



Continue in what you have learned
and have firmly believed.

2 Timothy 3:14

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

The LORD shall preserve you
from all evil;
it is he who
shall keep you safe.
Psalm 121:7



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Variations on ‘Slane’”

Setting, David Lasky

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 of All Hopefulness”

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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:

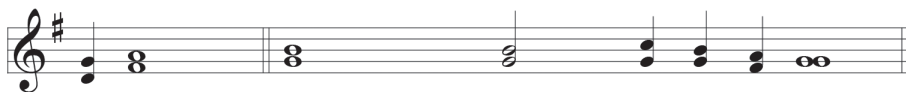


Glory be to God on high!

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace—through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone.

And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.
²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
³He will not let your | foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel**
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
⁵The LORD himself watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,
⁶**So that the sun shall not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
⁷The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep you safe.
⁸**The LORD shall watch over your going out**
and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how

from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Think on these Things”

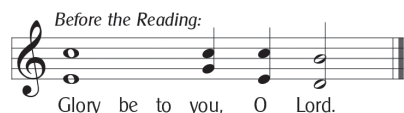
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

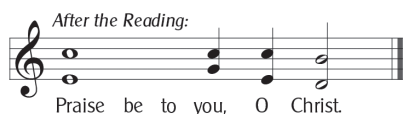


Gospel: Luke 18:1–8

¹[Jesus] told [his disciples] a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain

city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.
³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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;

Children's Chat

Hymn: “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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

Exhortation

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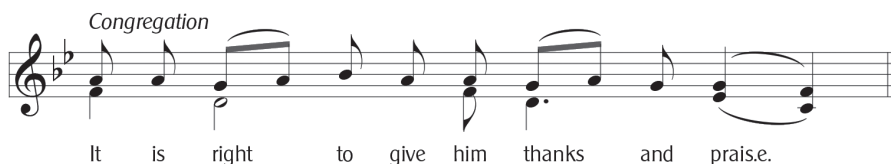
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Leader

The Lord be with you.

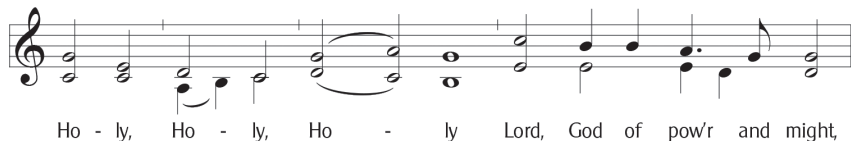
Congregation

And with your spir - it



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,
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 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: "Crown Him Lord of All"

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.

Congregation:

A - men.

*The altar flowers are placed in honor of
the 45th wedding anniversary of Terri and Alan Powlas.*



*The rail flowers are in loving memory of
Oscar Fesperman (Beau) and Melvin Pepper, Jr.,
whose birthdays are October 20th,
and in honor of the 1st wedding anniversary
of Madeline and Jeremy Scott,
given by Kimberly and Samuel Pepper.*



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.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, October 19

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

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

Monday, October 20

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- November newsletter articles due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 21

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, October 26, Reformation Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Holy Land Christian Solidarity visiting, 10:30am
- Congregational Photo after worship; wear red
- Men's Choir practice, 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 the QR code, this link:

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

or 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

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19–20

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

National Wreaths Across America Day — December 13, 2025

Girl Scout Troop 743 will be helping to place wreaths on graves at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex again this year. If you would like to sponsor a wreath to be placed on a Veteran's grave, mark your envelope with your name and the word **'wreaths' with \$17 per wreath** enclosed.

So that there is time to order the wreaths, the **deadline is November 30th**. To make a donation online, visit the website at www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/NCo277.



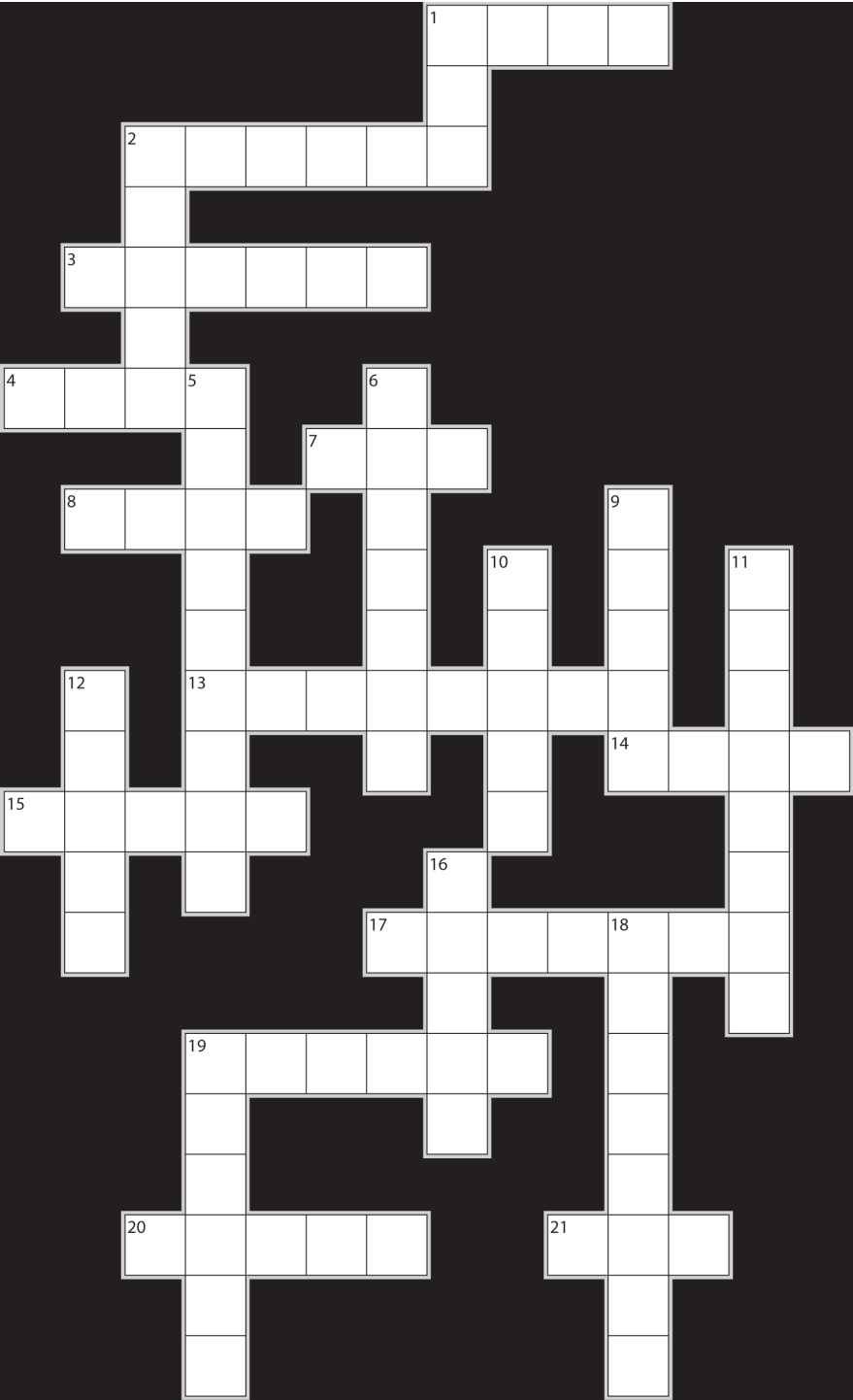
Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – Novant/Rowan
- Don Camerlin – health concerns
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns; Novant/Rowan
- Tricia Clark – recovering from surgery
- Myralyn Goodman – 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; Novant/Rowan
- 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 – recovering at home
- 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 19C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Genesis 32:22–30; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; and Luke 18:1–8.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .*

ACROSS

1. The Scripture equips us for these works.
2. Timothy had been acquainted with these writings since boyhood.
3. Jacob and his household crossed a ford there.
4. The psalmist lifted them to the hills.
7. It will not strike you in the daytime.
8. It comes from the Lord.
13. The Scripture is profitable for this.
14. The Lord will keep you from this (7th petition).
15. He wrestled with God.
17. What God does not do
19. Paul told Timothy to do this with the word.
20. She cried out to the judge in today's parable.
21. The man touched this socket.

DOWN

1. Jacob had seen him face to face.
2. The Lord is this on your right hand.
5. The Scripture is able to make you wise for this.
6. God will give this to his elect.
9. He did not fear God or respect man.
10. When the Lord returns, will he find this on earth?
11. Paul told Timothy to fulfill this.
12. Pray and do not lose it.
16. God will give justice to them.
18. What Jacob desired from the man
19. The location was called this because Jacob had seen God's face.

Stats

General Fund offering 10/12	\$9,034
Other offering 10/12	\$6,875
Worship attendance 10/12	169
Sunday School attendance 10/12	82

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$173.50 Total so far: \$379.50
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

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 your names the friendship register.** This helps us know who communes, and how many are worshipping.

Preach the Word

Find the 24 bold words from 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5 KJV.

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

All **scripture** is given by **inspiration** of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly **furnished** unto all good works. I **charge** thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus **Christ**, who shall **judge** the quick and the dead at his **appearing** and his **kingdom**; **preach** the word; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove**, **rebuke**, **exhort** with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not **endure** sound **doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves **teachers**, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the **truth**, and shall be turned unto **fables**. But **watch** thou in all things, endure **afflictions**, do the work of an **evangelist**, make full proof of thy **ministry**.



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Next weeks lessons: Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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