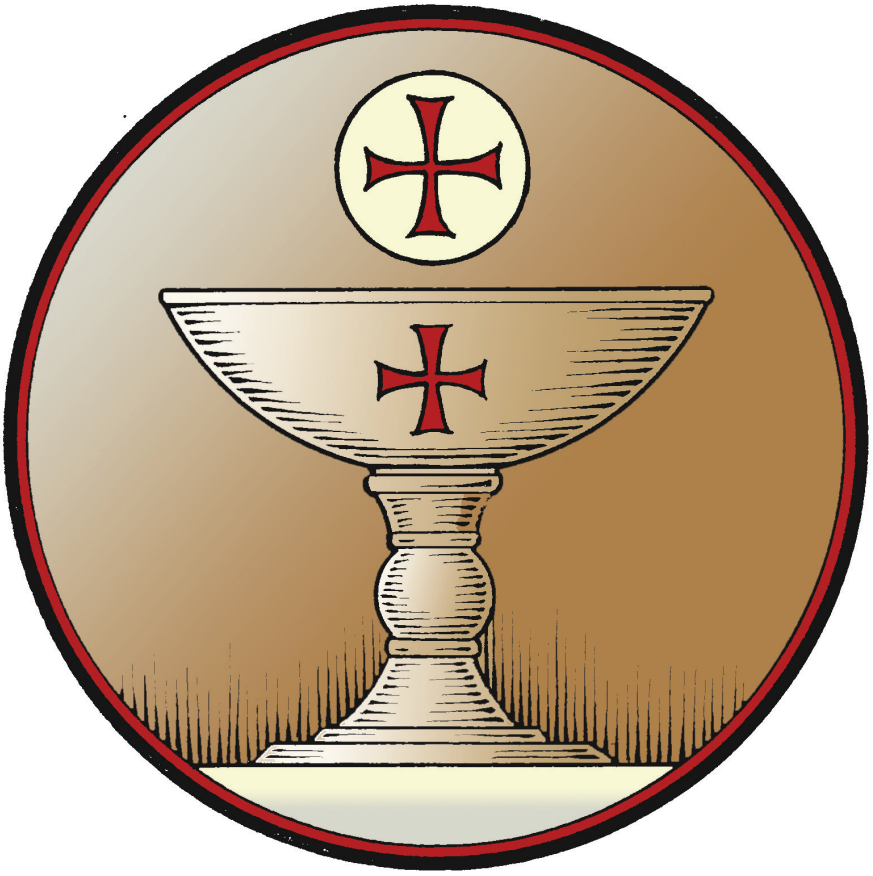




August 1, 2021
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
205 St. Paul's Church Road • Salisbury, NC 28146
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Acolyte: Hila Canup • Crucifer: Chloe Lombard
Lector: Wayne Taylor
Communion Assistants: Travis Alligood,
Gina Barringer, Stan McConnell

Welcome and Announcements

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “Break Now the Bread of Life”

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

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**

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



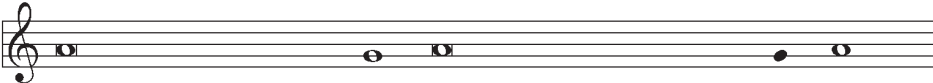
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



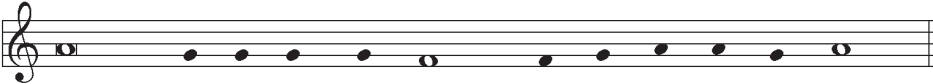
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



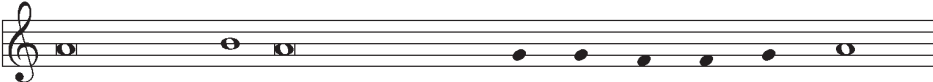
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

The Hymn of Praise



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



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Let us pray. 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. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.” ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to

them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Psalms 145:10-22

- ¹⁰All your works praise | you, O Lord,
and your faithful | servants bless you.
- ¹¹**They make known the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power;**
- ¹²That the peoples may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³**Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**
- ¹⁴The Lord is faithful in | all his words
and merciful in | all his deeds.
- ¹⁵**The Lord upholds all | those who fall;
he lifts up those who | are bowed down.**
- ¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁷**You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every | living creature.**
- ¹⁸The Lord is righteous in | all his ways
and loving in | all his works.
- ¹⁹**The Lord is near to those who call | upon him,
to all who call up- | on him faithfully.**
- ²⁰He fulfills the desire of | those who fear him;
he hears their | cry and helps them.
- ²¹**The Lord preserves all | those who love him,
but he destroys | all the wicked.**
- ²²My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy name forev- | er and ever.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." ⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

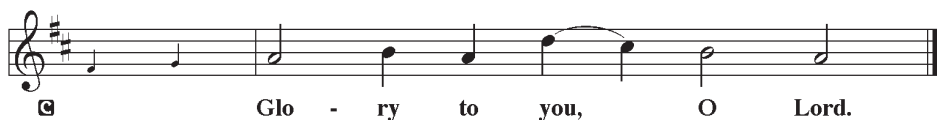
Please stand for the Gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

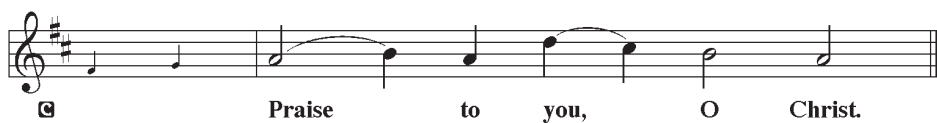


Gospel: John 6:22-35

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Knowledge of Christ"

This is the fourth in an 8-week series on the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Hymn of the Day: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles Creed

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

**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.**

**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**

The Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

Following each of 4 prayers:

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

Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory: “Let Us Break Bread”

G. Near

Please stand as you are able.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us — our selves, 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 Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Please be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

After the distribution, please stand.

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



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and 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**

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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The Benediction

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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune"

J. Bankson

Announcements ~ August 1, 2021

Altar flowers are given by Betty Niedens to the glory of God and in honor of Ed Niedens birthday today.

First Communion Class

Pastor Ryman will have First Communion instruction beginning today and continuing the next two Sundays (August 1st, 8th, and 15th) from 5:00 to 6:00pm in the conference room. Any parent who feels their child is ready to receive Holy Communion is welcome to come be with their child(ren) for instruction. You will need to be present at all three classes, or you may call and schedule a time to make up a day that you are unable to attend.

Adult Confirmation and Membership Classes

Beginning today, August 1st, pastor will begin teaching confirmation classes for adults that focus on reading the Bible through the lens of the Catechism. This ongoing class will serve as a solid grounding in Lutheran doctrine and theology for those who are new to the Lutheran church as well as those who want a refresher. From time to time, a three-week membership class will instead be taught those interested in joining St. Paul's.

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer

Join Susan and Pastor Mark for evening prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and for morning prayer Thursdays at 10:00am. We meet in the fellowship hall and have a discussion of that day's readings from the Daily Lectionary. You may jump in at any time. Bible study and prayer will continue throughout the year.

Lutheran Men will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday, August 12, in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm.

If Pastor Ryman has not visited you yet, please give us a call and let us know a good time for him to do so. We are calling all our members to schedule a visit.

Lutheran Women

Kathie Ketchie Circle does not meet in August, but it is this group's month to send cards to homebound members.

Hama Lingle Circle meets Monday, August 2, at 7:00pm with Betty Monroe as hostess and Alice Davis as leader.

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets Tuesday, August 3, at 7:00pm.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle meets Wednesday, August 4, at 9:30am in the ladies parlor.

Melissa Lura Circle meets Monday, August 9th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Bonnie Bost Circle meets Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00pm.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Classes are as follows:

Pre-K - Teachers needed

K-5 - To be taught by Crystal Canup (assistants needed)

6-12 - To be taught by Kenneth Whisnant, Joshua Canup, and Heather Canup

Adult Class - Taught by George Barringer

Adult Class - Taught by Louise Eller (ladies' parlor)

Adult Class - Teachers rotate (choir room)

Adult Confirmation Class - Pastor Ryman (fellowship hall)

Kitchen Use

A reminder to any group using the church kitchen — items should not be stored in the kitchen refrigerator for more than one day. Space is available in the shelter refrigerator if a longer storage time is needed. This allows room for the next group using the kitchen area. It also allows room in case of last minute needs, such as funeral meals.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (7/25).....	\$4,967
Other Offering (7/25)	\$12,842
Worship Attendance (7/25).....	155
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 7/25	\$223,173
General Fund YTD Budget as of 7/25	\$233,782

Members of St. Paul's for Special Prayers:

Grady Earnhardt - Health concerns
Sonya Eller - Recovering from surgery
Terry Eller - Health concerns
Bishop Goodman - Aplastic anemia
Peyton Holland - Blood disorder
Emerson Holder - Health concerns
Alan Lyerly - Recovering, pacemaker
Mike Morris - Health concerns
Teresa Peeler - Health concerns
Delcie Smith - Hospice
Dottie Stancil - Health concerns
Jane Wilhelm - Health concerns

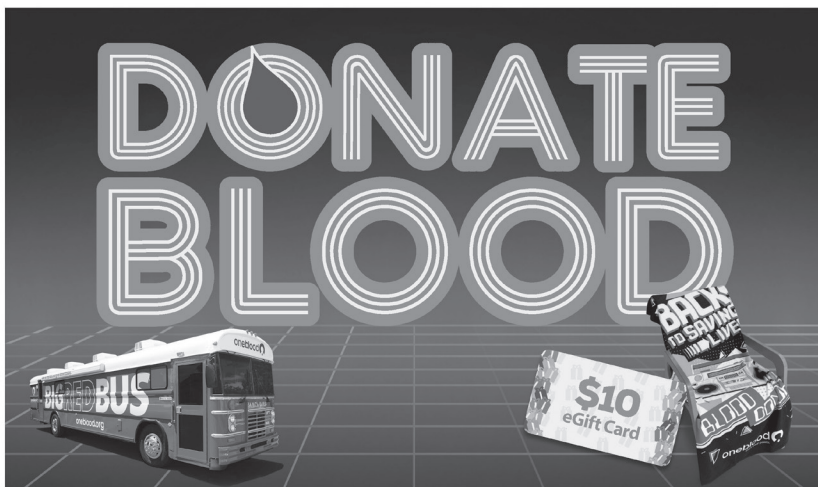
Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Martha Hopkins, Walter Smith
Citadel: Mary Sherrill
Elmcroft: Helen Howe
Trinity Oaks: Barbara Whisnant
Home: Judy Bernhardt, Iverson and Gayle Brendle, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Ruby Heilig, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Susan Lyerly, Carrie Reavis, Dottie Stancil, Jane Troutman, Barbara Upright, Polly Webb

Friends of St. Paul's:

Riley Burton - Former St. Paul's organist, health concerns
Catie Critchfield - Great-granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, health concerns
Elizabeth Tancordo - Niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
Leslie Ryman - Sister of Pastor Ryman, cancer
Sam Sanders - Husband of Vicki Sanders, health concerns
Mark Watson - Son of Larry and Leilani Watson, health concerns

Please let us know if any corrections to this list of concerns are needed.
In an effort to keep the list current, we will try to update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known, prolonged issues.



Monday, August 9, 2021

2:00 PM – 6:30 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

All donors will receive a OneBlood Beach Towel and a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged, please visit
www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #55685

August Blood Drive – Contact Alice Davis for information and appointments at 704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

August 1 – Biscuits and Beverages before Sunday School, **8:30am**

August 1, 8, 15 – First Communion Instruction, **5:00pm**

August 9 – Blood Drive in the fellowship hall, **2:00 – 6:30pm**

August 15 – Youth and Family Committee (conf. room) **3:00pm**

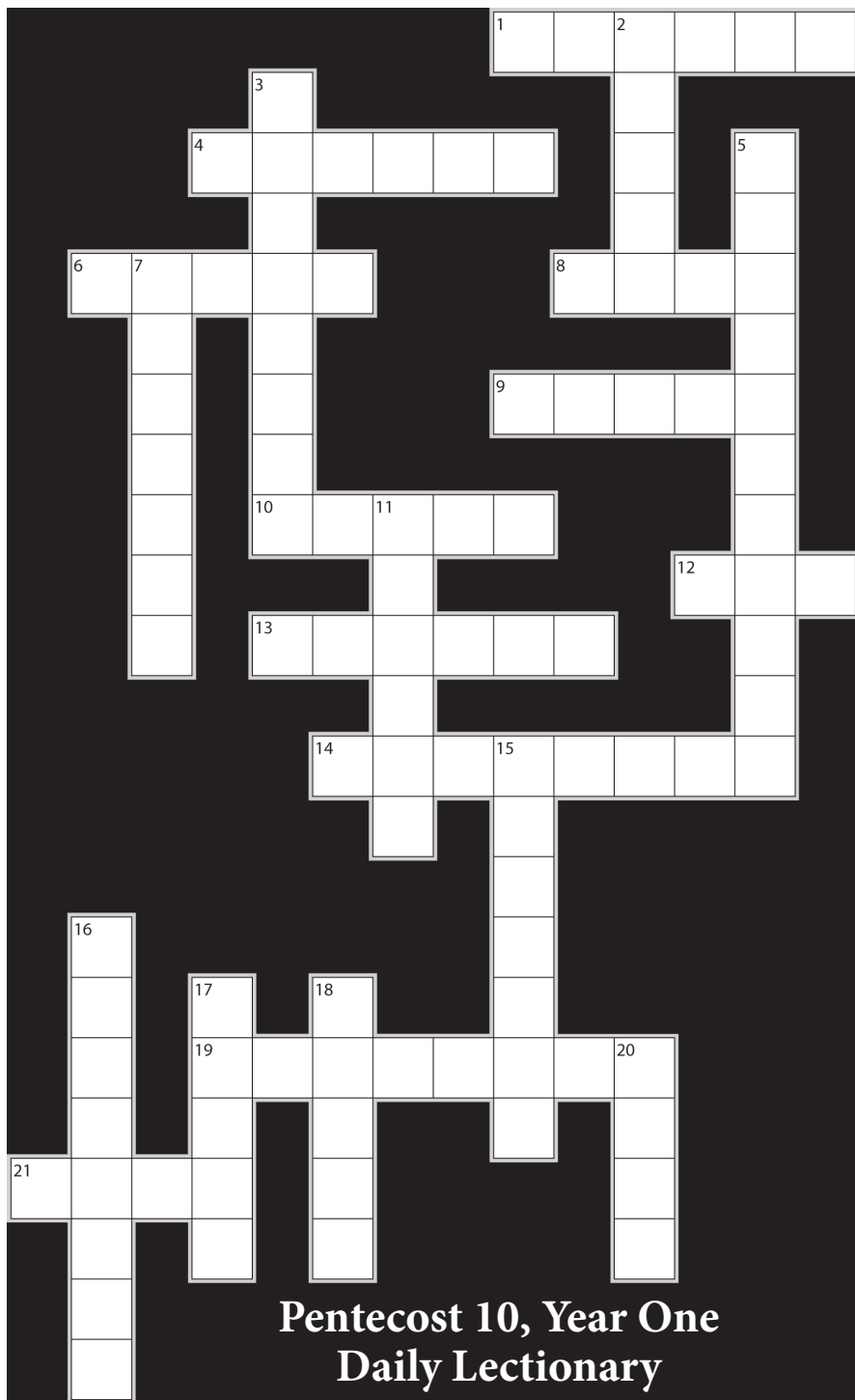
August 15 – Outreach Committee meets (fellowship hall) **3:00pm**

August 22 – All-Youth cookout/games at the picnic shelter, **5:00pm**

August 29 – Ice Cream Social; bring ice cream to share, **5:30pm**

September 11 – All-Youth clean picnic shelter, **10:00am**

September 12 – Homecoming Sunday



Sunday – 1 Samuel 23:7–18; Romans 11:33–12:2; Matthew 25:14–30

Monday – 1 Samuel 24:1–22; Acts 13:44–52; Mark 4:1–20

Tuesday – 1 Samuel 25:1–22; Acts 14:1–18; Mark 4:21–34

Wednesday – 1 Samuel 25:23–44; Acts 14:19–28; Mark 4:35–41

Thursday – 1 Samuel 28:3–20; Acts 15:1–11; Mark 5:1–20

Friday – 1 Samuel 31:1–13; Acts 15:12–21; Mark 5:21–43

Saturday – 2 Samuel 1:1–16; Acts 15:22–35; Mark 6:1–13

ACROSS

1. The man filled with unclean spirits (Mark 5:1–20)
4. How did Paul and Barnabas proclaim Christ? (Acts 14:1–18)
6. When Samuel died, they buried him there. (1 Samuel 25:1–22)
8. If you have ears, you should do this. (Mark 4:21–34)
9. Where Jesus took a nap in this story (Mark 4:35–41)
10. Guess whose name means “fool” in Hebrew? (1 Samuel 25:23–44)
12. Besides being filled with the Holy Spirit, what else filled the disciples? (Acts 13:44–52)
13. King Saul consulted one of these at Endor. (1 Samuel 28:3–20)
14. Even they were turning to God through the missionary work of Paul and Barnabas. (Acts 15:12–21)
19. David would not harm this kind of person. (1 Samuel 24:1–22)
21. When David heard that Saul and Jonathan had been slain, what did he do. (2 Samuel 1:1–16)

DOWN

2. We believe that we will be saved through this. (Acts 15:1–11)
3. Besides Abinadab and Malchi-shua being slain at Mt. Gilboa, what other son of the king died in that battle? (1 Samuel 31:1–13)
5. David stayed in these while in the wilderness. (1 Samuel 23:7–18)
7. Paul and Barnabas remained here a while. (Acts 15:22–35)
11. We should present them as living sacrifices. (Romans 11:33–12:2)
15. If the master gave five of these to to one servant and they were gold, the weight would have been 1,000 pounds. (Matthew 25:14–30)
16. Evidence of the bleeding woman’s faith was that she touched these. (Mark 5:21–43)
17. Paul and Barnabas encouraged disciples to continue in this. (Acts 14:19–28)
18. Those who fall away from faith were sown on this soil. (Mark 4:1–20)
20. If people would not hear the disciples, they were to leave this behind. (Mark 6:1–13)



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