



Resurrection of Our Lord
April 5, 2026 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Set your minds
on things that are above,
not on things
that are on earth.
Colossians 3:2



Memory Verse Aid

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OTTA,
NOT
TAOE.
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Burton

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 hold 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: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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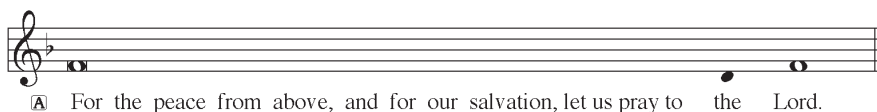
Greeting

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.

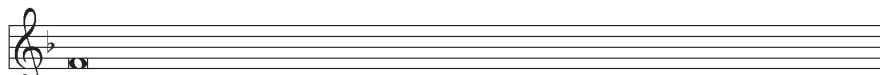
The Kyrie

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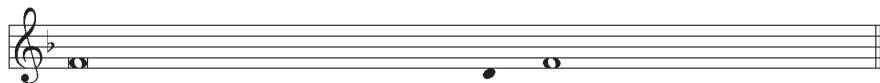




☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



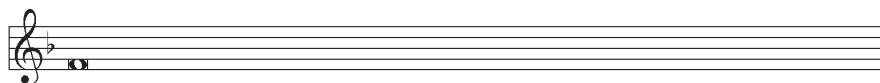
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☐ A - men

Hymn of Praise

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☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.





Prayer of the Day

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Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” *The word of the Lord.*

Psalter: Psalm 16:1–11

- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD,
my good and above all other.”
- ²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.
- ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- ⁸**I have set the LORD al-ways before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1–4

- ¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *The word of the Lord.*

Please stand for the Gospel.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.



Gospel: Matthew 28: 1–10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” *The Gospel of our Lord.*



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

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Come and See; Go and Tell"

Hymn: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

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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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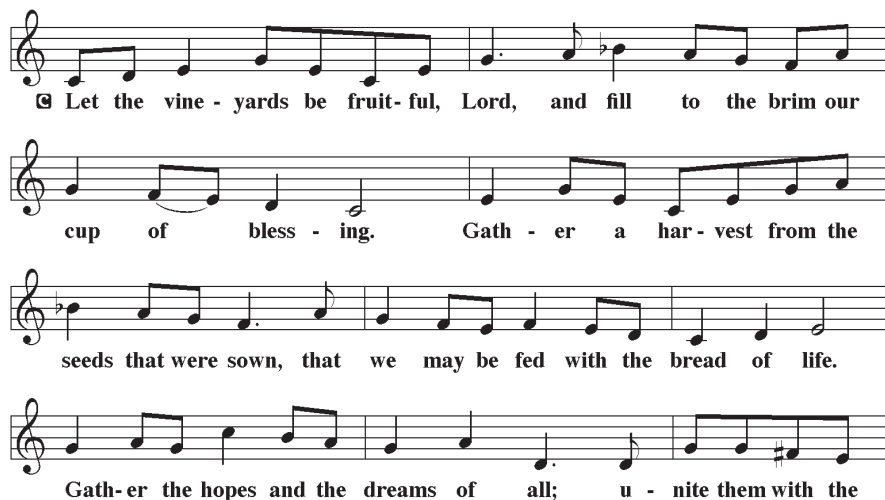
Anthem: "Rejoice!"

Adult Choir

Please stand.

Offertory

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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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



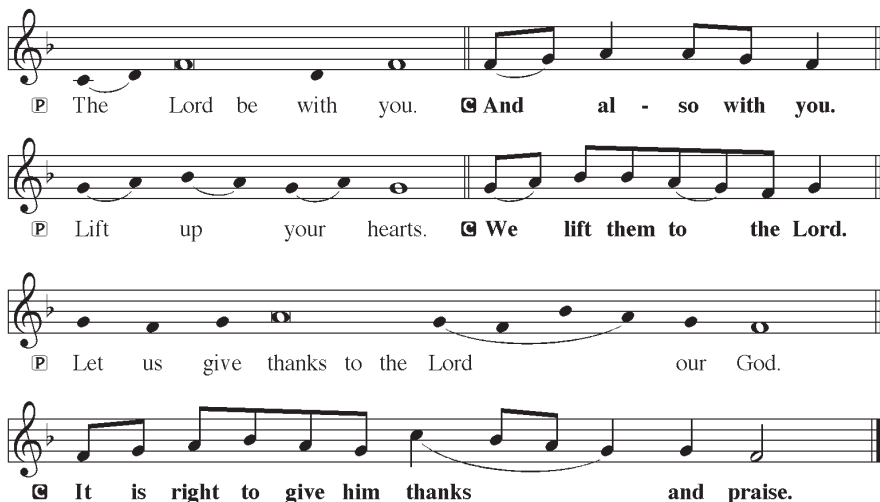
Let us Pray...

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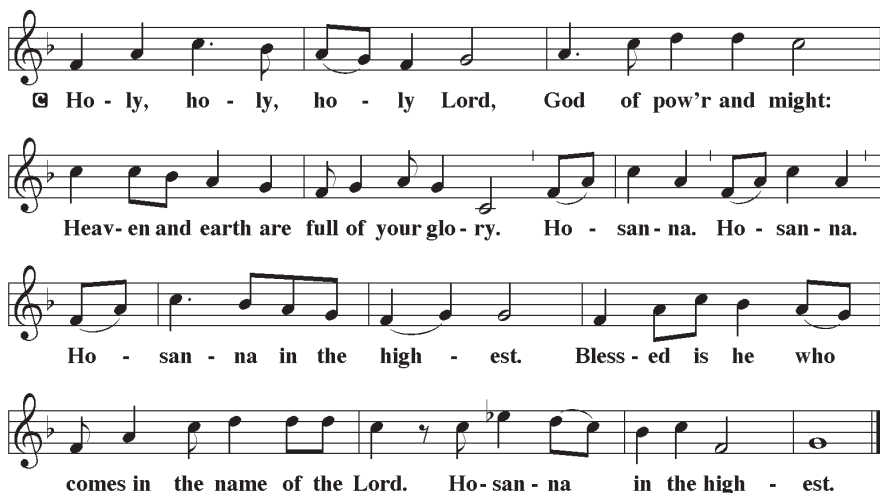
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord—for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

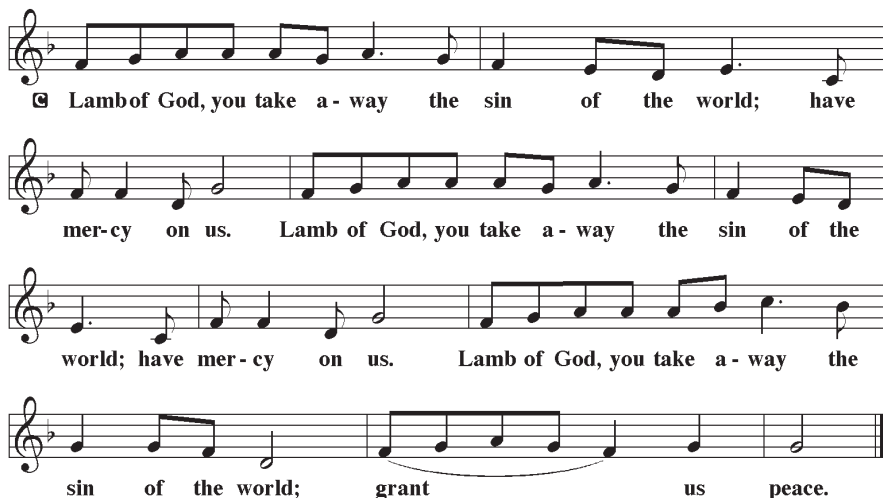
Holy Communion *Please be seated. An usher will direct you to the Table.*

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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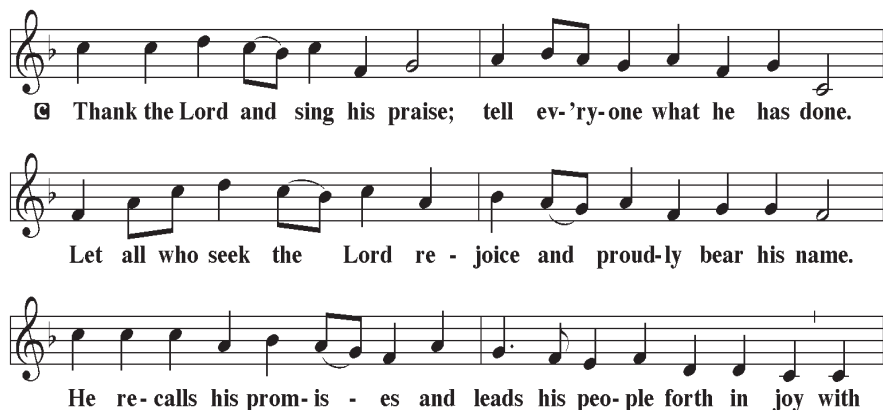


☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

Nunc Dimittus

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



Prayer

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We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another—for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: “Fantasia on ‘Easter Hymn’”

Larson

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 Laura Brock for serving as organist today.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 5, Easter

- Sunrise service in the cemetery, 7am
- Breakfast in fellowship hall after the service
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Easter Resurrection Service, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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

Monday, April 6

- Church office closed for Easter holiday
- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation Class, 7pm

Thursday, April 9

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Outreach Committee, 6:30pm

Sunday, April 12

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship Service, 10:30am
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice, 5pm
- Lutheran Women's Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

VBS 2026

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!

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 try this ministry on Thursday, April 16th at 10:00am. This is a 1-hour commitment we are going to do once a month. After we pack bookbags on the 16th we will decide what Thursday works out best for the group.

Only 10-12 people are needed to help with this project. 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.

Thank You Letters

Letters to thank those who have given special gifts in memory and in honor of loved ones, will now be emailed instead of going through the US Postal Service. Because of the cost of postage, and because letters are frequently returned to the church, even when they are properly addressed and properly stamped, we think this will be a way to save the church money and time.

If you want a paper letter mailed to you instead of email, please contact the church office. Of course, those who do not have an email address listed with us will continue to receive a paper letter in the mail.

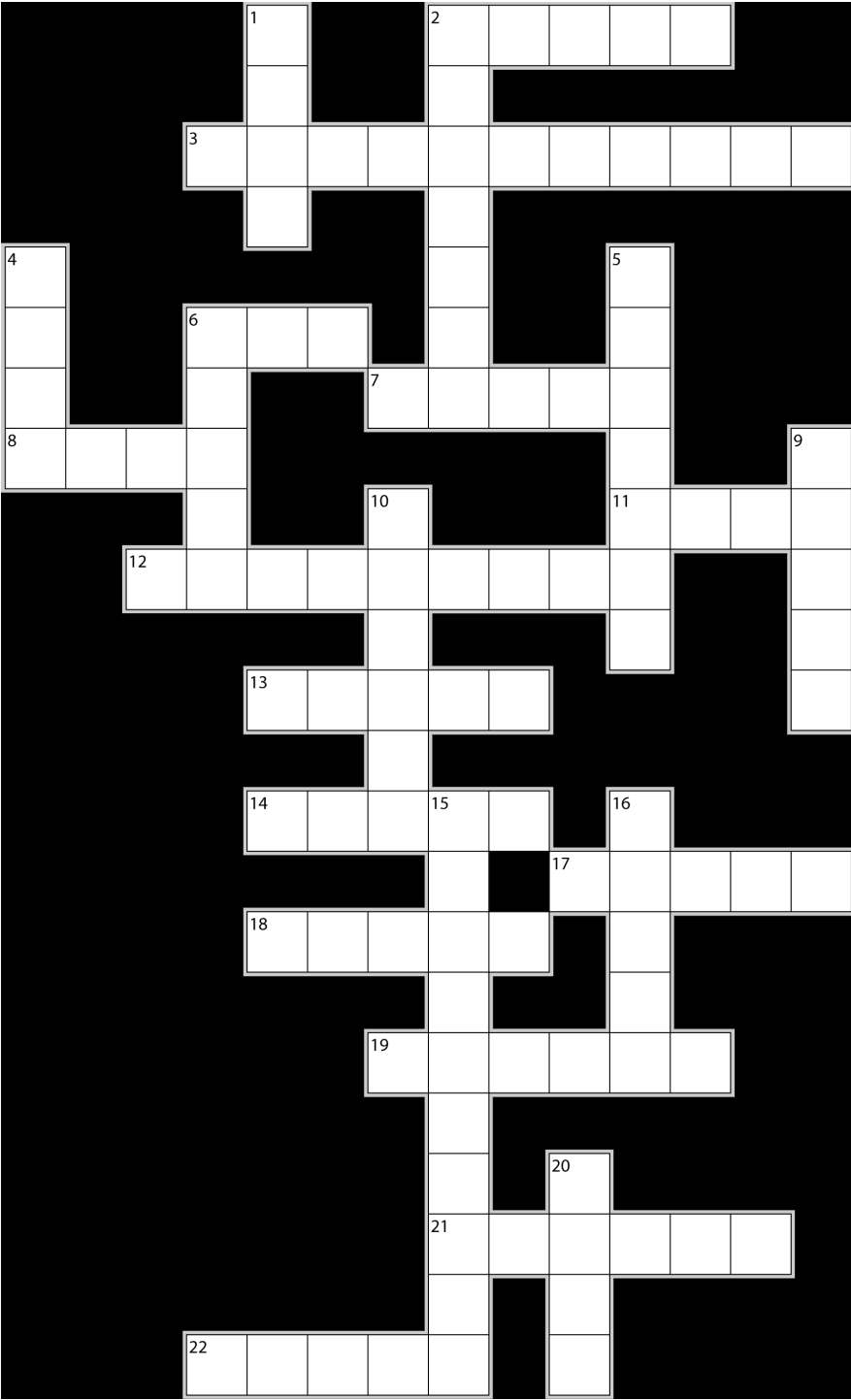
Please check the yearbook for your email and USPS mailing information to be sure they are correct.

Friendship Club

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet in the church parking lot at **10:30am on April 16th** to travel to **The Southern Lunch Restaurant, located at 26 South Railroad Street in Lexington.** You may carpool or go on your own. The restaurant needs to know how to plan for us, so please **let Helen Gordon know** (704-636-5002) if you plan to go. The restaurant is noted for their generous portions, reasonable prices, and large menu.

**For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he
will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has
been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh
I shall see God.**

Job 19:25-26



Easter A

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10.*

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

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

ACROSS

2. Who opened his mouth in the First Lesson?
3. David said he had a beautiful what?
6. There is fulness of this in the presence of the Lord.
7. The one who rolled away the stone
8. You have been hidden with Christ in God because you have done this in him (by baptism, re: Romans 6:4).
11. Yours is hidden with Christ in God.
12. The named Mary at the tomb
13. Do not set them on things that are on earth.
14. The angel said Jesus was not in the tomb because he had...
17. In the night, this instructed David.
18. You will appear with Christ in this when he appears.
19. He is seated at the right hand of God.
21. The angel told the women to not be...
22. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are there.

DOWN

1. All the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of these through his name.
2. The Lord is the psalmist's chosen...
4. We have no good apart from him.
5. Jesus was going before his disciples to this land.
6. Peter declared that all knew what had happened throughout this land.
9. Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by him.
10. The psalmist says they are "the excellent ones."
15. There was a great one toward the dawn of the first day of the week.
16. God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power.
20. They put Jesus to death by hanging him on a cross, or a...

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
- W.A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- 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*)
- Alesia Lewis – health concerns
- 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 Betty Camerlin, who died March 23, 2026

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.

**Even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand
shall hold me.**

Psalm 139:10

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 3/29	\$9,226
Other offering 3/29	\$3,615
Worship attendance 3/29	210
Sunday School attendance reported 3/29	65

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$229.00

Total to benefit the Small Catechism Project: \$2,213.00

Children's change collections this quarter
will support Marion Medical Mission.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$25,919.12 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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Next week's lessons: Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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