



*May the Lord
direct your hearts
to the love of God...*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

As for you, brothers,
do not grow weary
in doing good.
2 Thessalonians 3:13



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Partita on ‘St. Anne’”

David Lasky

Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹**You shall have no other gods before me.**

²**You 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.**

³**Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.**

⁴**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

⁵**You shall not kill.**

⁶**You shall not commit adultery.**

⁷**You shall not steal.**

⁸**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

⁹**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

¹⁰**You 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: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



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



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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

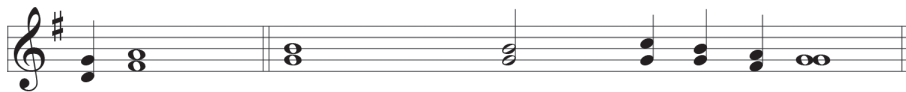


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



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



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



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear

my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,
for he has done | marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his | holy arm
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

³The LORD has made | known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight | of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the | house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory | of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁸**Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD, when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹⁰**In righteousness shall he | judge the world
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: "This Is the Day"

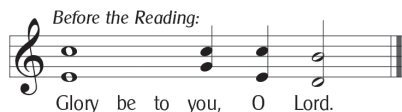
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.



Gospel: Luke 21:5-36

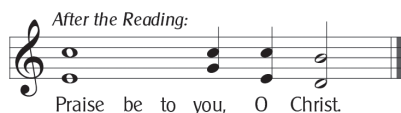
⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And [the disciples] asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake.

¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who

are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” *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

Hymn: "Abide with Me"

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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

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.

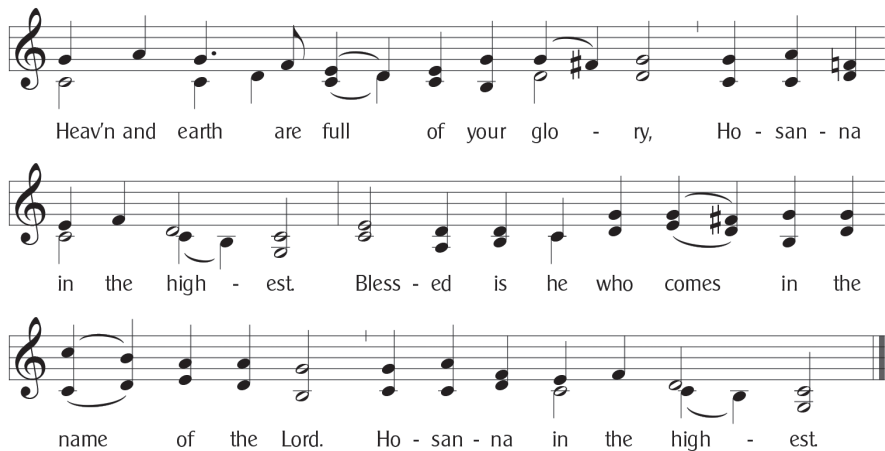
Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Mark Thewes

*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.



Janet Powell McCanless

November 23, 1943 – November 8, 2025

Visitation and Funeral Service will be held
on Tuesday, November 18, 2025,
at Linn-Honeycutt Funeral Home.

Visitation, 12pm

Funeral Service, 1pm

Interment, 2:30pm

Salisbury VA National Cemetery

*Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord
from now on.
...because they will rest
from their labors,
for their works follow them.*

Revelation 14:13



Linda Saunders Hess

October 19, 1940 – November 8, 2025

The Funeral Service will be held
on Thursday, November 20, 2025,
in St. Paul's Lutheran Church sanctuary.

Funeral Service, 1:30pm

A private interment will be held on a later date at
the Salisbury VA National 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 Class

The last class on First Communion will be **next Sunday, November 23**, at Noon with Pastor Ryman in the chapel. This class' First Communion will be November 30th.

Barringer's Mission Trip

Sara and Amy Barringer will be traveling with North Hills Christian School on a mission trip to San Pedro de Poas, Costa Rica. The cost is about \$2,000 per person. They are asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with them, financially, or by prayer as they prepare for this experience. See the November Epistle for more details. Checks may be made payable to Amy Barringer before January 1, 2026.

Recent Prayer Needs

Please notify the church office when a prayer request should be removed from this list or updated.

- Don Camerlin – recovering from surgery
- Wilbur Canup – health concerns
- Helen Gordon – recovering from surgery
- Mary Holland – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Lottie Simpson – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns
- The family of Jan McCanless
- The family of Linda Hess

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.

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. Checks should be payable to St. Paul's. The **deadline is November 30th**, so that there is time to order the wreaths. You may also go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0277 to make a donation online.



Poinsettias

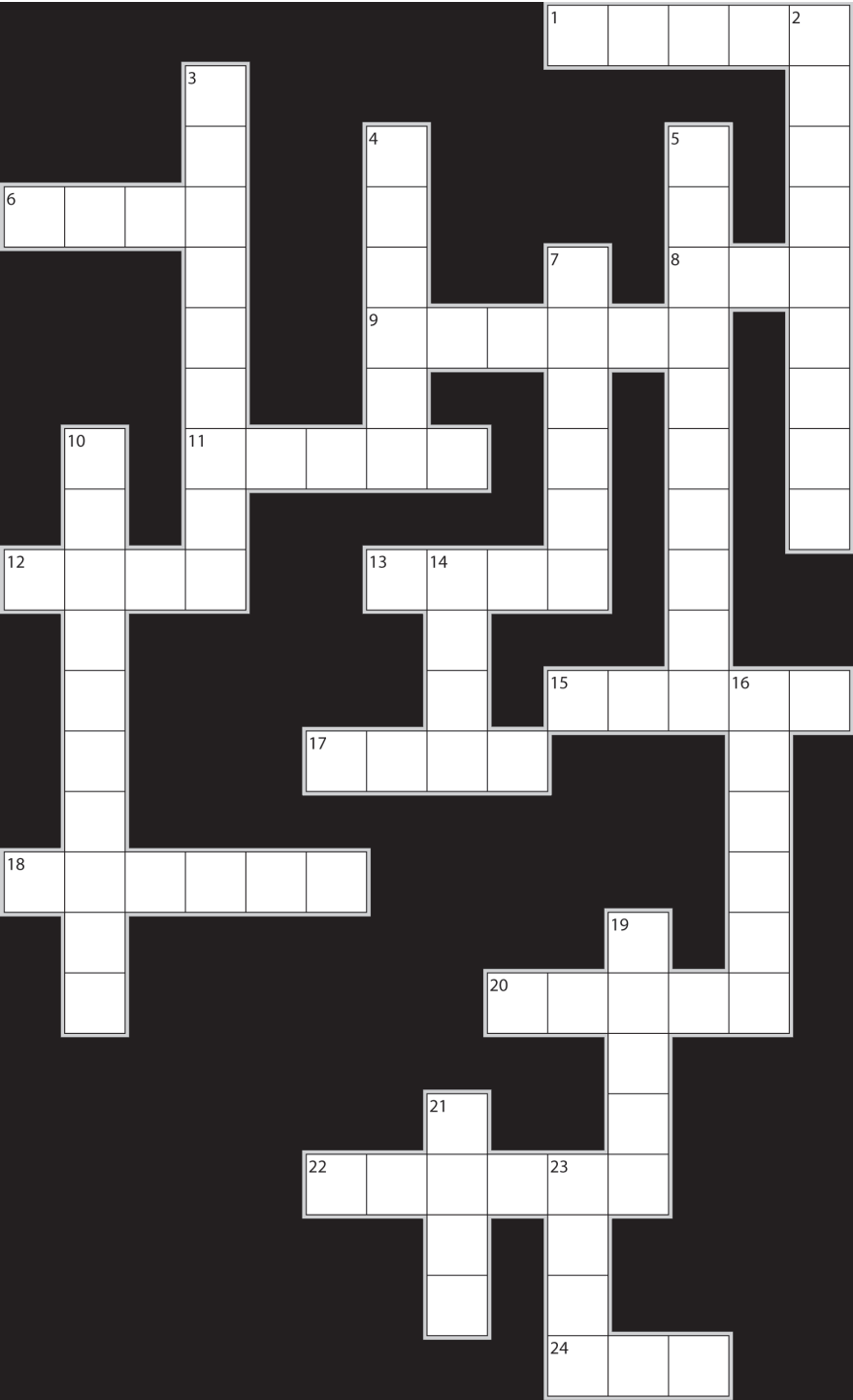
If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be used in decorating the church for Christmas, they will be **\$14 each**. The **deadline** to order a poinsettia is **Sunday, December 14**.

Forms for poinsettias will be in the narthex beginning in November 23rd. A booklet of poinsettia memorials/honorariums will be available on Christmas Eve.

You are asked to take your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service. Any poinsettias left after worship on December 28th will be discarded.

Contact Information

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number has changed, please contact the church office right away. It is important that your contact information is updated with the church so that you receive emails and mailings, and that the correct information is in the next yearbook.



Pentecost 23C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Malachi 4:1-6; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-36.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .*

ACROSS

1. There will be signs in sun and moon and...
6. Do not grow weary in doing this.
8. Let it roar.
9. God will judge people with this.
11. Make it joyful and to the Lord.
12. Keep away from this sort of brother.
13. He is faithful.
15. Remember his law.
17. God's what has worked salvation?
18. God will give you this kind of mouth.
20. Not all have this.
22. Elijah will turn them from children to their fathers.
24. If anyone will not work, let him not do this.

DOWN

2. The Lord has made it known.
3. By this you will gain your lives.
4. Let them clap their hands.
5. Some in the church were not busy at work but instead...
7. You will tread them down on the day of the Lord.
10. When you see the Son of Man coming in the cloud, this is drawing near.
14. The day is coming and burning like what?
16. What prophet will God send before the day of the Lord comes?
19. The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its what?
21. If you hear about them, do not be terrified.
23. If someone claims this is at hand, do not follow them.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, November 16

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Annual Congregational meeting, **10:20am**
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Handbell Ensemble rehearsal, 5pm
- No Vespers

Join us for Morning Prayer Monday–Friday, at 8:30am in the chapel.

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 23

- Last of 3 First Communion Classes, Noon in the chapel
- Thanksgiving lunch at Faith Lutheran, Noon—a freewill offering accepted for the meal will go to a family in need.
- Vespers, 6pm

May Trip Scam Alert

If you receive an email asking for \$400, from Susan Bernhardt, supposedly because of the May Christian Tour trip, **it is not her.** She has not sent an email, nor will she ask for money. That is handled by Christian Tours. With questions about the trip, please call Susan Bernhardt at 704-637-0155.

Stats

General Fund offering 11/9	\$8,949
Other offering 11/9.....	\$3,507
Worship attendance 11/9	209
Sunday School attendance 11/9.....	82

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$215.50 Total so far: \$1,160.50
Collections for this quarter of 2025 will go to
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$22,470.62 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.

More information
about St. Paul's Missions
may be found at
StPaulsLutheran.Church/Missionaries



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. You may email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure your and your family member's names are written in the friendship register each Sunday.**



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Malachi 3:13-18; Psalm 95:1-7a; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

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