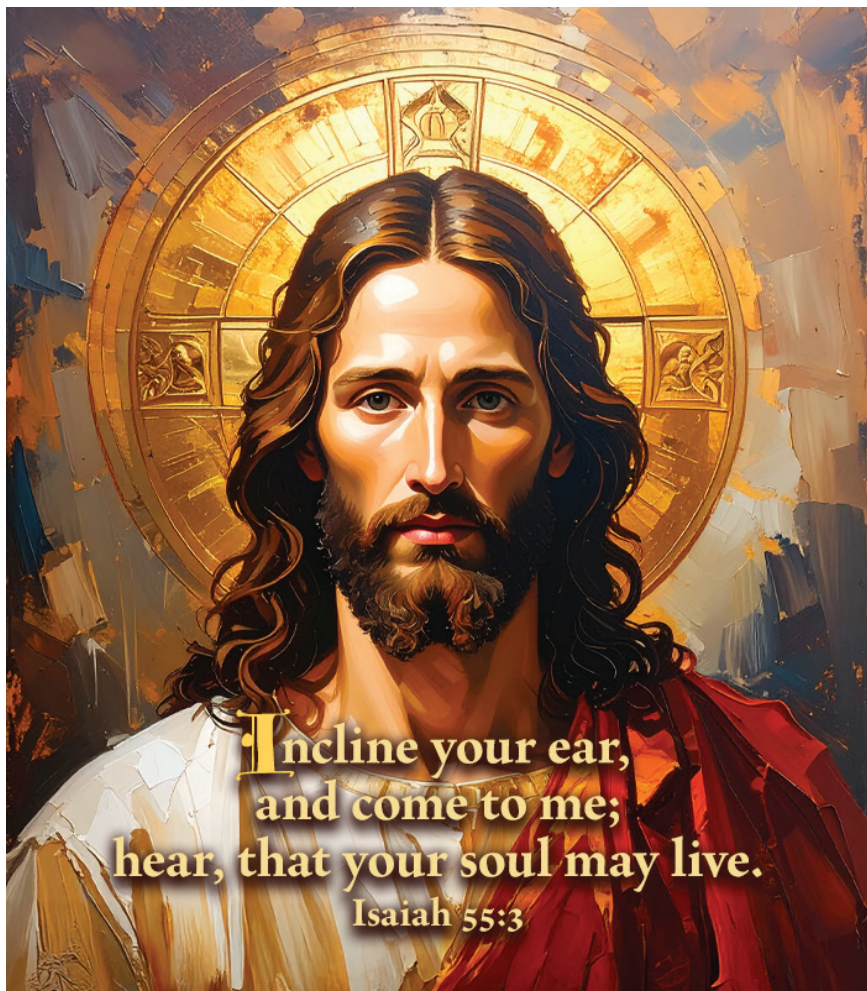




Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good,
for his mercy
endures forever.
Psalm 136:1



Memory Verse Aid

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FHM
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PI36I

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “I Love to Tell the Story”

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: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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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

75

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.

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to pray—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1–5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting

covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

The word of the Lord

Psalter: Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Give thanks to the | God of gods,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

³Give thanks to the | LORD of lords,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

⁴**Who only | does great wonders,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁵Who by wisdom | made the heavens,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁶**Who spread out the earth up- | on the waters,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁷Who creat- | ed great lights,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁸**The sun to | rule the day,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

⁹The moon and the stars to gov- | ern the night,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²³**Who remembered us in our | low estate,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

²⁴And delivered us | from our enemies,
for his mercy en- | dures forever;

²⁵**Who gives food | to all creatures,**
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the | God of heaven,
for his mercy en- | dures forever.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

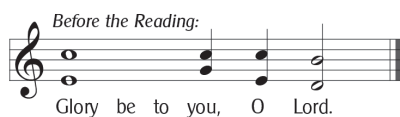
⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*



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

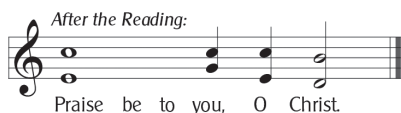


Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

¹³When Jesus heard [of John the Baptist's death], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of our Lord



Reception of New Members

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe God, the Father, the Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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: "True Bread for the Starving Spirit"

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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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

Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: "Come Alive"

Andrew Baker

Exhortation

Preface

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Leader

Congregation

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

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface. It consists of two staves. The first staff has two parts: a 'Leader' part and a 'Congregation' part. The 'Leader' part is a single melodic line. The 'Congregation' part is a two-part setting with a higher melody and a lower harmony. The second staff is a 'Leader' part, continuing the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and good for us, 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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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the



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**

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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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

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We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift, and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

92

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.

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Westminster Abbey”

Paul Manz

*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.

*The altar flowers are placed in memory of loved ones
 gone before us, and in honor of the descendants
 of J. C. Bernhardt, who are having their reunion
 today at Christiana Lutheran Church.*

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 2

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Recognition of new members, 10:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, Noon in the pulpit side transept
- Bernhardt Reunion at Christiana Lutheran Church, 12:30pm
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

Monday–Friday

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am in the counting room;
Look for “Daily Word” on our website.

Monday, August 3

- Bingo, Trinity Living Center, 1pm
- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, August 4

- Bible Study 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, August 5

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 6

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, August 9

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, Noon in the pulpit side transept
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

General Fund

For the month of June, our expenses were greater than our income by \$11,654.62. As a church family, we ask you to prayerfully consider ways to help.

Percentage Giving

Use this chart to help you decide what percentage of your annual income to give in offerings per week:

Annual Income	Weekly Giving (in Dollars)					
	12%	10%	8%	6%	4%	2%
\$5,200	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$6,500	15.00	12.50	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.50
\$7,800	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$9,100	21.00	17.50	14.00	10.50	7.00	3.50
\$10,400	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$11,700	27.00	22.50	18.00	13.50	9.00	4.50
\$13,000	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$14,300	33.00	27.50	22.00	16.50	11.00	5.50
\$15,600	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$18,200	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$20,800	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$23,400	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$26,000	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$28,600	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$31,200	72.00	60.00	48.00	36.00	24.00	12.00
\$36,400	84.00	70.00	56.00	42.00	28.00	14.00
\$41,600	96.00	80.00	64.00	48.00	32.00	16.00
\$46,800	108.00	90.00	72.00	54.00	36.00	18.00
\$52,000	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$65,000	150.00	125.00	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
\$78,000	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00
\$91,000	210.00	175.00	140.00	105.00	70.00	35.00
\$104,000	240.00	200.00	160.00	120.00	80.00	40.00
\$117,000	270.00	225.00	180.00	135.00	90.00	45.00
\$130,000	300.00	250.00	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00
\$150,000	346.00	288.00	231.00	173.00	115.00	58.00

Bingo at Trinity Living Center

St Paul's Lutheran Women will be going to **Trinity Living Center** on **August 3rd, at 1:00pm, to play Bingo**. The clients always enjoy having people to talk to and interact with, especially children. We also assist some of them with Bingo. Trinity Living Center is at **1416 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S.**, in Salisbury. Please consider coming out for some fun and fellowship. We would love to have you.

New Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9. Students going into the seventh grade this school year (or older) will be eligible as first year Confirmands. Confirmation classes are held most Wednesday evenings at 7pm during the school year, for two years. At least one parent or grandparent should be present during each class with your child. In order for your child to be confirmed, consistent attendance is mandatory. These first-year students will be Confirmed in 2028.

We have five students going into the seventh grade this school year—Clara Canup, Sutton Fisher, Carson Friel, Rebecca Lombard, and Alyssa McCraven. A letter will be sent to the parents/grandparents, with more information.

If we have missed anyone, please call the church office.

Organ Food Pantry

If you would like to help support the food pantry at Organ Lutheran Church, you may bring items such as egg noodles, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta/spaghetti and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, and other non-perishable food items. There are bins available at the entrances to leave your donations.

Youth & Family Clean Up for Homecoming

Mark your calendars for our annual youth event—"pew/shelter clean-up"—on Friday, September 11th, at 6pm. Bring your cleaning spirit along with vacuums, brooms, and cleaning cloths! We will be providing pizza and dessert.

Recent Prayer Needs

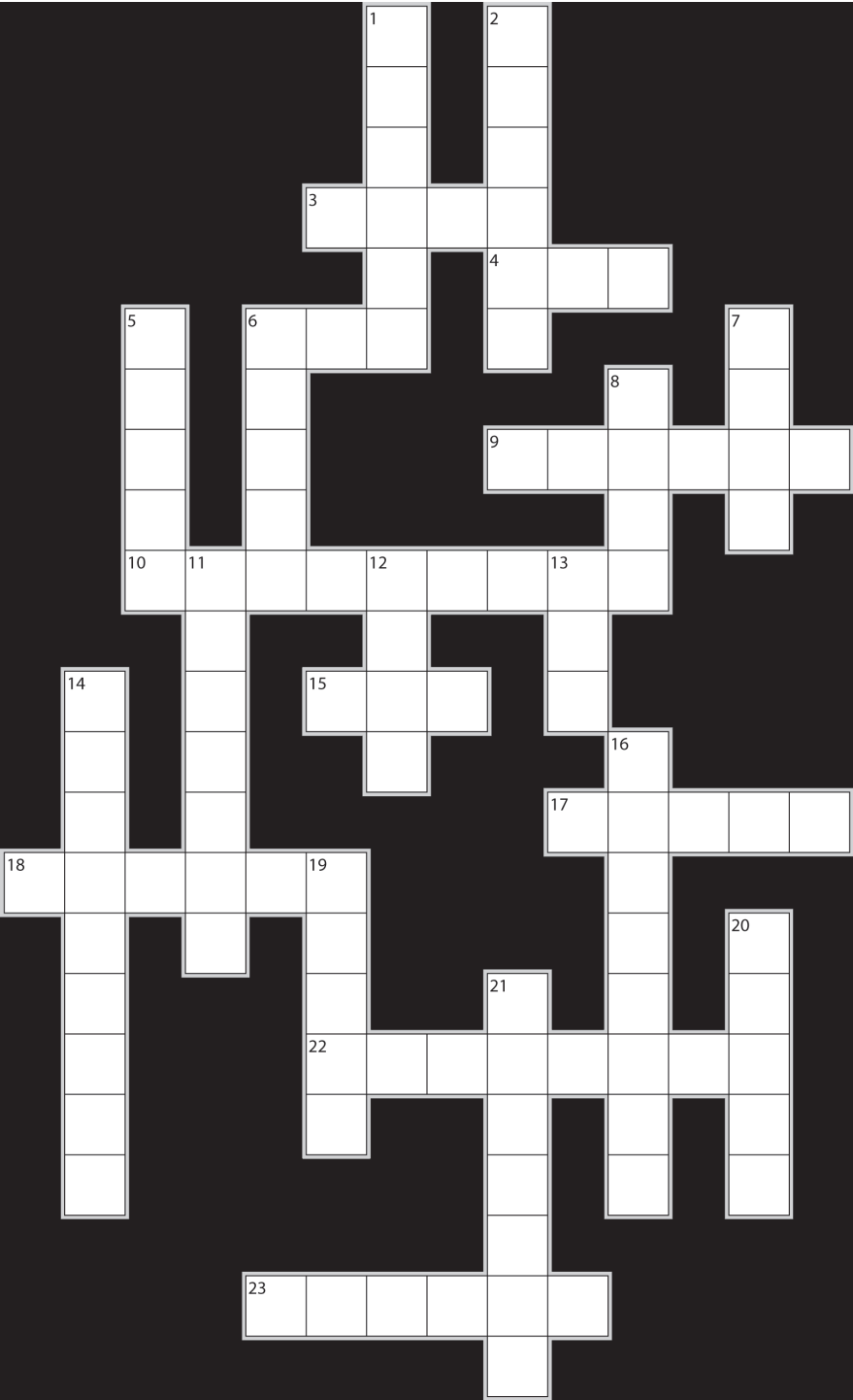
Please notify the church office when a prayer request should be updated or removed from this list.

- Perry Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Larry Clark – recovering from surgery
- Jean Deal – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from injury
- Judi Honbarger – recovering from surgery
- Sally Kruckow – health concerns (*Tiffany Holland's grandmother*)
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Alesia Lewis – health concerns
- Sydney Lewis – upcoming surgery
- Bob McCanless – health concerns
- Kay Moody – recovering from surgery
- Kensley Phipps – recovering from surgery
(*granddaughter of Gail & George Reese*)
- Will Poplin – health concerns (*Ann Poplin's son*)
- George Reese – health concerns
- Linda Shirley – health concerns
- Dick Smith – health concerns
- Kelly Smith – health concerns (*friend of Karen Charles*)
- Pedro Vincenty – health concerns
- Robin Wastler – recovering from surgery
(*daughter of George & Gail Reese*)
- Jayne Weinhofer – recovering from surgery
(*Dani Cottingham's mother*)
- Kathy Wilhelm – health concerns
- Hugh Wilhelm – health concerns
- 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.

Pray for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care

Bermuda Commons: Edna Chapman • *Terra Bella:* Della Jenkins
Trinity Oaks: Lottie Simpson, Allen Burnett • *Home:* Susan Beeker,
Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Shirley Hoosier, Ruth Julian,
Susie Page, Melinda Redding, Dottie Stancil, Jane Wilhelm



Tenth Sunday of Pentecost, Year A

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/pentecost10A-crossword>

ACROSS

3. Besides the women and children, how many men did Jesus feed?
4. Give thanks to him who divided this sea.
6. Jesus told his disciples to give the multitude something to...
9. They followed Jesus to the deserted place.
10. After Jesus fed the crowds, they all ate and were...
15. He who is without money should do what?
17. Wine and milk are available for purchase without this.
18. Not all who are descended from Israel belong to what?
22. In our Gospel Reading, Jesus withdrew alone to this kind of place.
23. Jesus fed the crowd fish and what else?

DOWN

1. He is God over all.
2. If you thirst, you should come to the...
5. God's purpose of election continues because of him who calls, not because of these.
6. Give thanks to him who brought Israel out from there.
7. Give thanks to the God of...
8. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is what?
11. Not all are his children just because they are his physical offspring.
12. Hear, so that this may live.
13. Isaiah says to incline your what?
14. The children of God are the children of the promise since they are counted as this.
16. If you listen diligently to the Lord, he will make an everlasting what with you?
19. Give thanks to the Lord of...
20. It is not the children of this who are the children of God.
21. The Lord's steadfast love endures how long?

Previous Sunday's Stats

General Fund offering 7/19	\$18,708
Other offering 7/19	\$14,819
Worship attendance 7/19	172
Sunday School attendance reported 7/19	79

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$165.50 Total so far: \$671.00
Children's change collections this quarter
will support St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

Total collected during the second quarter of 2026
for Marion Medical Mission: \$2,229.00.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$27,733.62 for missions.

Total collected 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**.



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Next week's lessons: Job 38:4–18; Psalm 18:1–16; Romans 10:5–17; Matthew 14:22–33

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