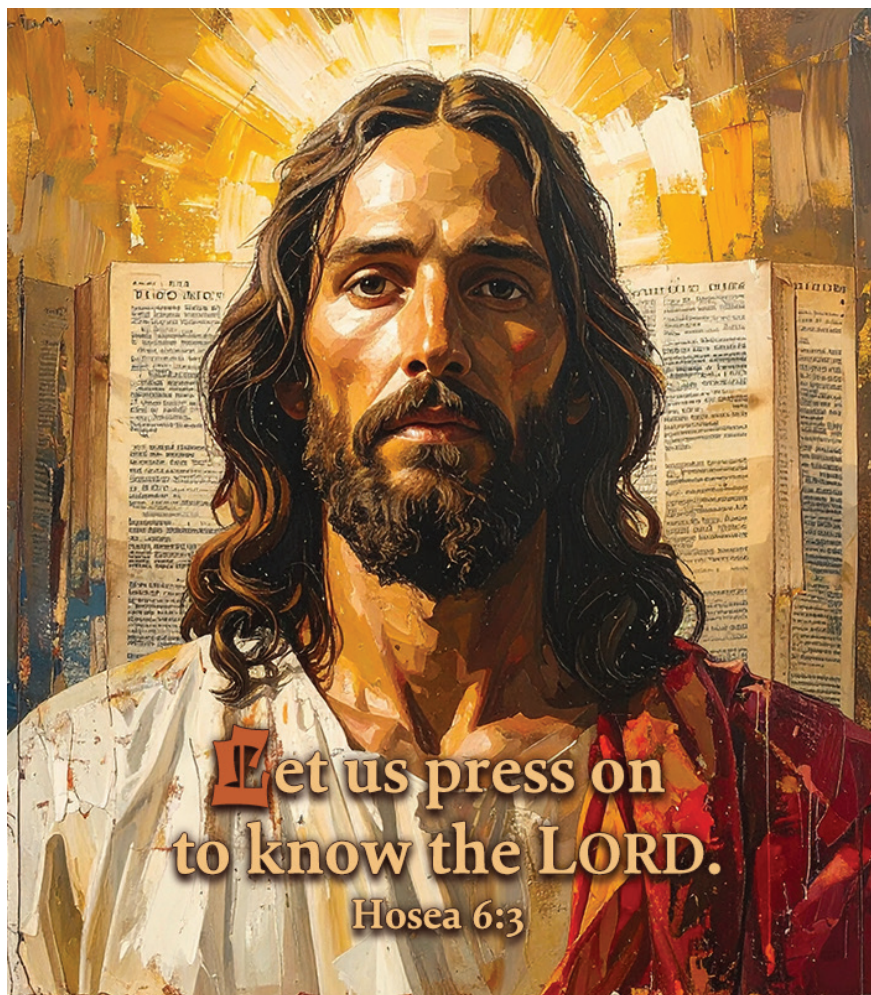




The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

I desire mercy,
and not sacrifice.
For I came not
to call the righteous,
but sinners.
Matthew 9:13



Memory Verse Aid

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ANS.
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TCTR,
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “How Firm a Foundation”

Robert Hobby

Please stand.

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

Confession of Sin

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Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Amen

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

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Greeting

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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.

Kyrie Eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

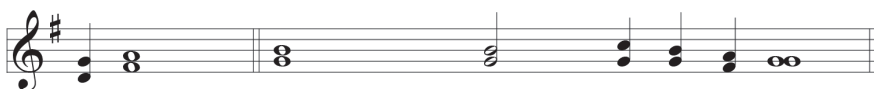


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



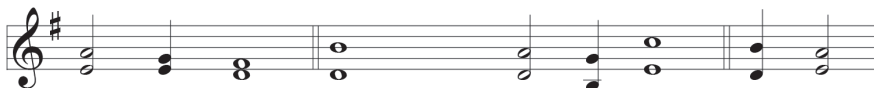
we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy

on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and beside you, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Hosea 5:15–6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹⁶Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him. ³Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord

Psalter: Psalm 119:65–72

⁶⁵O LORD, you have dealt graciously | with your servant,
according | to your word.

⁶⁶**Teach me discern- | ment and knowledge,
for I have believed | in your commandments.**

⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I | went astray,
but now I | keep your word.

⁶⁸**You are good and you | bring forth good;
instruct me | in your statutes.**

⁶⁹The proud have smeared | me with lies,
but I will keep your commandments with | my whole heart.

⁷⁰**Their heart is | gross and fat,
but my delight is | in your law.**

⁷¹It is good for me that I have | been afflicted,
that I might | learn your statutes.

⁷²**The law of your mouth is dear- | er to me
than thousands in | gold and silver.**

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13–25

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the

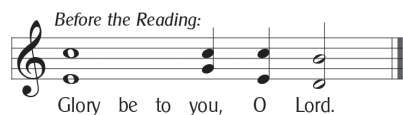
promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*



The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

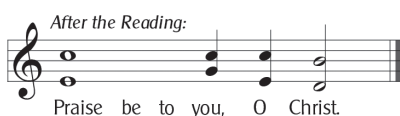


Gospel: Matthew 9:9–13

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were

reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

The Gospel of our Lord



Confession of Faith

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Let us together confess our faith with 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: “Our Merciful Lord”

Hymn: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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Prayers of the Church

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

Anthem: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Adult Choir

Exhortation

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Apostle Paul admonishes us:
Examine yourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

Scripture hereby encourages us to come to the Lord’s table,
believing that Jesus Christ is himself present in the bread and the
wine as his words declare: This is my body. This is my blood.

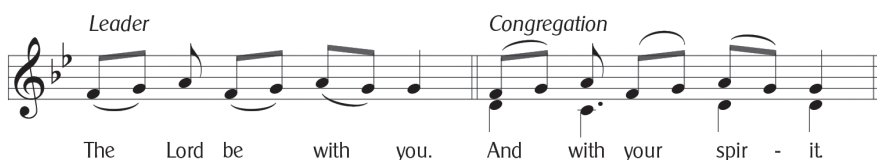
Scripture also encourages us to come trusting in the forgiveness of
sins, as Jesus says, “For you, for the forgiveness of sin.”

Finally, we are encouraged to do as Christ commands when he
says: Take. Eat. Drink. Do this in remembrance of me.

When we repent of sin, believe his words, and do as he
commands, we come in a worthy manner, and join the whole
Christian church on earth in giving thanks to God the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ for so great a gift. We also pray that his love
will renew our love for one another and that we, with the whole
Christian church, may know the comfort and joy that is in Christ
our Savior and Lord. Receive now his grace with believing hearts.
Amen

Preface

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

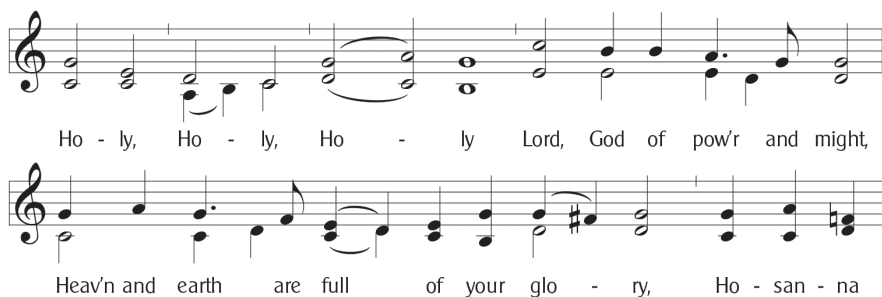


It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Sanctus

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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,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

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

Words of Institution

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

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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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.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

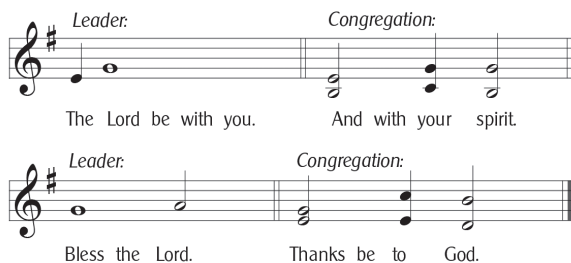
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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.
For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

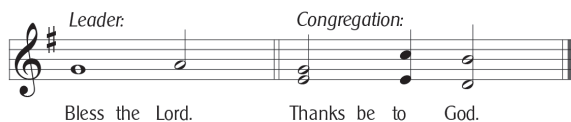
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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

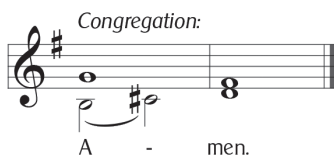
Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Anne Laura Page

*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.*

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - men.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 7

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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

Monday, June 8

- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Finance Committee, 6:30pm
- Outreach Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 9

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, June 10

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, June 11

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm

Sunday, June 14

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Video Techs Needed

We are looking for two tech savvy people to operate the video live stream on a rotating basis, approximately one Sunday per month. If you would like to learn the process to deliver our services to members who can't attend in person, and others around the world, please contact the church office, or Matt Holland. Training will be provided.

2026 Graduates

Andrew Baker

*Rowan County Early College High School
RCCC—Associate of Arts*

Luke Barringer

*N. C. State University
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering*

Sara Barringer

North Hills Christian School

Sheridan Drew

East Rowan High School

Peyton Holland

Cox Mill High School

Kole Reeder

Jesse C. Carson High School

Lauren Whisnant

*UNC Charlotte
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education*

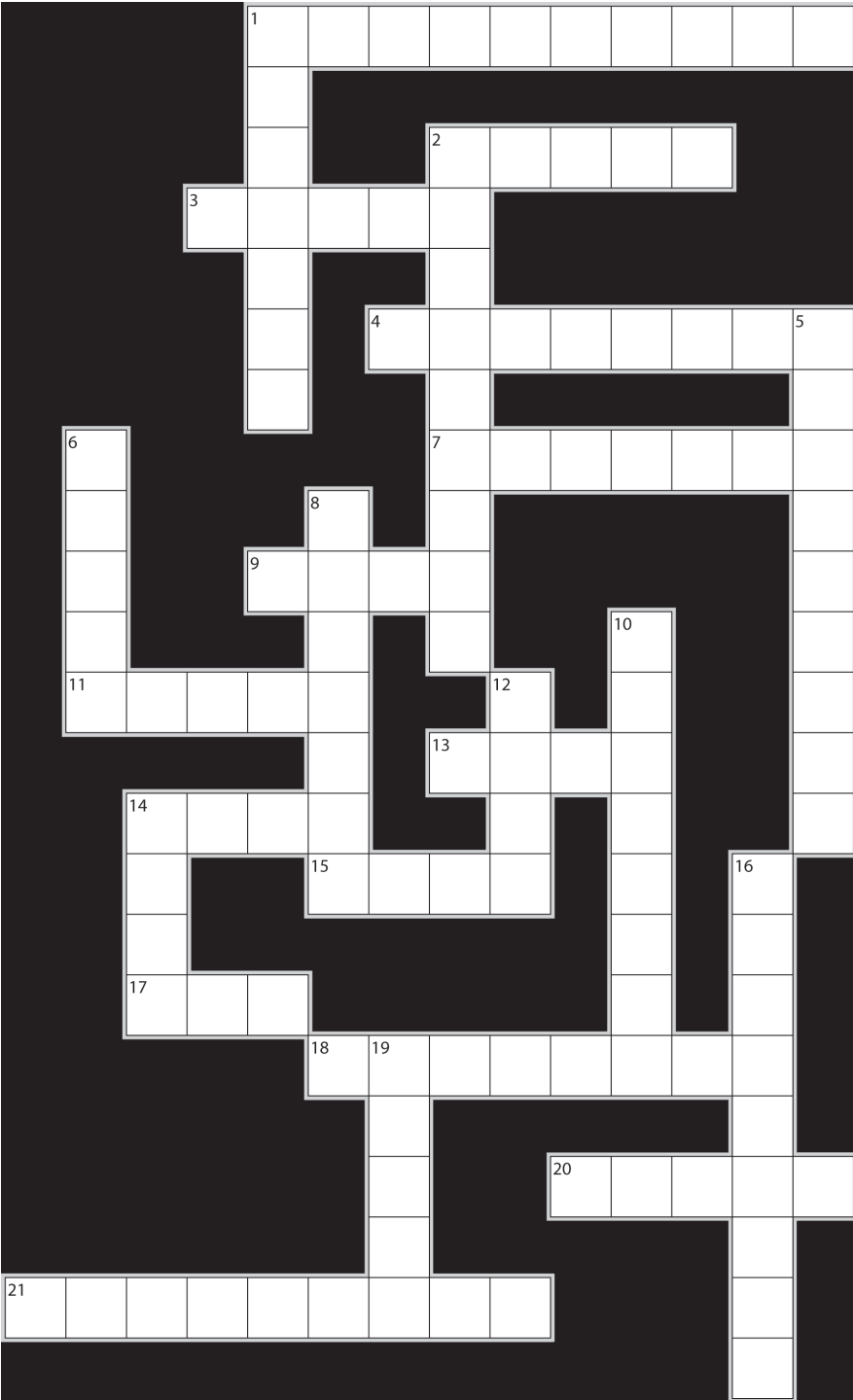
Congratulations to our high school and college graduates. Your hard work has paid off, and we wish you God's blessings in your future plans.

VBS 2026

VBS 2026 dates are set—**June 26th–28th** (Friday night–Sunday). The theme is David: Hero of God. There will be classes for 3-years old – Middle school. **Registration will be done electronically** this year through this QR code and link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuRfRWHKeJUuCW4BTAT34KhfN9BDzSRI5cDfJ3Diq6bqEChw/viewform>

Contacts are Lauren Holland, 980-234-2907, or Kara Burnett, 704-239-7614.





Second Sunday of Pentecost, Year A

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle .

Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/pentecost2A-crossword>

ACROSS

1. This helps us keep from going astray.
2. Let us do this in order to know the Lord.
3. The promise depends on this.
4. Abraham was fully convinced that God was able to do what he had...
7. Jesus came to call them, not the righteous.
9. What does God want people to seek?
11. God gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not what?
13. Let us return to him.
14. In hope Abraham believed against this.
15. The Lord deals with us according to his what?
17. This is better than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
18. "Teach me your..."
20. God desires this instead of sacrifice.
21. The Lord desires this rather than sacrifices.

DOWN

1. The promise to Abraham extends to those who share this man's faith.
2. They complained about the company Jesus kept.
5. Instead of addressing Jesus directly, the Pharisees complained to them.
6. The promise rests on this.
8. Who did Jesus tell to follow him in today's gospel lesson?
10. Teach me good what?
12. The Lord is good and does...
14. The Lord has torn us down so that he may do this to us.
16. The sick need one.
19. The Lord will raise us up on this day.

Recent Prayer Needs

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

- Shiela Barringer – cancer
- W. A. Cline – health concerns (*Wayne Cline's brother*)
- Jean Deal – Liberty Commons rehab
- Dan Dolan – recovering from surgery
- James Earnhardt – health concerns (*nephew of Ruth Julian*)
- Rick Eller – recovering from surgery (*Terry Eller's brother*)
- Sonya Eller – health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani – health concerns (*Lisa Lord's father*)
- Windy Heilig – recovering from injury
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Tiffany Holland – recovering from surgery
- Judi Honbarger – upcoming surgery
- Randy Johnson – upcoming surgery
- Alesia Lewis – recovering from surgery
- Alan Lyerly – recovering at home
- Dennis Martinez – cancer (*friend of Lisa Lord*)
- Craig Parks – health concerns
- Will Poplin – health concerns (*Ann Poplin's son*)
- Mita Powlas – recovering from surgery
- Melinda Redding – recovering at home
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Steve Shuping – cancer (*Louise Eller's brother*)
- Lottie Simpson – Trinity Oaks Rehab
- Mary Stewart – cancer (*former member*)
- Scott Watson – health concerns (*son of Larry & Leilani Watson*)
- Nancy Wilhelm – recovering from surgery
- Kenny Willis – health concerns (*brother of Gina Wilhelm*)

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.

Repent!

Find the 30 bold words from Hosea 5:15–6:6 KJV.

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

I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their **offence**, and seek my **face**: in their **affliction** they will seek me early. Come, and let us **return** unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will **heal** us; he hath **smitten**, and he will **bind** us up. After two days will he **revive** us: in the **third** day he will **raise** us up, and we shall live in his **sight**. Then shall we **know**, if we **follow** on to know the Lord: his going **forth** is **prepared** as the **morning**; and he shall come unto us as the **rain**, as the latter and former rain unto the **earth**. O **Ephraim**, what shall I do unto thee? O **Judah**, what shall I do unto thee? for your **goodness** is as a morning **cloud**, and as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I **hewed** them by the **prophets**; I have **slain** them by the **words** of my **mouth**: and thy judgments are as the **light** that goeth forth. For I desired **mercy**, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than **burnt** offerings.

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 5/31.....	\$6,024
Other offering 5/31.....	\$2,095
Worship attendance 5/31	200
Sunday School attendance reported 5/31	35

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$162.00 Total so far: \$1,649.50

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

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$27,450.62 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

Reminders: Information for **weekly bulletins** should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for **monthly newsletters** needs to be submitted 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**.

Scripture Page

There is an additional page available at each entrance of the sanctuary, which provides thoughts on the scriptures that are in your bulletin. It also gives a “common thread” connecting them. Please feel free to take one. It may be helpful to you when reading the scriptures.



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Next week's lessons: Exodus 19:2–8; Psalm 100:1–5; Romans 5:6–15; Matthew 9:35–10:20

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