



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Take no part
in the unfruitful
works of darkness,
but instead expose them.
Ephesians 5:11



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Special thanks to Jana Thomas for serving as our organist today.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand*

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection and self-examination

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.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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Light of my soul, after victory won,
 May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Greeting

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.

The Kyrie

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Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



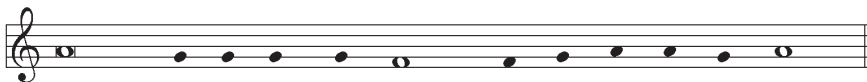
Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



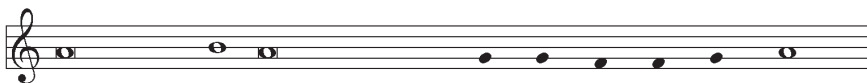
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

Hymn of Praise

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A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



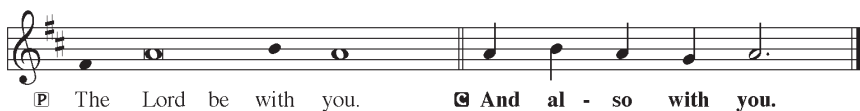
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men



Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.
The word of the Lord.

Psalms 142:1–7

¹I cry to the LORD | with my voice;
to the LORD I make loud | supplication.
²**I pour out my com- | plaint before him**
and tell him | all my trouble.

³When my spirit languishes within me, you | know my path;
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

**⁴I look to my right hand and find no | one who knows me;
I have no place to flee to, and no one | cares for me.**

⁵I cry out to | you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in
the land | of the living.”

**⁶Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought | very low;
save me from those who pursue me,
for they are too | strong for me.**

⁷Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks | to your name;
when you have dealt bountifully with me,
the righteous will gath- | er around me.

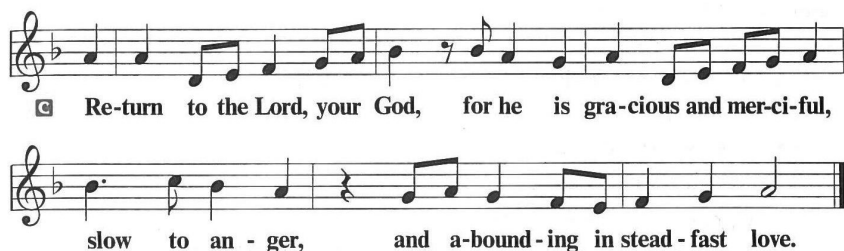
Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.



Gospel: John 9:1–41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains." *The Gospel of our Lord.*



Confession of Faith

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

¹I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

²I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

³I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Bathing in the Light"

Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

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The Prayers of the Church

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

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

Offering

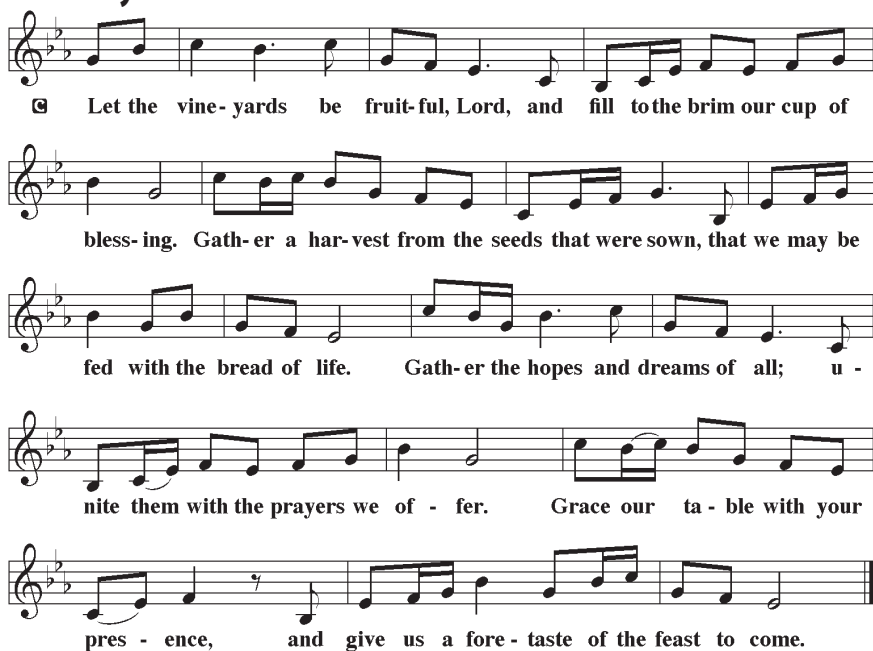
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Anthem: “Broken”

Laura Brock

Please stand.

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us Pray...

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Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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[C] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.
 [C] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord.
 [C] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 [C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[C] Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Holy Communion *Please be seated. An usher will direct you to the Table.*

Distribution

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.

Agnus Dei

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☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Blessing The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your



word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal -



va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry



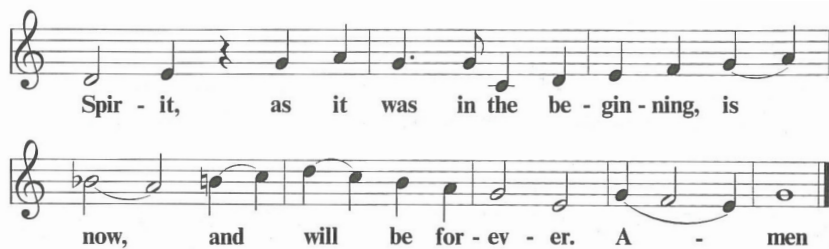
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tions and the glo-ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Prayer

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Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude:

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.

The Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Easter Flowers

Order forms are in the narthex for Easter flowers. **All orders need to be in next Sunday, March 22nd.** The cost is \$14.50 each.

Spaghetti Supper

This coming Saturday, March 21, at 4pm, we will have a spaghetti and garlic bread fundraiser meal for Naomi's Heart Mission. Kristie and Danny Ward will be our guests of honor.

Please **put an S-(followed by the number in your party) in the friendship register by your name** so we will know how much food to prepare. Cost will be a free-will offering.

Book Bag Collection

The Lutheran Women are collecting **High School book bags and supplies through March 22nd**, for Disaster Relief. If you would like to help please bring in **new book bags, composition books, mechanical pencils, pens, and pocket folders**. We will assemble the bags on March 28th, so **all donations need to be in next Sunday, March 22**. There are bins in the narthex and the hallway leading to the fellowship hall.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will meet this Thursday, **March 19th, at 11am, at the Village Inn** for pizza. Confirm with Helen Gordon that you are going. **She needs to let the restaurant know how many** to expect (704-636-5002).

Mid-Week Lenten Services through Holy Week

Wednesday, March 18 at 6pm

Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Good Friday, April 3, 7pm

*Our confirmands will be doing
dramatic dialogues
in each Lenten service.*

Sunday, March 15

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice, 5pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

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

Monday, March 16

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- April newsletter articles are due this week
- Council meeting, South Salisbury Fire Department, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- Homeschool meets 8:30am–3pm
- Lenten service, 6pm
- Adult Choir practice, after worship

Thursday, March 19

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Friendship Club, Village Inn Pizza, 11am

Saturday, March 21

- Spaghetti fundraiser supper for Naomi's Heart, 4pm

Sunday, March 22

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am—Kristie and Danny Ward with Naomi's Heart Mission will be with us.
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice, 5pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

Men's Meeting— March 23rd to See Some Amazing Machines

St. Paul's Men are invited to a unique opportunity to see state of the art machining on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30, when Eric Barringer hosts a tour of Advanced Machining in Salisbury.

Advanced Machining utilizes best of class machining and measuring equipment to produce tooling, prototypes, and production parts for demanding industries including aerospace, defense, telecommunications, power generation, medical, research, and automotive. This promises to be a first-hand look at some of the world's most amazing machine tools and their capabilities. Meet to leave the church at 6:15 or at the company location: 215 Forbes Avenue in Salisbury at 6:30. Pizza will be served prior to our tour.

Easter Egg Hunt

All youth, preschool–5th grade are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th, at 1pm. Preschool–1st grade will meet with Kara and Lauren in the preschool Sunday School room; 2nd–5th grade will meet with Nicole and the middle school youth in the room across from the conference room. Remember to bring a basket for your child.

VBS

VBS 2026 dates are set! We will be holding VBS June 26th–28th (Friday night–Sunday). The theme is David: Hero of God. There will be classes for 3-year-old Preschool – Middle school. If you are interested in volunteering to work with our youth for VBS weekend, please contact Lauren Holland, 980-234-2907, or Kara Burnett, 704-239-7614.

**Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

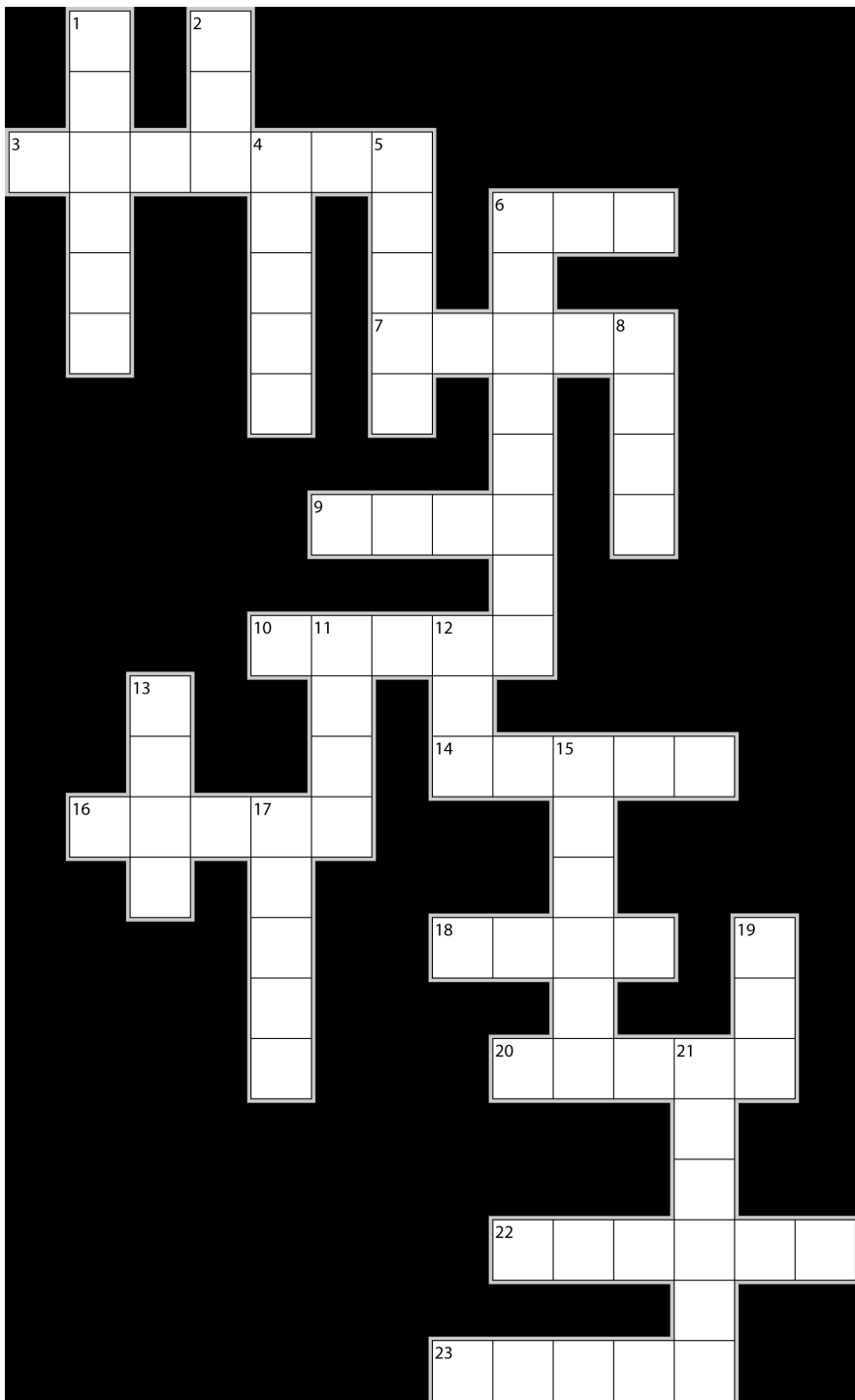
Psalm 46:10–11

See and Hear

Find the 25 bold words from Isaiah 42:14-20 KJV.

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

I have long time holden my **peace**; I have been **still**, and **refrained** myself: now will I cry like a **travailing** woman; I will **destroy** and **devour** at once. I will make waste **mountains** and hills, and dry up all their **herbs**; and I will make the **rivers islands**, and I will dry up the **pools**. And I will bring the **blind** by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make **darkness light** before them, and **crooked things straight**. These things will I do unto them, and not **forsake** them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly **ashamed**, that trust in **graven** images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods. Hear, ye **deaf**; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who is blind, but my **servant**? or deaf, as my **messenger** that I sent? Who is blind as he that is **perfect**, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things, but thou **observest** not; **opening** the ears, but he heareth not.



Fourth Sunday in Lent A

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.
Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/Lent4Acrossword>*

ACROSS

3. Awake, O...
6. Do the works of the Father while it is...
7. As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from...
9. Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your...
10. Those who turn to these will be put to shame.
14. Jesus is its light.
16. The Lord will lead them.
18. The fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and...
20. Isaiah pled for this from the Lord.
22. The Lord is my portion in the land of the...
23. Walk as children of this.

DOWN

1. Wash in this pool.
2. The blind should do this.
4. Isaiah said the Lord held this for a long time.
5. What the disciples called Jesus
6. The Lord will turn this into light.
8. The deaf should do this.
11. Arise from the...
12. Attend to my cry, for I am brought very...
13. Look carefully how you do this.
15. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my..."
17. It is coming, and no one will be able to work then.
19. When my spirit faints within me, you know my...
21. Wake up and he will shine on you.

Recent Prayer Needs

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

- Scooter Aldridge – recovering from surgery
- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- Bonnie Bernhardt – healing
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Bill Kief – health concerns (*cousin of Carolyn Canup*)
- Gary Hinson – recovering from surgery
(*Bonnie and Wayne Hinson's son*)
- Craig Honbarger – cancer (*son of Judi and D. W. Honbarger*)
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Dennis Martinez – cancer (*friend of Lisa Lord*)
- Sharon McBride – health concerns
- Scarlett McKnight – health concerns (*Julie Johnson's cousin*)
- Irene Miller – health concerns
- Kay Moody – recovering from surgery
- Melinda Redding – health concerns
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Jenny Smith – health concerns (*Bonnie Hinson's sister-in-law*)
- Johnsie Taylor – health concerns
- Ashley Powlas Young – health concerns
- The family of Nancy Menius who died February 28th

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.

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

Psalms 46:1

Understand the Will of the Lord

Find the 26 bold words from Ephesians 5:6–17 KJV.

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

Let no man **deceive** you with **vain** words: for because of these things cometh the **wrath** of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore **partakers** with them. For ye were sometimes **darkness**, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as **children** of light: for the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is in all **goodness** and righteousness and **truth**; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful **works** of darkness, but rather **reprove** them. For it is a **shame** even to speak of those things which are done of them in **secret**. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the **light**: for whatsoever doth make **manifest** is light. Wherefore he saith, **awake** thou that **sleepest**, and **arise** from the **dead**, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as **fools**, but as **wise**, **redeeming** the time, because the days are **evil**. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the **will** of the **Lord** is.

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 3/8	\$5,079
Other offering 3/8.....	\$2,291
Worship attendance 3/8	180
Sunday School attendance reported 3/8	66

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$152.50 Total so far: \$1,636.50
Children's change collections this quarter
will support the Small Catechism Project.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$25,342.62 for missions.

The total collected for
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families
during the fourth quarter of 2025 was \$2,396.

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 name and your family member's names are written in the friendship register each Sunday.**



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Next week's lessons: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53

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