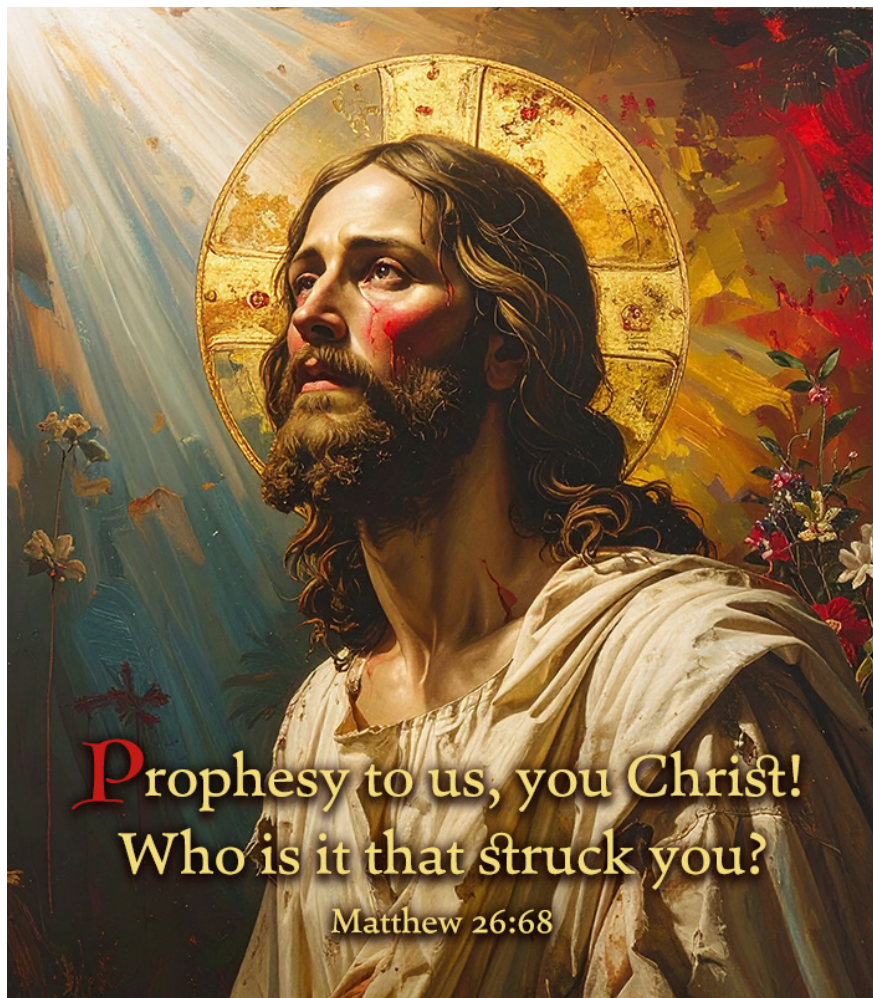




Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

But the LORD God
helps me;
therefore I have
not been disgraced.
Isaiah 50:7



Memory Verse Aid

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HM;
TIH
NBD.
1507

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Hosanna to the King”

Handbell Ensemble

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: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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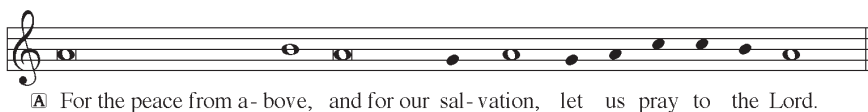
Greeting

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.

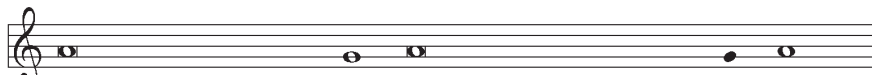
The Kyrie

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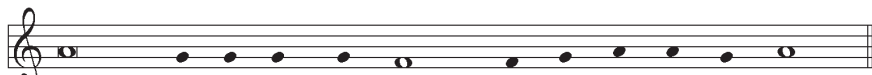




☪ Lord, have mer - cy.



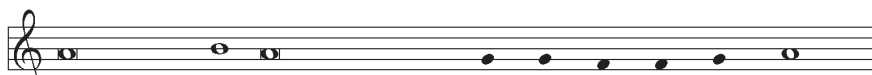
☪ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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 and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and be made partakers of his resurrection—through the same 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: Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The LORD God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a}Behold, the LORD God helps me; who will declare me guilty? *The word of the Lord.*

Psalm 118:19–29

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate | of the LORD;
he who is | righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me
and have become | my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

²³This is | the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the | LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, | LORD, hosannah!
LORD LORD, send us | now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”**

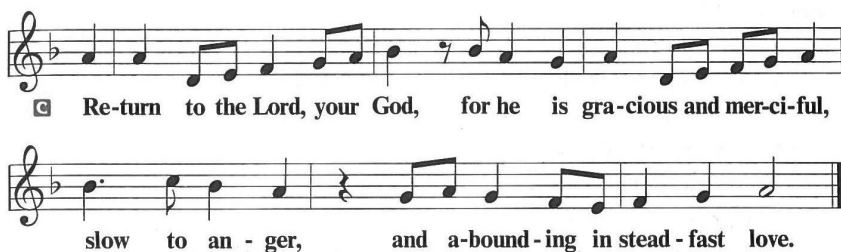
²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *The word of the Lord.*

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th and 27th chapters.



Gospel: Matthew 26:1–27:66

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace

of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” ⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.” ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he

gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same. ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”

³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will

kiss is the man; seize him.” ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled. ⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the

courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was

greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.

¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand.

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. ⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" ⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered

it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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: "Faithful and Just"

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

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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

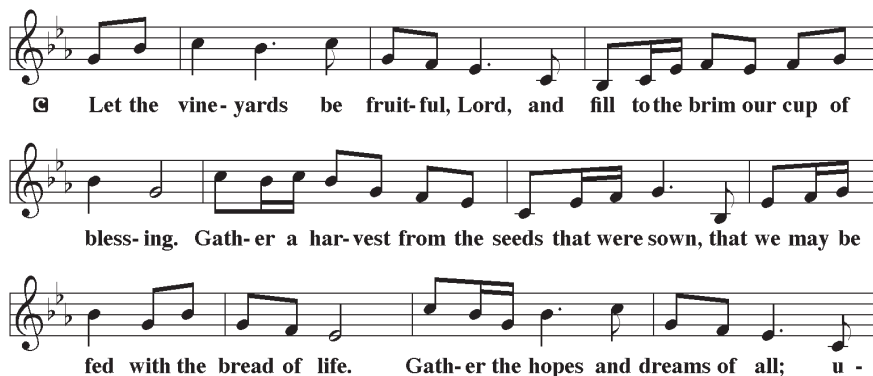
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Anthem: "'Ride On to Reign in Majesty"

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 -



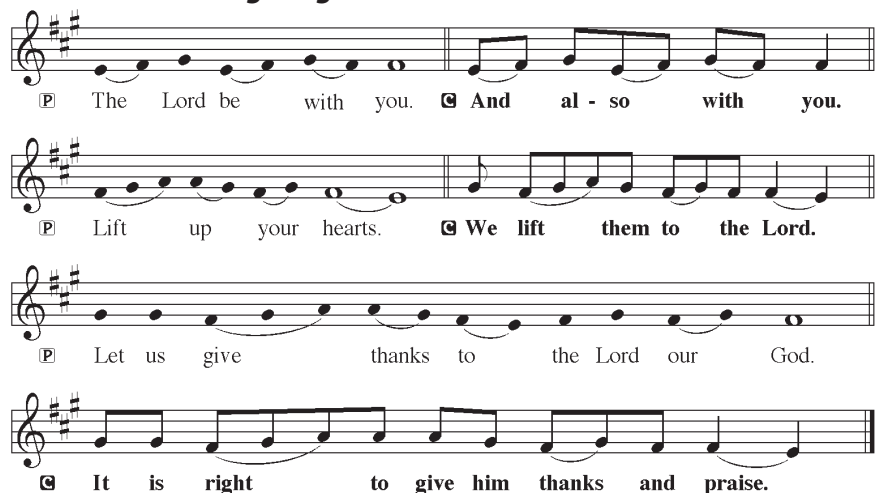
Let us Pray...

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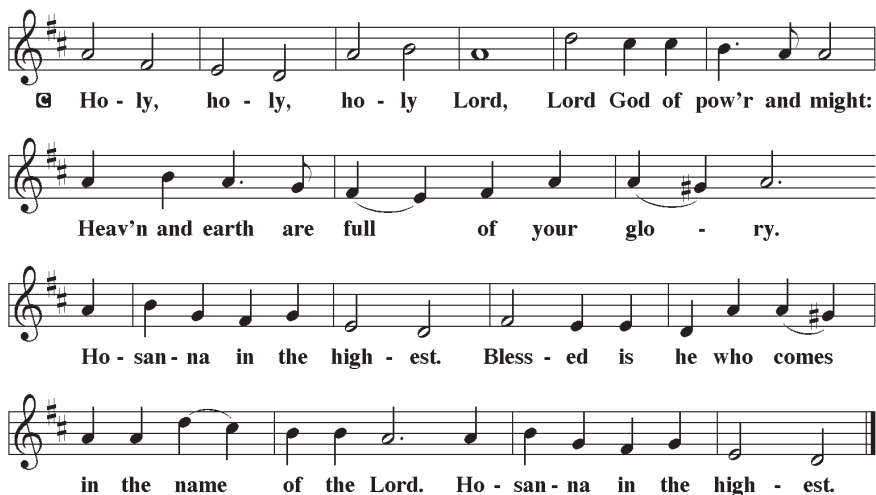
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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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—who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. 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

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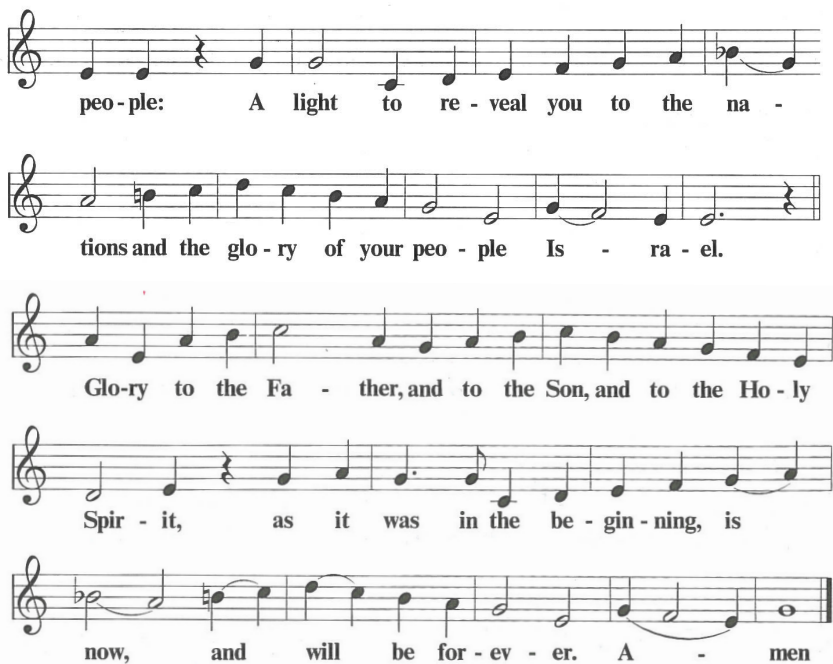
☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your



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



Prayer

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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: “Meditation No. 1”

Leonard 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

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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.

Special thanks to Ed Scibilia for serving as our organist today.



Betty Ann Camerlin

October 27, 1940 – March 23, 2026

Betty's Graveside Committal Service
will be held at 10:45am in the
Salisbury National Cemetery
at the VA Medical Center
on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

*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

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7pm

Good Friday, April 3, 7pm

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- 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 30

- Homeschool dance class, 10am

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- Homeschool meets 8:30am–3pm
- Betty Camerlin graveside service at VA cemetery, 10:45am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, April 2

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Maundy Thursday service, 7pm

Friday, April 3

- Good Friday service, 7pm

Saturday, April 4

- Easter Egg Hunt for 5th grade and under, 1pm

Sunday, April 5, Easter

- Sunrise service in the cemetery, 7am
- Breakfast in the shelter, after the service
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Easter Resurrection Service, 10:30am

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 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.

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 10 baskets. We have beach themed baskets, Cheerwine bench, gift card baskets, family fun basket, gardening basket, fourth of July basket, a Blackstone grill, and a framed Bob Timberlake print. 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!

Cruise 'n Participant Note

Due to the cost of stamps, Cruise 'n Barbecue flyers and letters to previous participants were not mailed to active church members. Copies of each are available in the narthex to take for yourself and share with others.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Outreach Committee is going to help the Food for Thought Program of Rowan Helping Ministries. This program packs bookbags with food for children to take home on Friday so they will have something to eat over the weekend.

They pack about 900 bookbags a week and distribute to children in Salisbury-Rowan School System that have been identified as needing the food.

We are going to start out trying this ministry on Thursday, **April 16th at 10:00am**. This is a 1-hour commitment we are going to begin doing once a month.

Only 10-12 people are needed to help with this project. After we pack bookbags on the 16th we will decide what Thursday works out best for the group. **If you would like to volunteer you need to sign up with Rowan Helping Ministries at: www.RowanHelpingMinistries.org.**

There are papers from RHM on the table in the Narthex that have the directions and a QR code to sign up. Please let Alesia Lewis or Susan Bernhardt know if you have signed up, or have trouble signing up and we will be sure to get you counted in with RHM.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Philippians 2:9-11

I Shall Not Be Ashamed

Find the 26 bold words from Isaiah 50:4-9a KJV.

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The **Lord** God hath given me the **tongue** of the **learned**, that I should know how to **speak** a word in **season** to him that is **weary**: he wakeneth **morning** by morning, he **wakeneth** mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath **opened** mine ear, and I was not **rebellious**, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the **smiters**, and my **cheeks** to them that **plucked** off the hair: I hid not my face from **shame** and **spitting**. For the Lord **God** will help me; therefore shall I not be **confounded**: therefore have I set my face like a **flint**, and I know that I shall not be **ashamed**. He is near that **justifieth** me; who will **contend** with me? let us **stand** together: who is mine **adversary**? let him come near to me. **behold**, the Lord God will **help** me; who is he that shall **condemn** me?

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 – well...
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- Jimmy Earnhardt – recovering from procedure
- Sonya Eller – recovering at home
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Sarah Goodman – rehab at Autumn Care
- Doris Hilliard – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Bill Kief – health concerns (*cousin of Carolyn Canup*)
- Dennis Martinez – cancer (*friend of Lisa Lord*)
- Sharon McBride – recovering at home
- Irene Miller – recovering at home
- Melinda Redding – recovering at home
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Scott Watson – health concerns
- The family of Craig Honbarger who died March 14th
- The family of Tommy Huffman who died March 14th

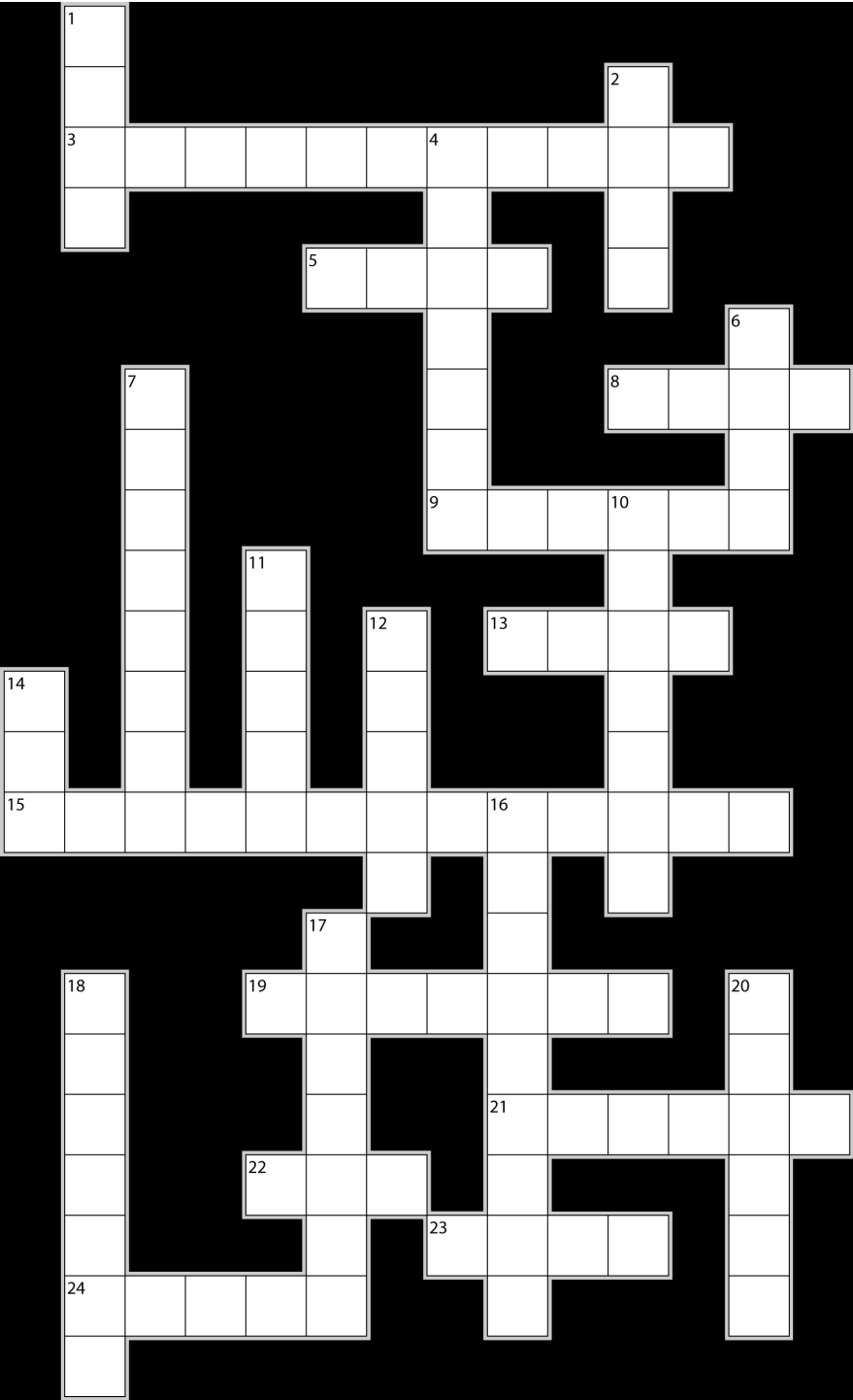
For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle.

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



Palm Sunday A

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/palmAcrossword>

ACROSS

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become what?
5. Isaiah wanted to have this for the weary.
8. Watch and...
9. The Lord gave Isaiah one like the educated.
13. The spirit is willing but the flesh is what?
15. Open to me these gates.
19. His steadfast love endures...
21. Judas betrayed Jesus for how many pieces of silver?
22. Jesus was born in their likeness.
23. Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is my..."
24. Jesus was obedient to the point of death, even death on a...

DOWN

1. Isaiah gave this to those who strike.
2. At the name of Jesus, every what should bow?
4. Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a...
6. Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's...
7. Foreshadowing Christ, Isaiah did not hide his face from shame or...
10. Though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be...
11. Isaiah set his face like this element.
12. Jesus said the wine of the Lord's Supper is the what of his covenant?
14. The Lord opened Isaiah's...
16. The Lord has become this for the psalmist.
17. At the name of Jesus, every tongue should...
18. The Lord made the day of salvation, so we should...
20. Jesus told his disciples that one of them would do this to him.

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 3/22	\$12,387
Other offering 3/22	\$6,32
Worship attendance 3/22	184
Sunday School attendance reported 3/22	55

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$189.00 Total so far: \$1,984.00
Children's change collections this quarter
will support the Small Catechism Project.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$25,690.12 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.**



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Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next week's lessons: Easter Sunrise: Exodus 14:10–15:1; Psalm 118:15–29; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; John 20:1–18
Easter Day: Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1–4; Matthew 28:1–10