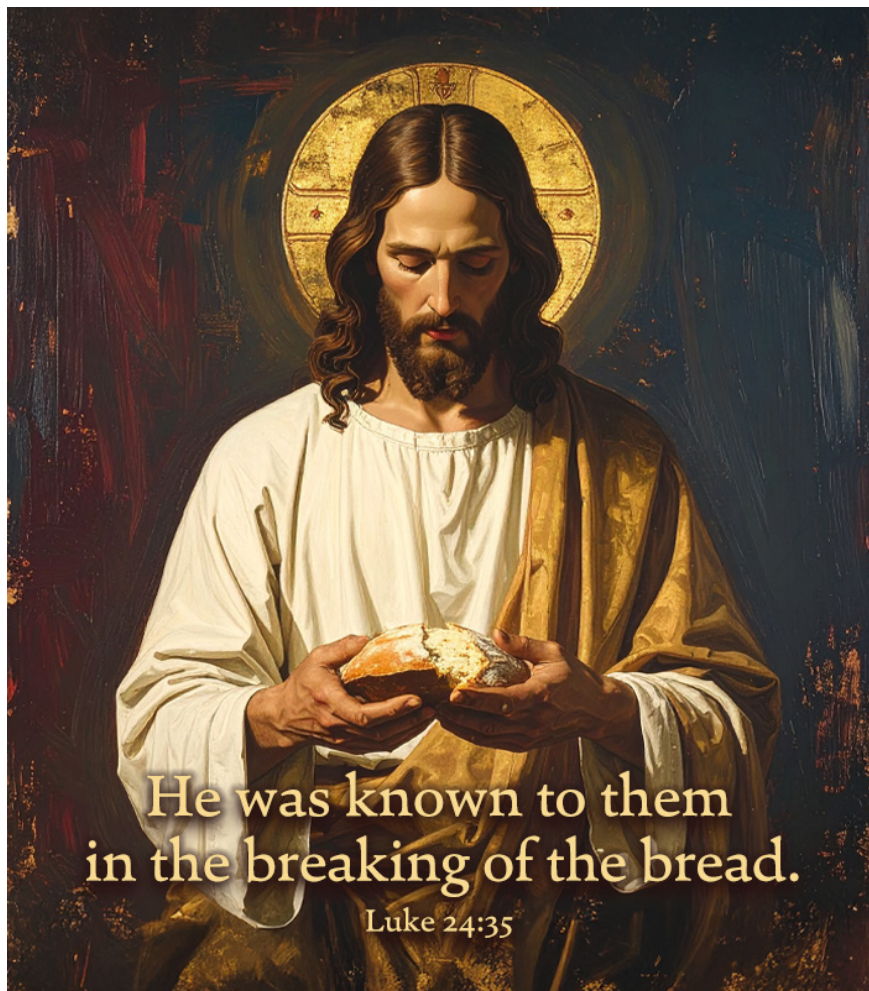




Second Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026 • 10:30AM

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC  
Website: [StPaulsLutheran.Church](http://StPaulsLutheran.Church)

Acolyte: Graham Walker • Crucifer: Sutton Fisher

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Wilhelm

Cantor: Andrew Baker • Lector: Ken Whisnant

Communion Assistants: Gina Barringer & Grace Walker



## **This Week's Memory Verse**

Repent and be baptized  
every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins,  
and you will receive  
the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Acts 2:38



## **Memory Verse Aid**

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TGOths.  
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## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Bell 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.

**<sup>1</sup>You shall have no other gods before me.**

**<sup>2</sup>You 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.**

**<sup>3</sup>Remember the Sabbath day  
to keep it holy.**

**<sup>4</sup>Honor your father  
and your mother,  
that your days may be long  
in the land which the Lord  
your God is giving you.**

**<sup>5</sup>You shall not kill.**

**<sup>6</sup>You shall not commit adultery.**

**<sup>7</sup>You shall not steal.**

**<sup>8</sup>You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbor.**

**<sup>9</sup>You shall not covet  
your neighbor's house.**

**<sup>10</sup>You 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: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

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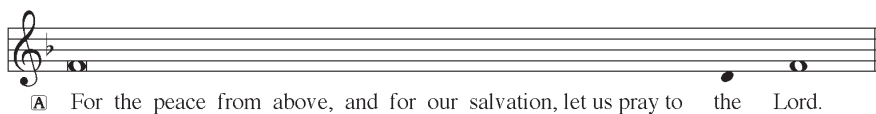
## **Greeting**

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.**

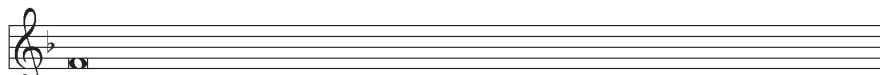
## **The Kyrie**

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



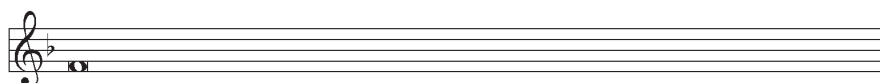
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## Hymn of Praise

60



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **D** 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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O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>36</sup>“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Psalter:** Psalm 116:1–12

*(numbered 1–14 in the ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the  
voice of my | supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I | called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”

<sup>4</sup>**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD watches | over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup>**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,  
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup>**I will walk in the presence | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living.**

<sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought | very low.”  
In my distress I said, “No one | can be trusted.”

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things he has | done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup | of salvation  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all his people.**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:17–25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made

manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of [Jesus’ followers] were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”

And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these

days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

<sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

<sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*The Gospel of our Lord.*



## Confession of Faith

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

<sup>1</sup>**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

<sup>2</sup>**I 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.

<sup>3</sup>**I 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:** "Are We Burning Yet?"

Rev. Mark Wilhelm

**Hymn:** "Now We Join in Celebration"

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## The Prayers of the Church

65

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:** “Christ is Risen”

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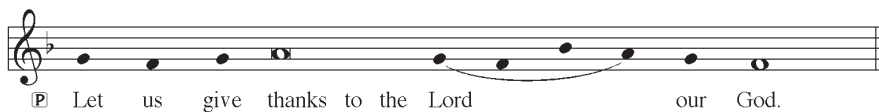
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving

68



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



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

71

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

<sup>1</sup>**hallowed be thy name,**

<sup>2</sup>**thy kingdom come,**

<sup>3</sup>**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

<sup>4</sup>**Give us this day our daily bread;**

<sup>5</sup>**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

<sup>6</sup>**and lead us not into temptation,**

<sup>7</sup>**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.*

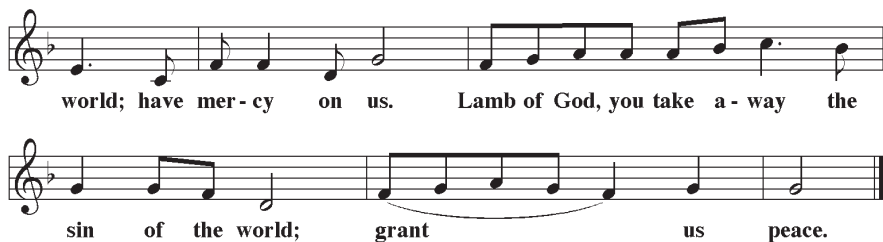
**Distribution** *If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.*

## Agnus Dei

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

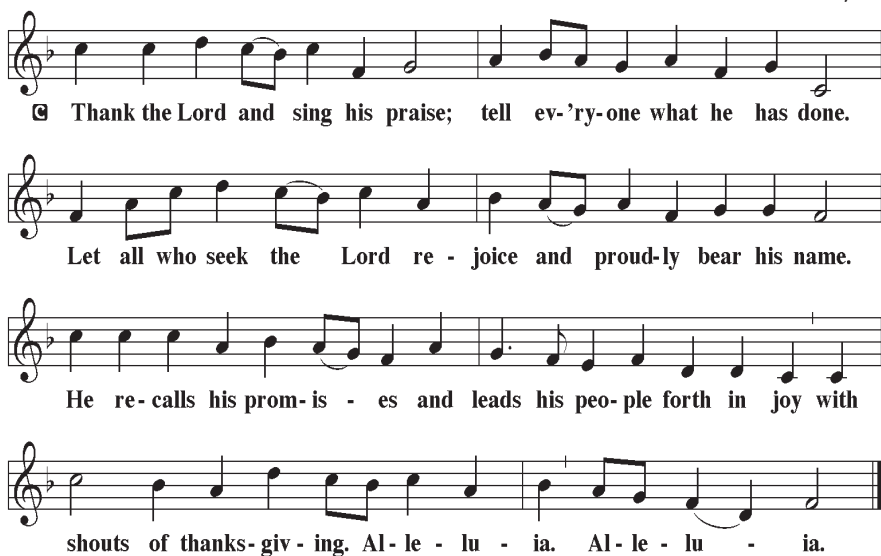
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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

## Canticle

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## 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: "The Strife Is O'er"

Robert Lau

*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**

74

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.**



## **Wilhelm Latvia Mission**

Mark and Julia Wilhelm are returning to northeastern Europe (on the Russian border) this summer to share the gospel in a unique way. The summer camps that SON (Spiritual Orphans Network) offers uses learning the English language as the tool that attracts attendees. The text for the summer program is the English Bible. If you would like to help Mark and Julia with their mission trip to Latvia, you may do so by putting a special offering in a blue envelope in the offering plate. Please memo your envelope "Wilhelm."

## Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday May 3, 2026, starting at 10:20 AM. The only purpose of this meeting is to vote on calling Brian Joseph Lord as Pastor and The Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman as Associate Pastor. As well as approval of the total pay package.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council makes the motion:  
To call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Salisbury NC, Brian Joseph Lord as Pastor at a total pay package of \$125,465.00 and, The Rev. Dr. Mark Ryman as Associate Pastor at a total pay package of \$67,949.00.

For Christ and his Church,  
St. Paul's Church Council

|                 |                  |                    |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Gina Barringer  | Susan Faggart    | Matthew Cottingham |
| Susan Bernhardt | Matt Holland     | Dan Dolan          |
| Dana Bost       | Donna Lyerly     | Tony Heilig        |
| Josh Canup      | Mita Powlas      | Keith Hoffner      |
| Tim Canup       | Bethany Whisnant | Stan McConnell     |
| Lisa Monroe     | Luke Ziegler     | Terri Powlas       |



## 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.

## **This Week's Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 19**

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship Service, Rev. Mark Wilhelm, 10:30am
- Autumn Care Worship service, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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

### **Monday, April 20**

- Home school dance class, 10am
- May newsletter articles are due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm (S. Salisbury Fire Dept.)

### **Tuesday, April 21**

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

### **Wednesday, April 22**

- Home school meets, 8:30am–3pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation Class, 7pm

### **Thursday, April 23**

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Cruise 'n Barbecue Volunteer meeting, 6:30pm

### **Saturday, April 25**

- Cruise 'n Barbecue, 8am–4pm

### **Sunday, April 26**

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Vespers, 6pm

## **Youth Sunday**

Youth Sunday has been rescheduled for May 31, 2026. Our high school seniors will be preaching that Sunday. We look forward to hearing their messages.

## **Cruise 'n Barbecue Updates:**

### **Volunteer Assignments Posted**

Thank you to everyone helping to make St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue possible. Volunteer Assignments are posted in the narthex and in the hall of the education building. Please check and make note of your time and assignment. Every effort has been made to schedule according to your preferred time and work area. A special thank you to those who indicated you will help "wherever needed." Should there be any problem contact Tim Deal as soon as possible.

### **Help Get the Word Out...**

Flyers for this year's St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue are available in the narthex. Feel free to take as many as you need to share with friends or post at your favorite gathering place. In addition, you can help get the word out by "Liking" and "Sharing" our flyer with your Facebook friends. Go to our page: [Facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscruisenbarbecue).

### **Port-a-Pit Tickets Available**

Port-a-Pit chicken dinner tickets will be available on the lawn after service on April 12th & 19th. In addition, they are available from Travis Alligood, Eric Barringer, James Lyerly, Dana Bost, Ben Bernhardt, Perry Bernhardt, Paul Canup, Tim Canup, Tim Deal, Jimmy Earnhardt, Helen Gordon, MyraLyn Goodman, Wayne Hinson, Johnny Lombard, Lindsay Lowman, Kay Moody, Brent Monroe, Wayne Taylor, Kenneth Whisnant or Luke Ziegler.

### **Advance Raffle Ticket Sales**

The incredible raffle baskets and prizes are one of the most popular features of the Cruise 'n Barbecue and one for which our event is known to be the best! In order to afford our volunteers an opportunity to avoid the rush on Saturday, volunteers may purchase raffle tickets on the lawn after service today, and at the volunteer's meeting on Thursday, April 23rd. Tickets are \$1 each or 30 for \$20. Note that no provision can be made for lost or tickets forgotten and left at home, so be sure to hold on to and bring your tickets on Saturday. Drawings and awards will begin at 3:00pm.

## **Cruise-in Facilities**

One challenge of hosting the hundreds of attendees at St. Paul's during the Cruise 'n Barbecue is accommodating so many people given our limited rest room facilities. Rather than renting somewhat undesirable "port-a-potties" the steering committee has elected to make our rest rooms in the church available, in addition to those at the picnic shelter. Proper signage will be set up to direct our guests, and adjacent areas will be labeled "closed" during the event.

## **Drinks**

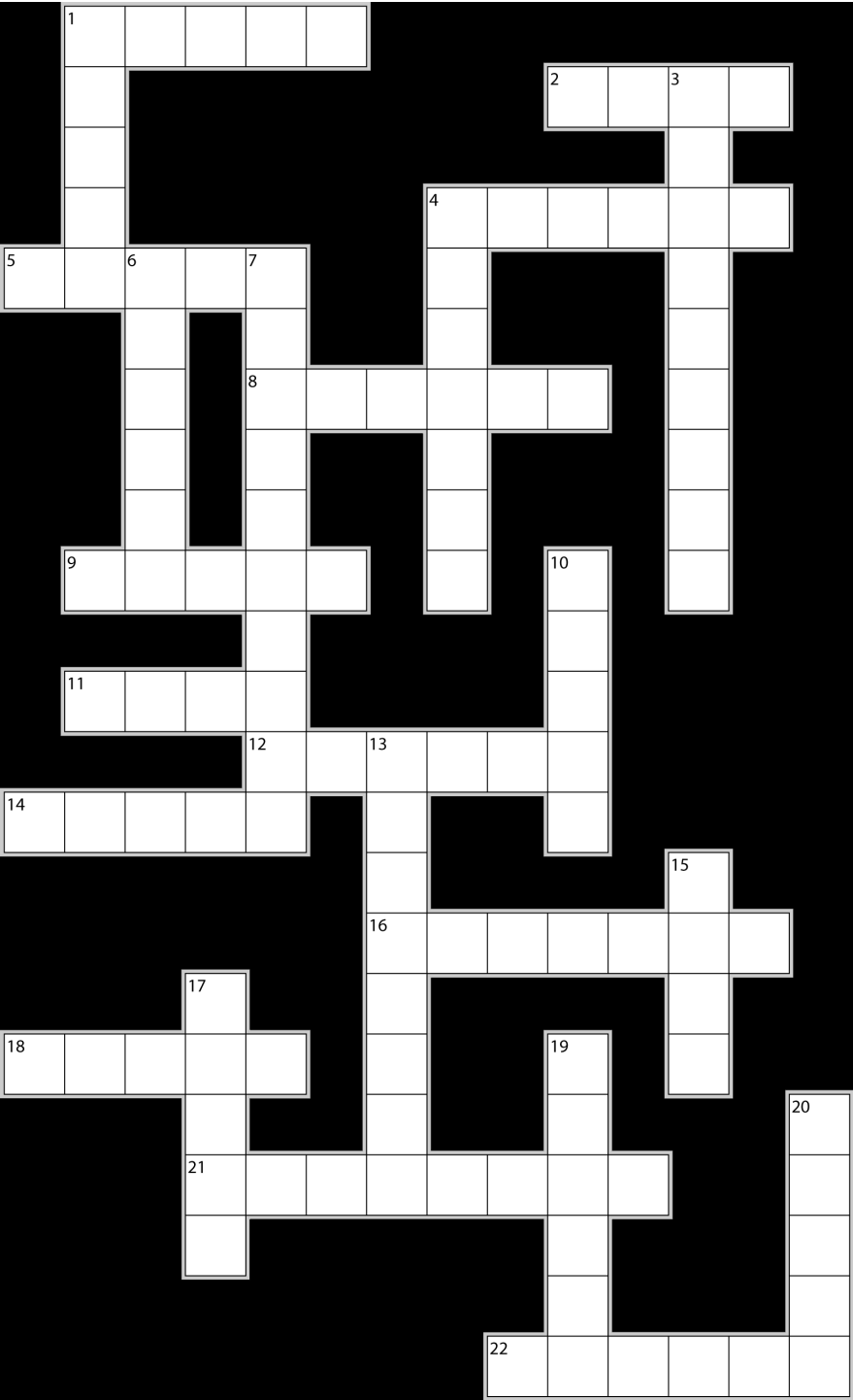
To make a monetary donation toward canned drinks for the Cruise 'n Barbecue, please use the blue envelopes marked "Barbecue Drinks." We appreciate Cheerwine working with us to make your donation go further than purchasing drinks yourself, and it minimizes handling. If you prefer to donate drinks yourself, please leave them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



## **Raffle Update**

The raffles for the Cruise-In were a great success last year with 39 baskets. So far, we have about 20 baskets with about 2 weeks to go (April 25th). 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. 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. We will sell the tickets after church on April 12th and 19th as well as at the volunteer meeting on April 23rd so you'll be able to get your name on the tickets before April 25th. Let's generate a lot of interest in buying those tickets for our Helping Hands Fund.



# Easter 3A

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-14; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35.  
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.  
Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/easter3Acrossword>*

## ACROSS

1. We purify our souls by obedience to this.
2. Return, O my soul, to your...
4. You were ransomed from these ways.
5. God made him both Lord and Christ.
8. Besides being baptized what did Peter tell the people to do?
9. The Lord has delivered the psalmist's soul from this.
11. Conduct yourself with this throughout the time of your exile on earth.
12. Two men were on their way to this village.
14. Jesus interpreted himself to the two men, beginning with his writings.
16. The name of one of the men on the road..
18. You were ransomed with this precious element.
21. The gift of forgiveness is for you and your...
22. The Lord has risen...

## DOWN

1. How many thousands of souls were added to the church at Pentecost?
3. David would lift up this cup.
4. The word of the Lord remains...
6. The Lord preserves them.
7. The hearts of the two men burned within as Jesus opened what to them?
10. All flesh is like this.
13. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is...
15. The psalmist would do this before the Lord in the land of the living.
17. What Peter lifted up at Pentecost
19. With how many was Peter standing?
20. Jesus was known to the two men in the breaking of this.

## 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*)
- Jimmy Earnhardt – recovering from procedure
- Sonya Eller – recovering at home
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Sarah Goodman – recovering at home
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – recovering at home
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Tiffany Holland – upcoming surgery
- Ray Kubitz – health concerns
- Alesia Lewis – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- 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
- Nancy Wilhelm – recovering from surgery

*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.*

# The Gift of the Holy Spirit

*Find the 28 bold words from Acts 2:14a, 36–41 KJV.*

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But **Peter**, standing with the **eleven**, **lifted** up his **voice** and addressed them: Let all the house of **Israel** therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and **Christ**, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the **heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the **apostles**, “**Brothers**, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “**Repent** and be **baptized every** one of you in the name of **Jesus** Christ for the **forgiveness** of your sins, and you will **receive** the **gift** of the **Holy Spirit**. For the **promise** is for you and for your **children** and for all who are far off, **everyone** whom the Lord our God calls to **himself**.” And with many other words he bore **witness** and continued to **exhort** them, saying, “**Save** yourselves from this **crooked generation**.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand **souls**.

## Previous Sunday's Stats

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| General Fund offering 4/12 .....             | \$19,667 |
| Other offering 4/12 .....                    | \$14,346 |
| Worship attendance 4/12 .....                | 160      |
| Sunday School attendance reported 4/12 ..... | 46       |

## Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$118.00 Total so far: \$298.50  
Children's change collections this quarter  
will support Marion Medical Mission.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected  
\$26,099.62 for missions.

Total during the first quarter of 2026 to  
benefit the Small Catechism Project: \$2,213.00

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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## OFFICE HOURS

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**Next week's lessons:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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