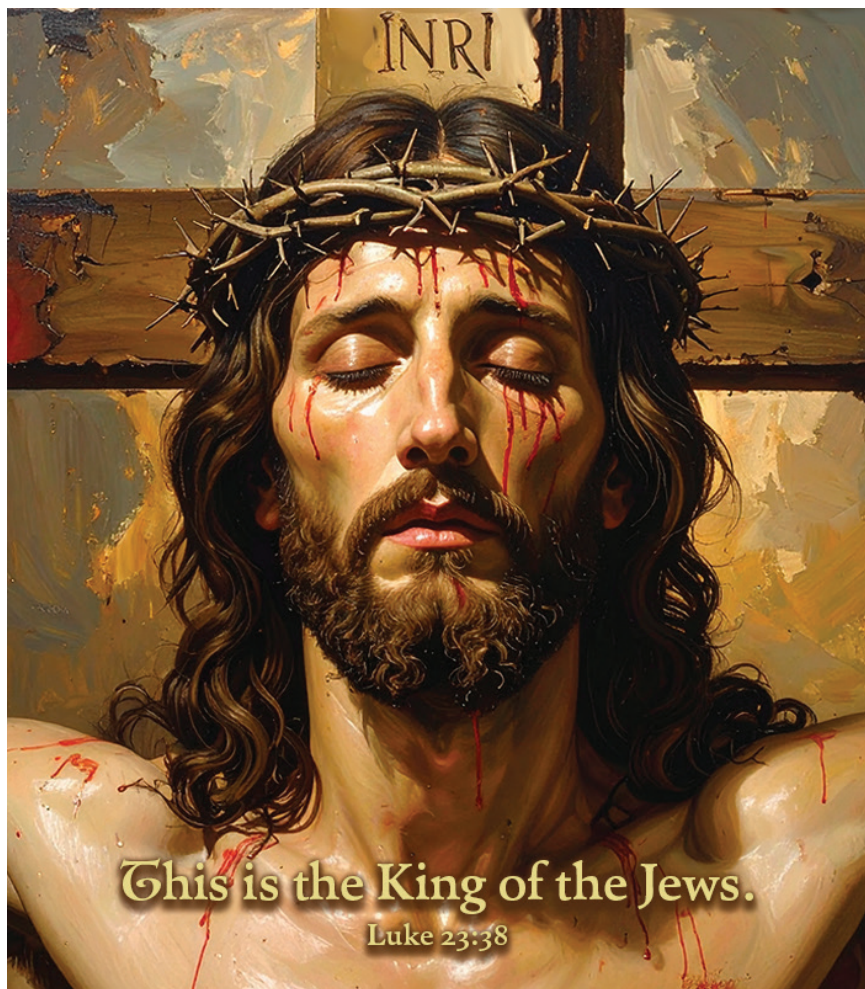




Christ the King

November 23, 2025 • 10:30AM

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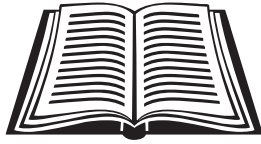
Acolyte: Alyssa McCraven • Crucifer: Hila Canup

Lector: Amy Hoffner

Communion Assistants: Nicole Amos & Sarah Fesperman

This Week's Memory Verse

Truly, I say to you,
today you will be
with me in paradise.
Luke 23:43



Memory Verse Aid

TISTY
TYWB
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L2343

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O Worship the King”

Phil Lehenbauer

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.

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: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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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:

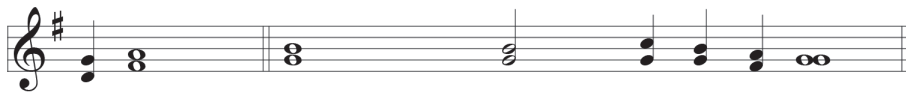


Glory be to God on high!

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or

of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

³For the LORD | is a great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down, and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**

^{7a}For he is our God, and we are the people | of his pasture
and the sheep | of his hand.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all

things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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.



Offertory: “Thanks Be to God”

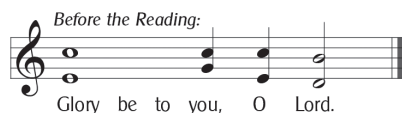
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Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.



Gospel: Luke 23:27-43

²⁷There followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’

³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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 Very Present King"

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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Prayers of the Church

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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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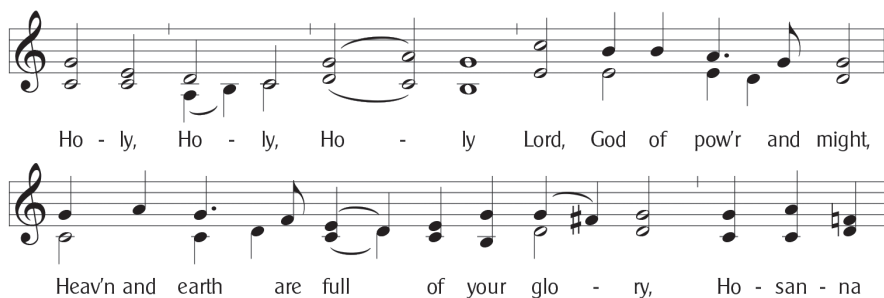
Leader *Congregation*

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



It is truly good, right, and 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: "The King of Glory"

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.

*Our love and sympathy is extended to Susie Page
on the death of her sister Ruby Kluttz,
who died Monday, November 10, 2025.
Please keep Susie and her family in your prayers.*



First Communion Class

The last class on First Communion is today Noon with Pastor Ryman in the chapel. Students in this class will receive their first Communion next Sunday, November 30th.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be ordered soon to be used in decorating the church for Christmas. The cost is **\$14 each**. The **deadline** to order a poinsettia is **Sunday, December 14**. Please use the forms in the narthex to order.

We ask that you take your poinsettias with you after the Christmas Eve Service. Any 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. We will be putting together the 2026 year book soon. We ask just a few moments of your time to keep the church records up-to-date.



*Congratulations to Hailey and Brandon Smith
on the birth of their son, Nolan Reid Smith.
Nolan was born on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.*

St. Paul's Men Tomorrow – November 24th, 2025, 6:30 PM

North African Dinner

Topic: Jesus in the Bible and the Qur'an:

Similarities and Differences

Guest Speaker: Pastor George Saieg

Born in Sudan and residing in the United States since 1996, Pastor Saieg is the founder and director of the Ministry to Muslims Network (M2M Network).

M2M Network is a worldwide ministry dedicated to equipping the Body of Christ and reaching out to Muslims with the gospel. Join us for what is sure to be a very interesting, informative and timely program.

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
- Edna Chapman – 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
- Melinda Redding – upcoming surgery
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Lottie Simpson – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Hollis Wilhelm – health concerns; recovering at home
- 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 next Sunday, November 30th**. You may use the QR code here, or go to www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NCo277 to make a donation online.



Barringer's Mission Trip

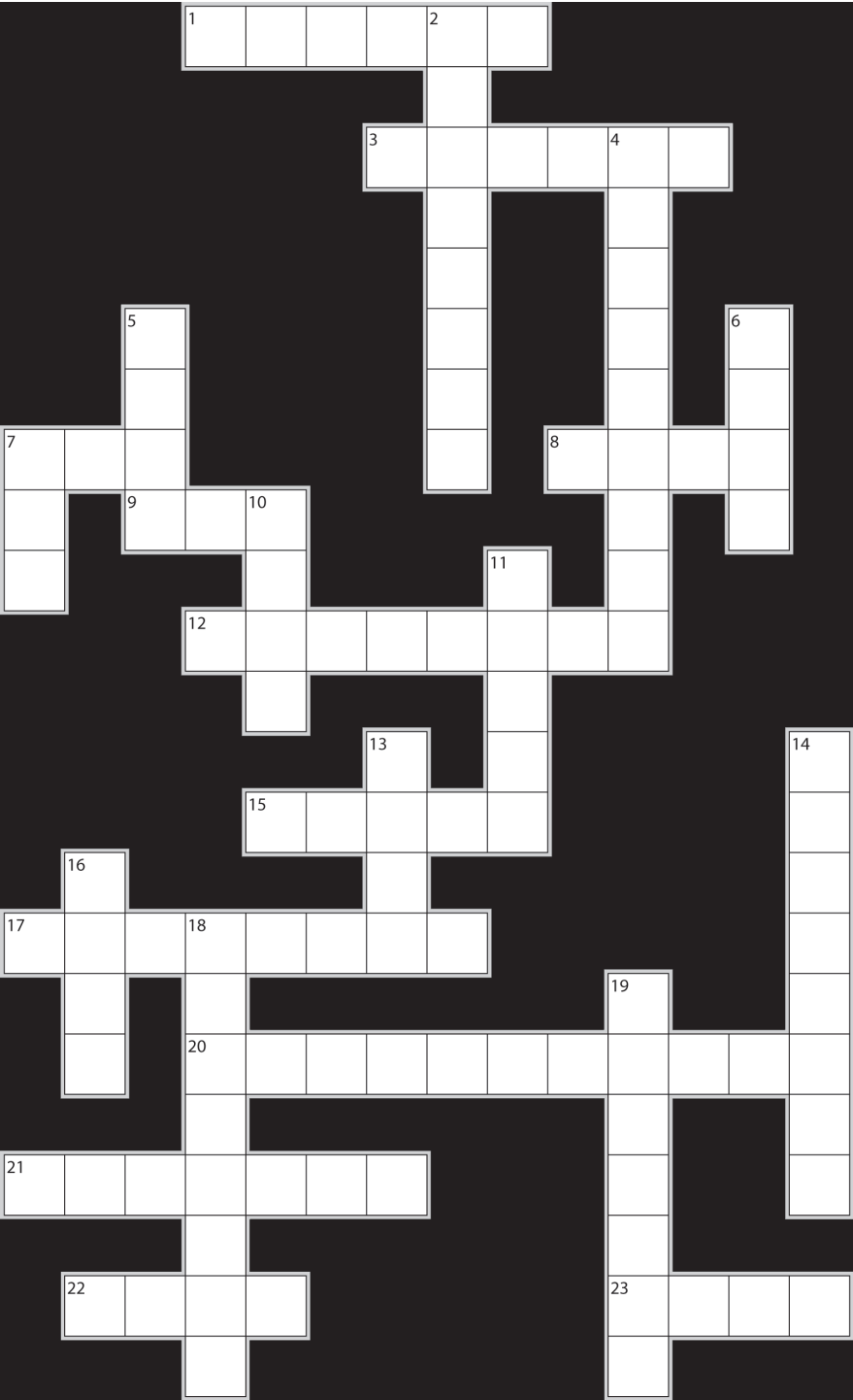
Sara and Amy Barringer will be traveling with North Hills Christian School on a mission trip to San Pedro de Poas, Costa Rica. The cost is about \$2,000 per person. They are asking you to prayerfully consider partnering with them, financially, or by prayer as they prepare for this experience. See the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

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.

Advent

Suppers and services during Advent will be Wednesdays December 3, 10, and 17. Supper will be at 6pm and services will begin at 7pm.



Christ the King C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Malachi 3:13-18; Psalm 95:1-7; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .*

ACROSS

1. Christ is the head of this body.
3. You shall see the distinction between the righteous and the...
7. The Lord has transferred us to his kingdom.
8. The soldiers offered this kind of wine to Jesus.
9. The people said it is vain to serve him.
12. The Lord has delivered us from this domain.
15. Christ Jesus has made peace for us with God through this.
17. Jesus told the criminal that today he would be with him there.
20. Similar to the Book of Life, there is a Book of..
21. The criminal asked Jesus to remember him when he arrived there.
22. In the Son, we have the forgiveness of these.
23. God is this for our salvation.

DOWN

2. Weep for them.
4. They prosper.
5. God is this above all gods.
6. Let us sing to him.
7. It is God's because he made it.
10. Christ is the firstborn from there.
11. When those who feared the Lord prayed, God...
13. What the soldiers cast to divide Jesus' garments
14. The soldiers told Jesus to save...
16. Where the depths of the earth are held
18. We call them blessed.
19. We are the people of God's...

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, November 23

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

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

Monday, November 24

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- Lutheran Men, 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

- No Choir practice
- No Youth Confirmation
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm

Thursday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Lunch, 1pm
- Church office closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

- Church office closed for Thanksgiving
- Canups and Middle/High School Youth take Christmas gifts/toys to Binns-Counts Community Center

Sunday, November 30

- First Communion during 10:30 service for Caroline Aldridge, Hudson Burnett, and Graham Walker
- Contemporary Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Turkey Help

We have been asked again to cook turkeys for the non-profit organization called *Three Wide*. This is the organization that provides family Christmas meals for those who are recognized in the school system as being in need. They are trying to reach out to 17 schools this year. They will use the facilities at First Presbyterian Church for prep and assembly of the meals on December 11th.

We normally are asked to cook 10-12 turkeys. This year I committed to 6 turkeys so no one will have to cook two. But if I get more volunteers, I will ask for more turkeys to cook. I will get the turkeys **Saturday, December 6th**, and place them in the picnic shelter refrigerators. There will be an aluminum pan for you to place the turkey in after it is cooked and carved. Please have the turkey back in the **shelter refrigerator by 1:00 on Thursday, December 11th**. Please let me know soon if you can cook a turkey. Thank you for your consideration!

Susan Bernhardt, srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155

Joshua/Museum of the Bible Trip Update

We have a list of 30 people that have signed up for this Christian Tour trip for May 6-9, 2026. If you find out you're able to go and have not signed up on the list in the Narthex, you may still make a call to get your name on the list.

Call Christian Tours at 828-465-3900. Give them the name of the trip (Joshua) and tell them it's the trip for St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 6, 2026. They will need a \$200.00 deposit mailed to Christian Tours, P.O. Box 890, Newton, N.C. 28658. The balance will need to be paid by January 31st.

A **preview night** will be held on January 29th, at 5:00pm at Blue Bay Seafood on Statesville Blvd. You may attend this night and pay the balance. You will need to pay for your meal, but they will discount your trip another \$20.00 per person by attending this night. Other discounts include 2% off for paying in cash/check for the *deposit*, and 3% off for paying the *balance* in cash/check. The trip may be paid for with a credit card, just without discounts. If you have any questions about the trip, you may call Susan Bernhardt, 704-637-0155 or email srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com.

Stats

General Fund offering 11/16.....	\$10,628
Other offering 11/16	\$7,211
Worship attendance 11/16	186
Sunday School attendance reported 11/16.....	43

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$161.50 Total so far: \$1,322.50
Collections for this quarter of 2025 will go to
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$22,632.12 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.**

Peace through His Blood

Find the 26 bold words from Colossians 1:13–20 KJV.

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

Who hath **delivered** us from the power of **darkness**, and hath **translated** us into the **kingdom** of his dear Son: In whom we have **redemption** through his **blood**, even the **forgiveness** of sins: Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of every **creature**: For by him were all things created, that are in **heaven**, and that are in earth, **visible** and **invisible**, whether they be **thrones**, or **dominions**, or principalities, or **powers**: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is **before** all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the **church**: who is the **beginning**, the **firstborn** from the **dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the **Father** that in him should all fulness **dwell**; And, having made **peace** through the blood of his **cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in **earth**, or things in heaven.



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:8-10, 11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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