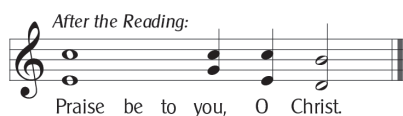
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eleventh chapter.



Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’?

⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Order for Holy Baptism

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A hymnal in honor of Lydia's baptism has been placed in the sanctuary this morning. The white rose on the rail is also placed in honor of her baptism.

The Baptism of Lydia Ruby Canup

Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God using the words of the Nicene Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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 from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Our Daily Bread"

Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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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

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly 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

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.

*Receiving their First Communion today are
Brinley Bernhardt, Lela Canup,
Oliver Newsome, and Otto Newsome.*

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 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: "An Air for the Trumpet"

Philipp Telemann

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.

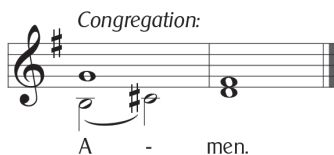
Benediction

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.



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.

Funeral Assistants Needed

We need **acolytes, crucifers, ushers, and soundboard techs for funerals**. We have a very short list of people who volunteer to help with funerals. The same people are called on time after time and are not always available, especially during vacation months. We need a longer list. **Please call the church office and let us know** that you are willing to help so we can put your name on our call list.

When one of our church or family members dies, we need to be sure we are providing the best possible service for the family. Please consider adding your name to the list. This is a great way to be of service to the Lord.

2025 Rally Sunday—August 24

Rally Sunday is the day we kick off the new Sunday School year at St. Paul's. The morning will start with **breakfast at 8:30am**. Listen for important announcements at 9:15am. **Sunday School starts at 9:30am**. Be sure to stay for worship at 10:30am. We will enjoy fellowship later at the **Congregational Ice Cream Supper in the picnic shelter at 5:30pm**.

We encourage all of you to come to Sunday School each Sunday, and bring a friend. There are classes for all ages.

Senior Project—Disaster Relief

Salem Lutheran church is making disaster relief buckets and asking for help. **Sheridan Drew** is taking this on as her senior year volunteer project. She and her mother Jamie will be volunteering at the **bucket assembly event on Saturday, August 23rd**. Sheridan is asking for your help with item donation. The following items are being requested: **half-gallon bleach, dishwashing gloves, Comet/Pinesol, scrub brushes, paper towels and cotton rags**. A donation bin has been placed in the narthex. Jamie will pick up the donations Thursday, August 21st. Cash donations can also be made. Sheridan and Jamie will purchase items needed with the money (mark envelope 'buckets').

Salem is looking for more volunteers to help with assembly. The event will be from 10am-2pm. They will provide lunch.

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 27

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Baptism of Lydia Canup, during 10:30 worship service
- First Communion for Brinley Bernhardt, Lela Canup, Oliver Newsome, Otto Newsome, during 10:30 worship service
- Contemporary Choir rehearsal, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm (note time change)
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, July 28

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 29

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, July 30

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, July 31

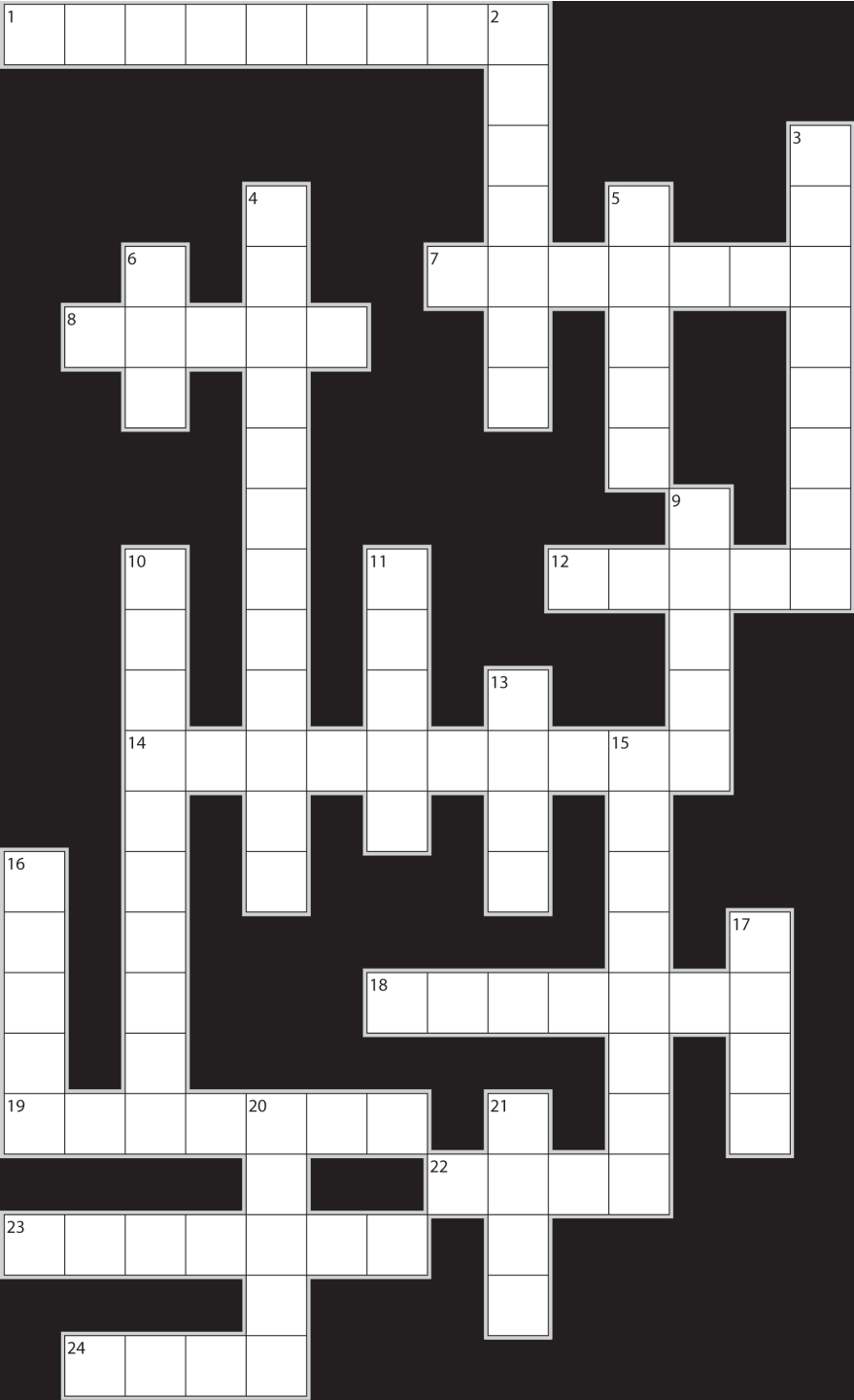
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon in the fellowship hall

Sunday, August 3

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Bernhardt reunion, Noon
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 11:45 in the parlor
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Contemporary Choir rehearsal, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- College Ministry, 4pm
- No Vespers this evening

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.**



Pentecost 7C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Genesis 18:17-33; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. We should be thankful because God has this kind of love.
7. From whom did the Lord consider hiding what he was about to do?
8. We should give thanks to God with our whole...
12. We should walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him and established in...
14. Do not be taken captive by this.
18. The Lord would fulfill this in David.
19. May it come.
22. Even though the messengers had left him, Abraham still stood before whom?
23. Christian circumcision
24. Lord, teach us to...

DOWN

2. God preserved the psalmist's life though he walked in the midst of this.
3. Great was the sin of Sodom and...
4. We have been been circumcised with a circumcision made without these.
5. We pray for what kind of bread?
6. Finally, Abraham asked God if he would destroy the whole city if there were this many righteous in the city.
9. Initially, Abraham asked God if he would destroy the whole city if there were this many righteous in the city.
10. We ask that we be not led into this.
11. The messengers of God (the men) went from Abraham to this city.
13. God has exalted above all things his name and his...
15. We pray that the Father's name be...
16. Ask, seek, and...
17. Christ Jesus nailed this to the cross.
20. The fullness of this dwells in Christ Jesus.
21. God increased the psalmist's strength of what?

Stats

General Fund Offering (7/13).....	\$4,480
Other Offering (7/13).....	\$2,501
Sunday School Attendance reported (7/13)	79
Worship Attendance (7/13)	184

Children's Change Collection

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

Last Sunday: \$155.00 Total so far: \$452.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$19,875.62 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.

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
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Sarah Goodman – 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
- Linda Shirley – health concerns
- Kim Wilhelm – 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.



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14, 2:18–26; Psalm 100; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

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