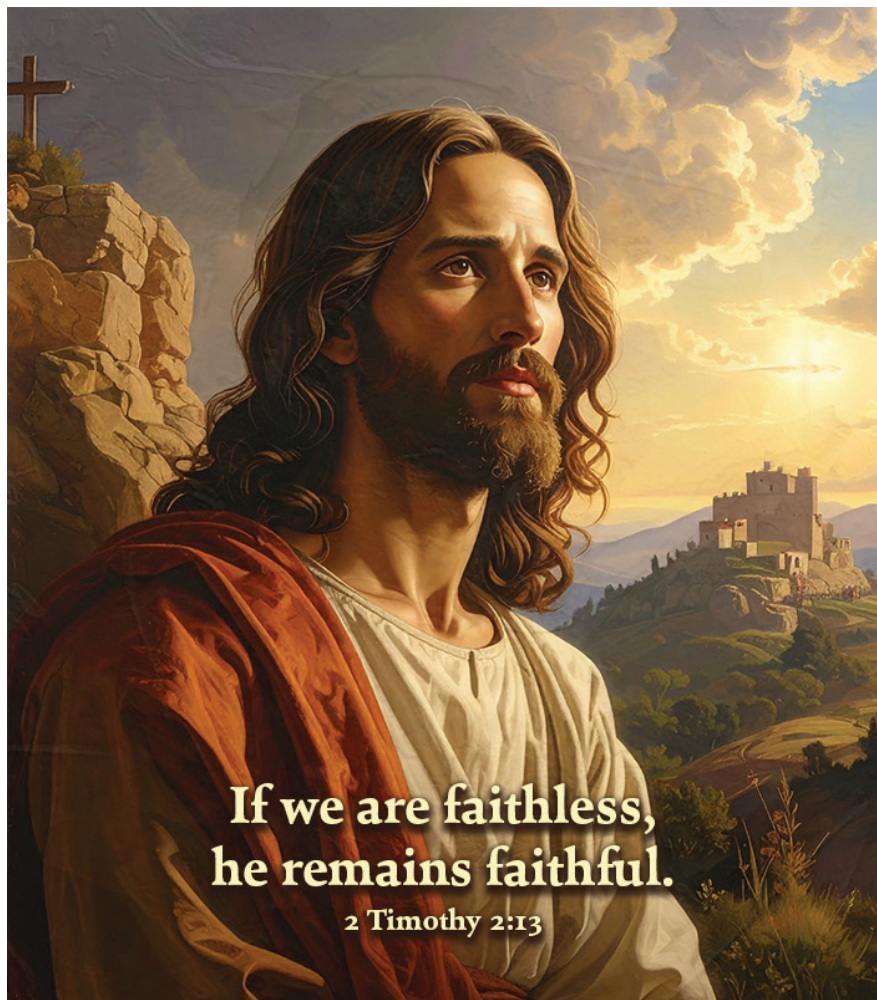




**If we are faithless,
he remains faithful.**

2 Timothy 2:13

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Communion Assistants: Crystal Bost & Donna Lyerly

This Week's Memory Verse

If we endure,
we will also reign with him;
if we deny him,
he also will deny us.
2 Timothy 2:12



Memory Verse Aid

IWE,
WWARWH;
IWDH,
HAWDU.
2T212

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Prelude and Meditation on ‘Olivet’”

John Barr

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: “How Great Thou Art”

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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:

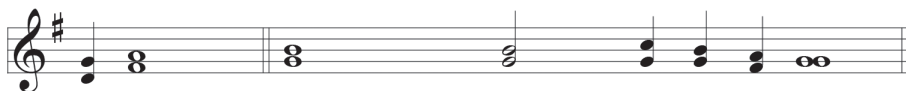


Glory be to God on high!

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.

O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation—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: Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and

the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years,⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me."⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons,¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me."¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again.

And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God."¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."¹⁸ And

when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ^{19a} So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are the deeds | of the LORD!**
they are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;**
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works**
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded
his cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is his Name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;**
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working

farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself. *The word of the Lord.*

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Anthem: “Jesus Loves Me”

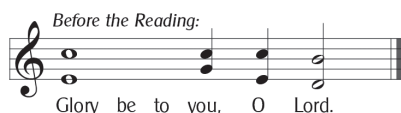
Andrew and Elizabeth Baker

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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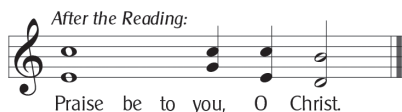
The Holy Gospel according to the seventeenth chapter of Luke.



Gospel: Luke 17:11–19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God with 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 from the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Power of the Word"

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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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.

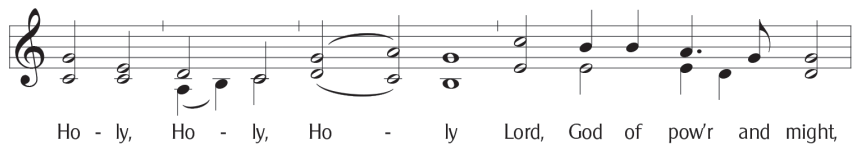
Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.



It is truly good, right, and good for us 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 altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

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: "Lift High the Cross"

Janet Linker

*We remain seated, worshipping 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.



The Calendar this Week

Sunday, October 12

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

All are welcome to meet with us for Morning Prayer Monday–Friday, at 8:30am in the chapel.

Monday, October 13

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 14

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Trinity Oaks birthday party, 2:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, October 15

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation, 7pm

Thursday, October 16

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon
- Friendship Club, 10:30am

Sunday, October 19

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Trunk or Treat

The Youth and Family Committee will host Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 31st**. There will be trunks, games, and a cake walk. We could use extra candy if you are able (a box will be in the narthex for candy). We also need baked goods for the cake walk. Cakes, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc. may be dropped off in the fellowship hall **after 3pm on October 30th**.

All activities will be in front of the church. Volunteers are needed. To volunteer, use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/uKWmDbbkSj?origin=lprLink>

the QR code, contact me (Ciji Fisher, 704-202-2079) or any member of the Youth & Family Committee.



Barringer's Mission Trip

God has opened an incredible opportunity for us in January 2026. Sara and I will be traveling with North Hills Christian School on a mission trip to San Pedro de Poas, Costa Rica. We will be putting our faith into action by helping to provide meals and resources, and by sharing Christ's love with those who desperately need to be reminded that they are seen and cared for by their Creator.

The cost is about \$2,000 per person. We are reaching out, asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with us, whether financially, or by covering us in prayer as we prepare for this experience. More details will be in the November Epistle.

We will be deeply grateful for your support and prayers as we step out in faith. Checks may be made payable to Amy Barringer before January 1, 2026.

Amy Barringer

First Communion Classes

Pastor Ryman will have classes on First Communion in the chapel November 2, 9, and 23 at Noon. Classes 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. Each class lasts about 30 minutes. Please call the church office to let us know if your child will be attending.

Kitchen Supplies

As we look to the beginning of the kitchen remodel, storage space will be at a premium. Kitchen paper supplies will be ordered on an as-needed basis for immediate upcoming events. We will also be ordering only standard size items.

Any opened sleeves will need to be stored in plastic containers. These containers are currently located in the adult Sunday school classroom. All items are labeled for easy access. If you have a small group event (Circles, Lutheran Men, etc.), please ensure ahead of time that there are enough supplies on hand to accommodate your event. Also, if you provide your own supplies, please take the excess home. Thank you for your help. Please contact Dana or Crystal Bost with any questions or requests.

Pastor Appreciation

Every October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Plan to do something intentional for your Pastor(s) this October and every October. Affirm your Pastor(s) for their ministry.

**We ask you, brothers, to respect those
who labor among you
and are over you in the Lord
and admonish you, and to esteem them
very highly in love because of their work.
Be at peace among yourselves.**

1 Thessalonians 5:12–13

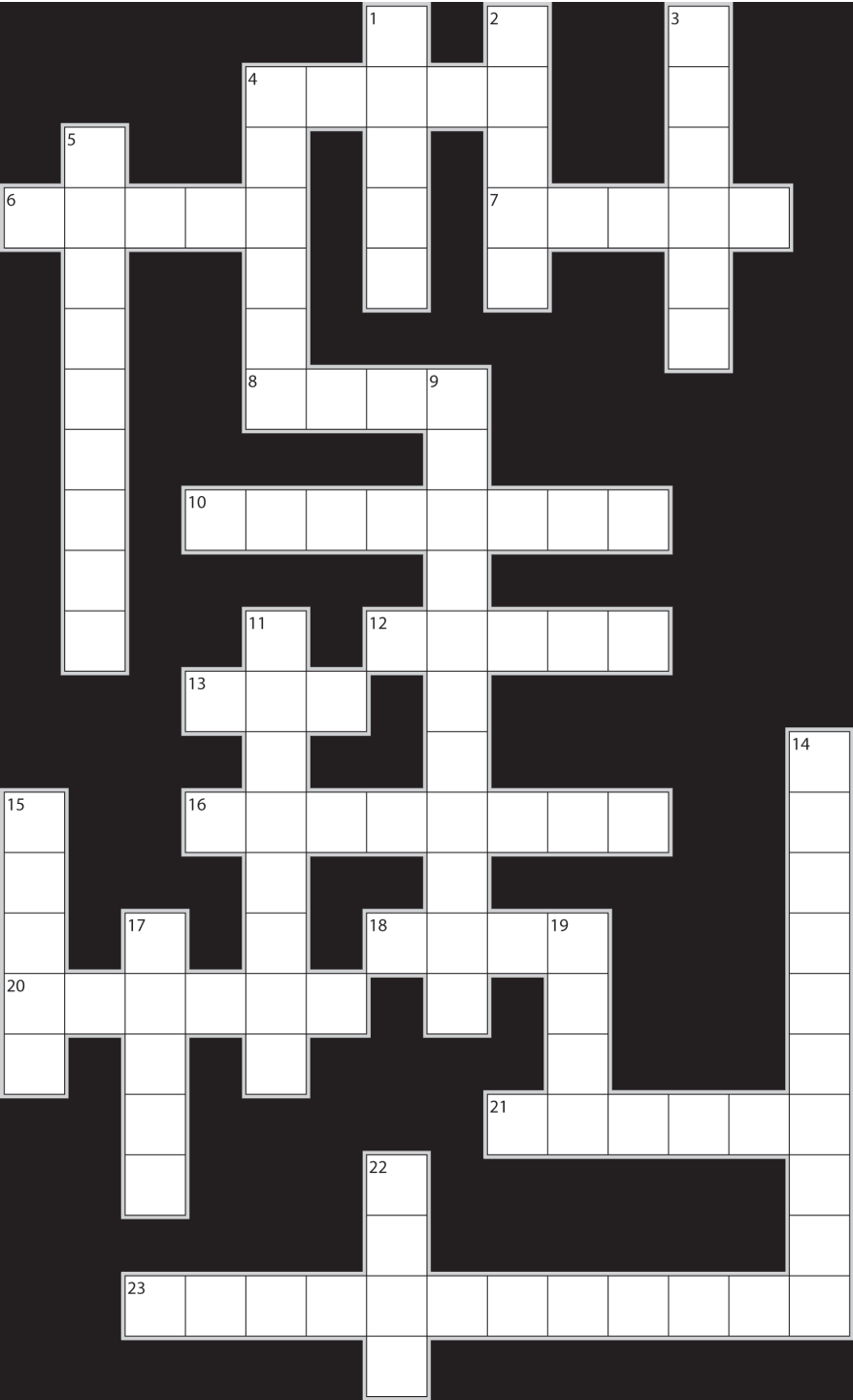
Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty and Don Camerlin – health concerns
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Bonnie Hinson – health concerns
- Peyton Holland – upcoming surgery
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Jan McCanless – health concerns
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Bobby Shelton, Dani Cottingham's father – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Robert Weed – health concerns
- Steve Yost – health concerns

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.

**Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.**

Isaiah 41:10



Pentecost 18C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Ruth 1:1-19a; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. Paul wanted Timothy to be strengthened by this.
6. The offspring of David
7. Remember Jesus Christ...from the dead.
8. If we have died with Christ Jesus, we will also do this with him.
10. If we are faithless, Christ Jesus remains...
12. Elimelech's wife
13. Ruth declared that Naomi's God would be her own what?
16. The Lord is gracious and...
18. The beginning of wisdom
20. Paul was bound in these.
21. Grace is found in him.
23. Praise God in their company.

DOWN

1. This made the leper well.
2. Give thanks to the Lord with all of this.
3. Jesus cleansed ten of them.
4. The reason Paul was bound as a criminal
5. Naomi and Ruth traveled until they came to this city.
9. Elimelech and his wife were from this clan that later became known as Bethlehem.
11. The Lord remembers this forever.
14. The Lord sent this to his people.
15. Paul endured everything for their sake.
17. Naomi urged her daughters-in-law to leave Moab and do this.
19. Naomi's faithful daughter-in-law
22. It is not bound.

Stats

General Fund offering 10/5.....	\$8,094
Other offering 10/5.....	\$2,480
Worship attendance 10/5	187
Sunday School attendance reported 10/5.....	55

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$206

Collections for this quarter of 2025 will go to
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$21,689.62 for missions.

The total collected for Friends of Madagascar Mission
during the third quarter of 2025 was \$2,248.50.

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

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He Abideth

Find the 26 bold words from 2 Timothy 2:1-13 KJV.

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

No man that warreth **entangleth** himself with the **affairs** of this **life**; that he may please him who hath **chosen** him to be a **soldier**. And if a man also strive for **masteries**, yet is he not **crowned**, except he strive **lawfully**. The husbandman that **laboureth** must be first **partaker** of the **fruits**. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the **seed** of **David** was **raised** from the **dead** according to my **gospel**: Wherein I suffer **trouble**, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I **endure** all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the **salvation** which is in **Christ** Jesus with **eternal glory**. It is a **faithful** saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we **suffer**, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he **abideth** faithful: he cannot **deny** himself.



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 32:22–30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

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