



Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

There is therefore now
no condemnation for those
who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Theme from String Quartet”

Ed Scibilia

Special thanks to Ed Scibilia 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: "What Wondrous Love is This"

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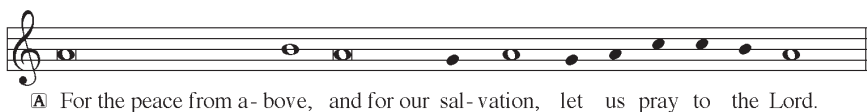
Greeting

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.

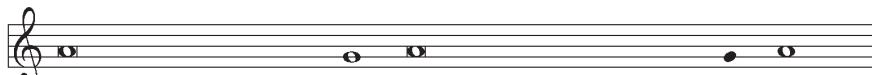
The Kyrie

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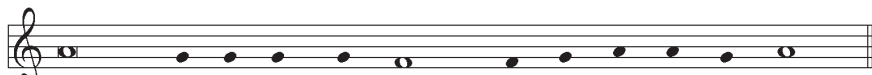




♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



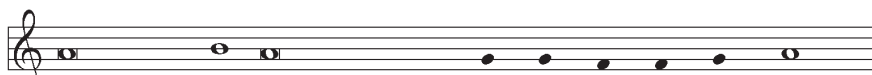
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



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

Hymn of Praise

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



♩ 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

Prayer of the Day

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☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

‘The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley;

it was full of bones.² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know."⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you,
O Lord; Lord, | hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.

**²If you, Lord, were to note what is | done amiss,
O Lord, | who could stand?**

³For there is forgive- | ness with you;
therefore you | shall be feared.

**⁴I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;
in his word | is my hope.**

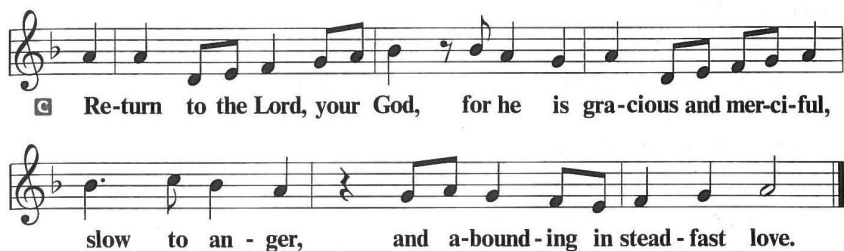
⁵My soul waits for the Lord, more
than watchmen | for the morning,
more than watchmen | for the morning.

**⁶O Israel, wait | for the Lord,
for with the Lord | there is mercy;**

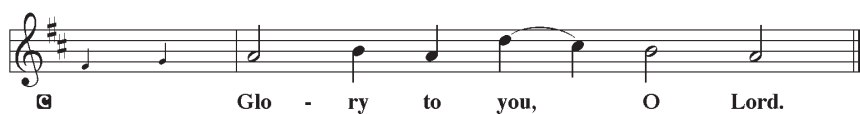
⁷With him there is plen- | teous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:I–II

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. *The word of the Lord.*



The Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.



Gospel: John 11:1-53

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that

you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her,

“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

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.

**I 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: Naomi's Heart Mission Kristie and Danny Ward

Hymn: "Glory Be to Jesus" 95

The Prayers of the Church 85

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.

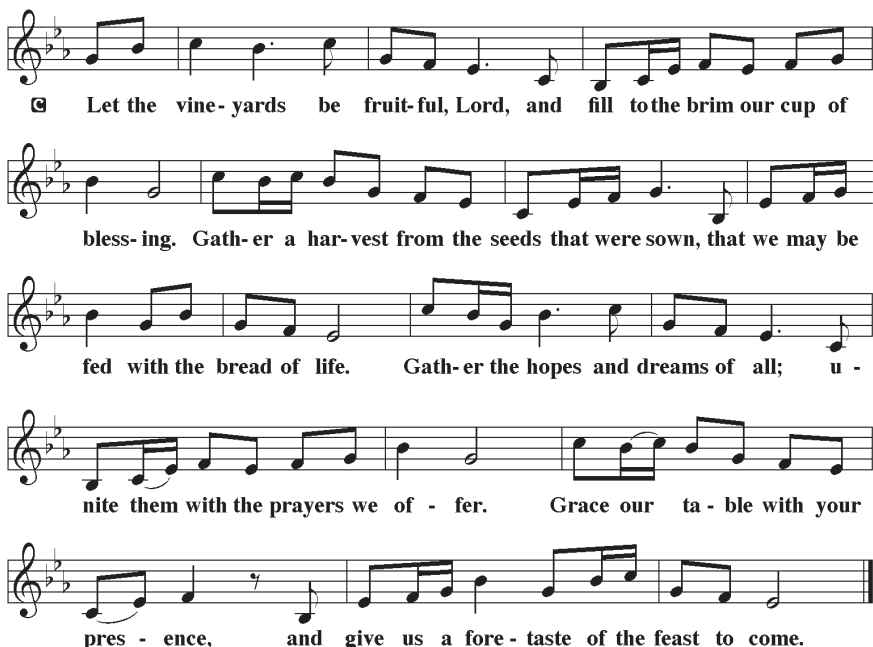
Amen

Offering 86

Anthem: "Written in Red" Adult Choir

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.

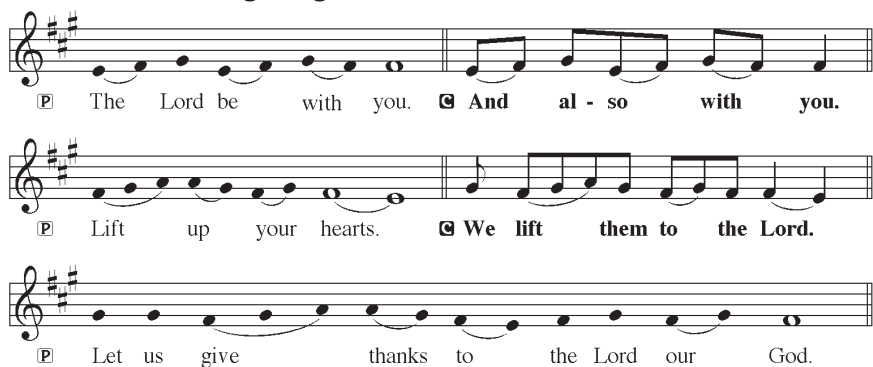
Let us Pray...

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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

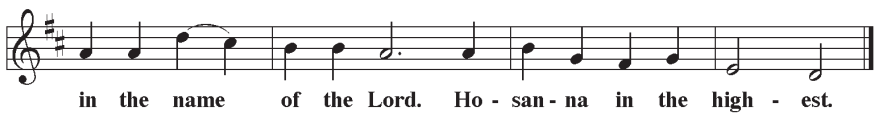
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



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

92



☞ 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 Dimittus

93



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
peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the na -
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
Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Prayer

94

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: "Simple Song"

Bernstein

*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

95

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.



*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of
Rev. Craig Honbarger who died Saturday, March 14, 2026.*

Craig was the son of Judi and D. W. Honbarger.

*A service celebrating his life will be held on Wednesday,
March 25, 2026, at 11:30AM in the chapel of Neal-Tarpley Parchman
Funeral Home in Clarksville, TN, followed by a full military honors
burial at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Nashville, TN.*

Please keep the Honbarger family in your prayers.



Easter Flowers

Today is the last Sunday to order Easter flowers. Forms are in the narthex. The cost is \$14.50 each. All orders must be in today.

Book Bag Collection

The Lutheran Women are collecting **High School book bags and supplies through today**, 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 today**.



Robert Thomas “Tommy” Huffman

March 3, 1959 – March 14, 2026

Tommy’s Funeral Service was held
at Cumby Funeral Home, High Point, NC,
on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Interment was in
Lebonon United Methodist Church Cemetery
in High Point, NC.

*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

Mid-Week Lenten Services through Holy Week

Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Good Friday, April 3, 7pm

*Our confirmands will be doing
dramatic dialogues in our last mid-week Lenten service.*

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.

This Week's Calendar

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

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

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

- Homeschool meets 8:30am–3pm
- Fun Bunch Lunch, Sweet Meadow Cafe, 11:30am
- Lenten service, 6pm
- Adult Choir practice, after worship

Thursday, March 26

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

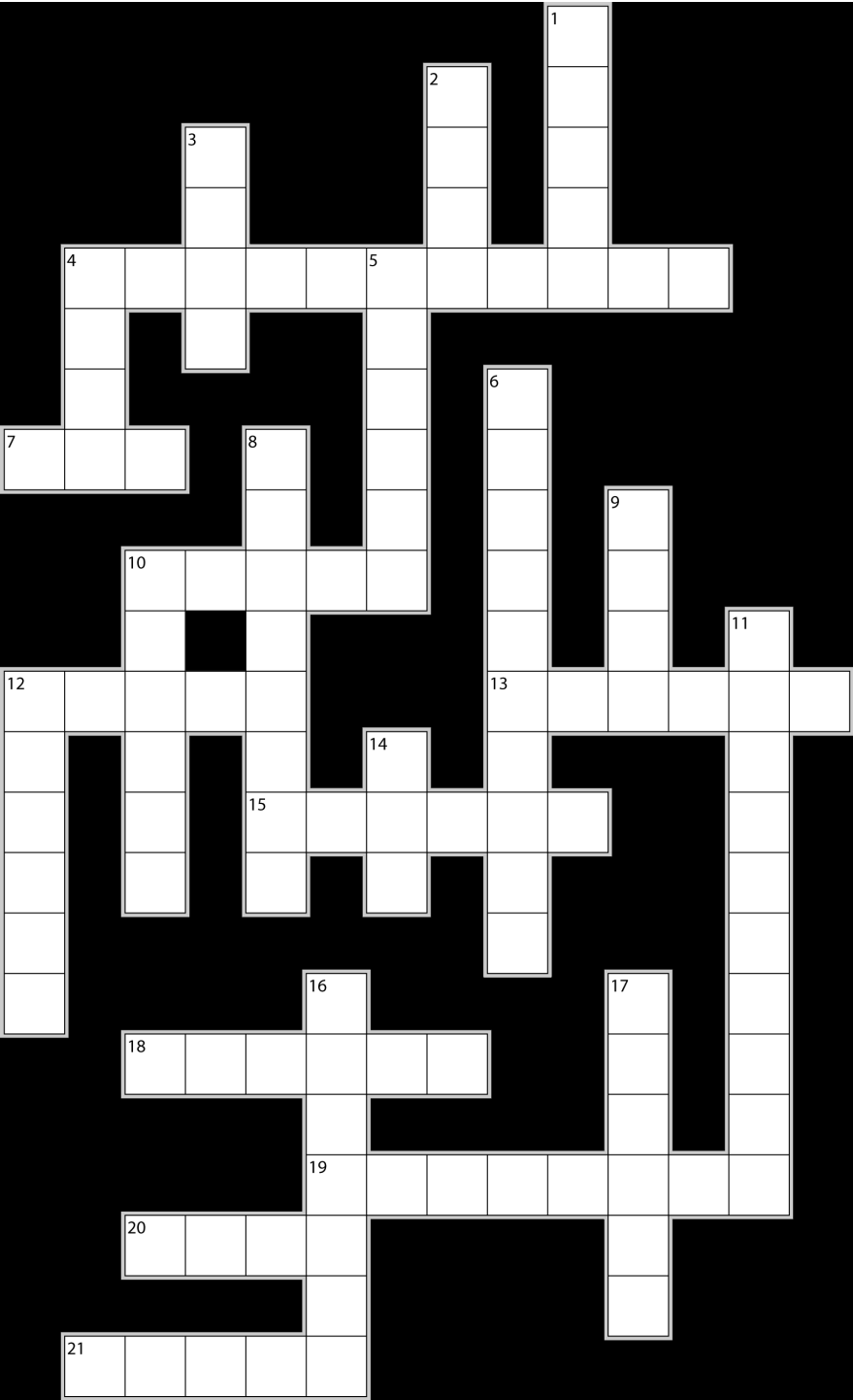
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Easter Egg Hunt

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.



Fifth 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/Lent5Acrossword>

ACROSS

4. There is this with the Lord so that he may be feared.
7. The condition of the bones
10. Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with this that is to be revealed to us.
12. You have been set free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and...
13. They should hope in the Lord.
15. The requirement of the law is fulfilled in us if walk by the...
18. This wind would enter the bones and they would live again.
19. We have received the Spirit of...
20. You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into this.
21. The valley was full of them.

DOWN

1. To set the mind on the Spirit is life and...
2. Jesus is the resurrection and the...
3. The psalmist hoped in this.
4. Mary's and Martha's brother had been in the tomb this many days when Jesus arrived.
5. Ezekiel was brought out in the Spirit and set down there.
6. Who could stand if the Lord marked them?
8. Ezekiel was to do this to the bones.
9. Martha was concerned about opening her brother's tomb because of this.
10. God will open them and raise us from them.
11. This is plentiful with the Lord.
12. The psalmist cried to the Lord from there.
14. Everyone who believes in Jesus will never...
16. He had already been in the tomb.
17. Martha said that she knew Jesus was this anointed one.

No Condemnation in Christ

Find the 27 bold words from Romans 8:1–11 KJV.

N M O F H P N T S B Y G T E B
C E R T L N Z U H D L J D N X
F E A N B E S E O T L J Q M X
E E L O U E S B S D A C I I O
D M L I J S Y H P Z N E N T I
H D E T P U D O I S R I D Y M
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There is therefore now no **condemnation** to them which are in Christ **Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the **Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free** from the law of **sin** and **death**. For what the law could not do, in that it was **weak** through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the **likeness** of **sinful** flesh, and for sin, **condemned** sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the **law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the **flesh**, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do **mind** the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be **carnally** minded is **death**; but to be spiritually minded is **life** and **peace**. Because the carnal mind is **enmity** against God: for it is not **subject** to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot **please** God. But ye are not in the **flesh**, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of **Christ**, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the **body** is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that **raised** up Jesus from the dead **dwell** in you, he that raised up Christ from the **dead** shall also quicken your **mortal** bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Recent Prayer Needs

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

- Jennifer Aldridge – physical therapy
- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- Bonnie Bernhardt – healing
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- Jimmy Earnhardt – recovering from procedure
- Sonya Eller – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Sarah Goodman – recovering from surgery
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Bill Kief – health concerns (*cousin of Carolyn Canup*)
- Gary Hinson – recovering from surgery
(*Bonnie and Wayne Hinson's son*)
- Dennis Martinez – cancer (*friend of Lisa Lord*)
- Sharon McBride – health concerns
- Irene Miller – health concerns
- Melinda Redding – health concerns
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Jenny Smith – health concerns (*Bonnie Hinson's sister-in-law*)
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Johnsie Taylor – 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.

**Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid.**

Isaiah 12:2

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 3/15	\$9,328
Other offering 3/15.....	\$10,387
Worship attendance 3/15	152
Sunday School attendance reported 3/15	53

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$158.50 Total so far: \$1,795.00
Children's change collections this quarter
will support the Small Catechism Project.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$25,501.12 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.**

It's Raffle Time Again

The raffles for the Cruise-In were a great success last year with 39 baskets. So far we have about 8 baskets. We have beach themed baskets, Cheerwine bench, gift card baskets, family fun basket, gardening basket and fourth of July basket. If you would like to donate a basket or some items for a basket (gift cards are always a hit), please let Terri Powlas (powlastb@gmail.com, 704-637-6849) or Susan Bernhardt (srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155) know. The Cruise-In is April 25th. **Baskets need to be at the church fellowship hall by Thursday, April 23th.** The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each, or 30 tickets for \$20.00. Let's generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets for our Helping Hands Fund!



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Next week's lessons: John 12:12-19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66

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