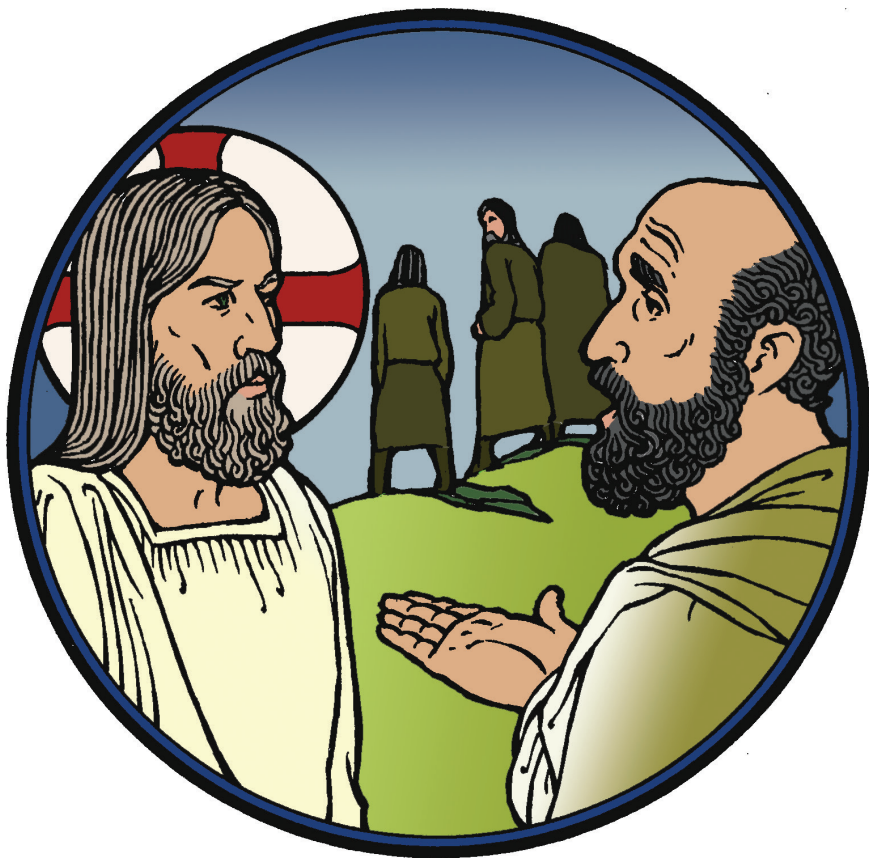




August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Acolyte: Lylla Deal • Crucifer: Lauren Whisnant
Lector: Madeline Pepper
Communion Assistants: Travis Alligood,
Gina Barringer, Stan McConnell

Welcome and Announcements

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “We Praise You, O God”

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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. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

[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 u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. [C] 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



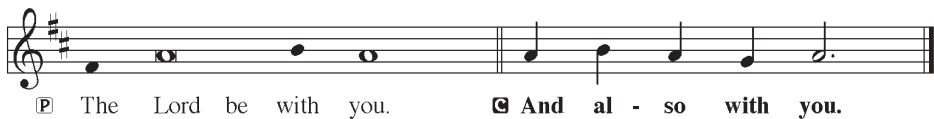
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



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, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people: ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

*But as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.*

Psalm 34:12–22

- ¹²Who among | you loves life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
- ¹³**Keep your tongue from | evil speaking
and your lips from | lying words.**
- ¹⁴Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of the Lord are up- | on the righteous,
and his ears are open | to their cry.**
- ¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.
- ¹⁷**The righteous cry, and | the Lord hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.**
- ¹⁸The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.
- ¹⁹**Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out | of them all.**
- ²⁰He will keep safe | all his bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.
- ²¹**Evil shall | slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.**
- ²²The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants,
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:6–21

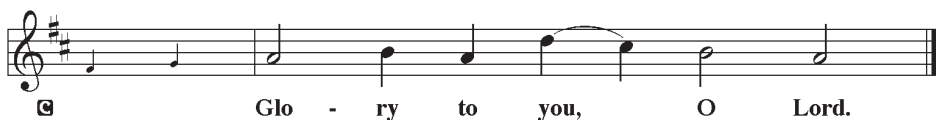
- ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Please stand for the Gospel.



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

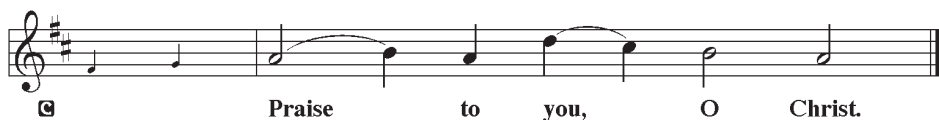


Gospel: John 6:51–69

⁵¹{Jesus said to the Jews grumbling about him,} “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from

heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Special Music: “Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle

Sermon: “Walking in Christ”

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

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

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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.

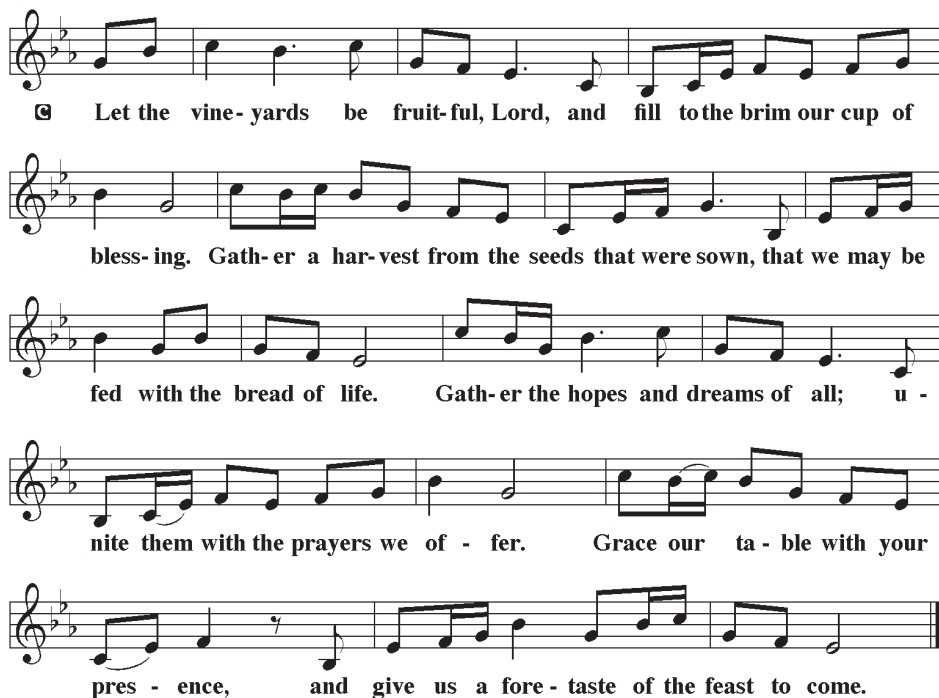
Offering

Offertory: “A Quiet Blessing”

Vivian Vevenger

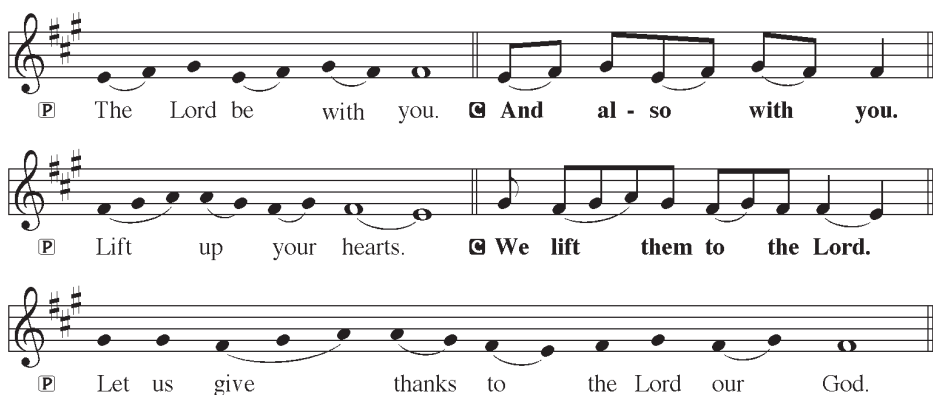
Special thanks to our guest organist today, Laura Brock.

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 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:



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: "He Leadeth Me"

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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: "Rondeau"

Mouret, arr. Hal H. Hopson

*If Pastor Ryman has not visited you yet,
please give us a call to schedule a good time for him to do so.*

Announcements ~ August 15, 2021

Friendship registers are located at each pew for everyone to sign and pass down your row. Please be sure to fill in your contact information if you are a visitor. The ushers will pick them up after the worship service.

Offering plates are being passed in worship again. For those uncomfortable with that practice, an offering plate is available at the back of the center aisle. Also, please try to sit where you will not have to handle the plates as they are passed.

Choir Practice

We welcome John Brock back to St. Paul's as Music Director. Choir practice will begin this **Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30pm** in the choir room. Contact John for information on joining the choir (336-999-4273 or splcmusicalisbury@gmail.com).

Midweek Bible Study & Prayer Moving to Thursday

Evening Bible Study and prayer is moving from Wednesday night to Thursday night beginning this week due to choir practice being on Wednesdays. Morning prayer will still be on Thursdays at 10:00am. We meet in the fellowship hall and have a discussion of that day's readings from the LBW Daily Lectionary. You may jump in at any time. Bible study and prayer will continue throughout the year.

Events at a Glance

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

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 – Rally Sunday

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

Stewardship information for August 8th will be in next Sunday's bulletin, along with information for the 15th.

Adult Confirmation and Membership Classes

You may jump in to Pastor Ryman's confirmation classes for adults any Sunday. These classes focus on reading the Bible through the lens of the Catechism. It is an ongoing class that gives a solid grounding in Lutheran doctrine and theology for those who are new to the Lutheran church, as well as for those who want a refresher. From time to time, a three-week membership class will be taught instead those interested in joining St. Paul's.

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 — please do not leave items 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.

Rally Sunday August 29, 2021

- Recognition of rising students
- Appreciation and installation of teachers
- All elementary students will process with crucifer, acolyte, and pastor.

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
Helen Gordon - Recovering, knee replacement
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
Linda Jaramillo - Mother of Julie Jaramillo, 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.

The Living Bread

Find the 29 **bold** words from John 6:51, 53-59 (ESV)

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

I am the **living bread** that came down from **heaven**. If anyone **eats** of this bread, he will **live forever**. And the bread that I will **give** for the life of the world is my **flesh**.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, **truly**, I say to you, **unless** you eat the flesh of the **Son of Man** and **drink** his **blood**, you have no life in you. **Whoever feeds** on my flesh and drinks my blood has **eternal life**, and I will **raise him up** on the **last day**. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood **abides** in me, and I in him. As the living **Father sent** me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that **came down** from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and **died**. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Two-year Daily Lectionary

Pentecost 12

Sunday – 2 Samuel 6:12–23; Romans 14:7–12; John 1:43–51

Monday – 2 Samuel 7:1–17; Acts 18:1–11; Mark 8:11–21

Tuesday – 2 Samuel 7:18–29; Acts 18:12–28; Mark 8:22–33

Wednesday – 2 Samuel 9:1–13; Acts 19:1–10; Mark 8:34–9:1

Thursday – 2 Samuel 11:1–27; Acts 19:11–20; Mark 9:2–13

Friday – 2 Samuel 12:1–14; Acts 19:21–41; Mark 9:14–29

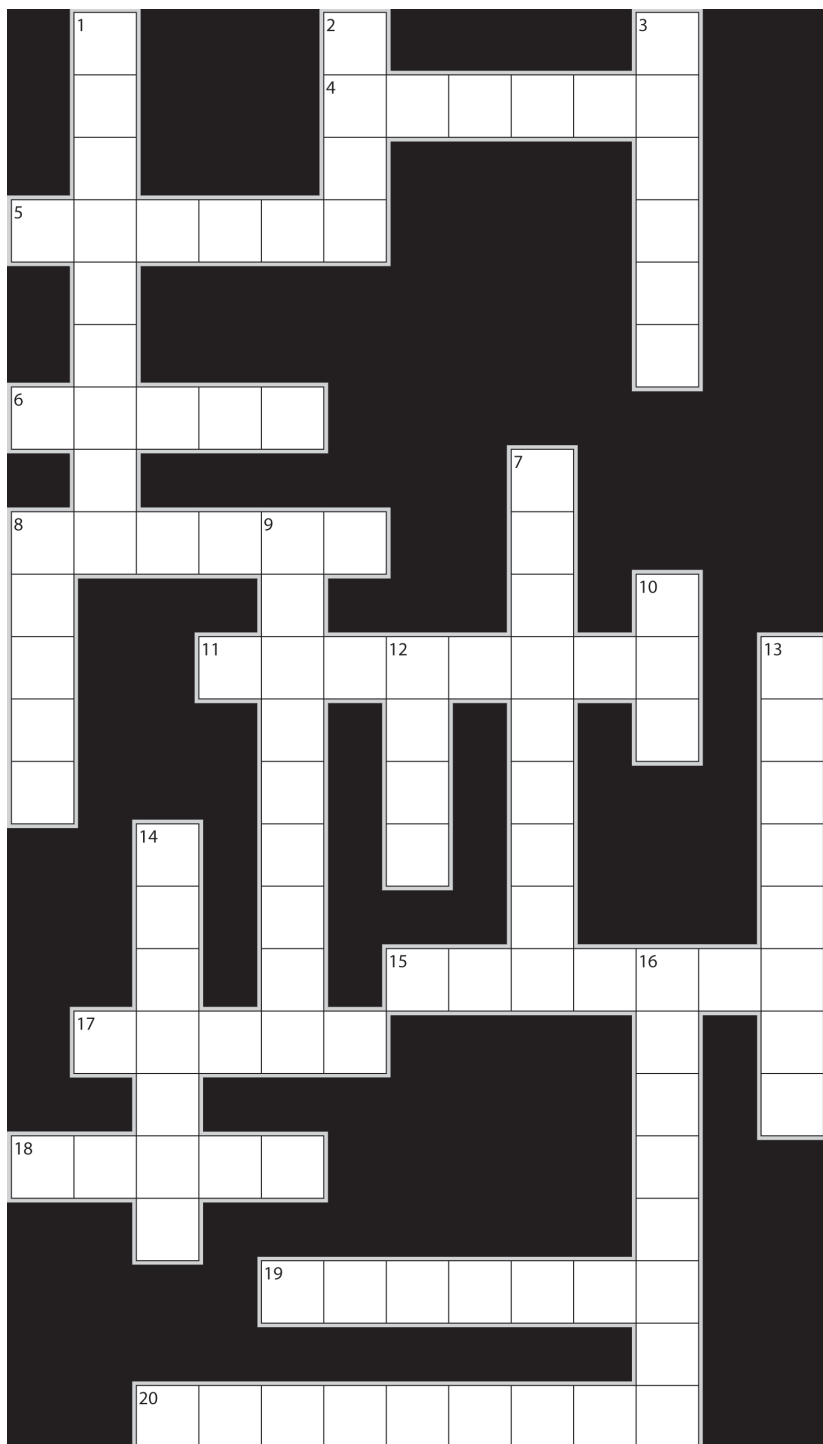
Saturday – 2 Samuel 12:15–31; Acts 20:1–16; Mark 9:30–41

ACROSS

4. Paul set sail for Syria with Priscilla and who else? (Acts 18:12–28)
5. Who did Peter say Jesus was? (Mark 8:22–33)
6. Peter wanted to make three of these, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. (Mark 9:2–13)
8. What did David do before the Lord with all his might?
(2 Samuel 6:12–23)
11. David showed kindness to Mephibosheth for his sake.
(2 Samuel 9:1–13)
15. All things are possible for those who do this. (Mark 9:14–29)
17. What did David want to build for the Lord? (2 Samuel 7:18–29)
18. Following Jesus requires bearing this. (Mark 8:34–9:1)
19. Paul taught in the synagogue on this day. (Acts 18:1–11)
20. This artisan stirred up trouble against Paul in Ephesus.
(Acts 19:21–41)

DOWN

1. A rooftop bather (2 Samuel 11:1–27)
2. If you want to be first, you have to be... (Mark 9:30–41)
3. Who told David to do everything in his heart? (2 Samuel 7:1–17)
7. Jesus saw him under a fig tree. (John 1:43–51)
8. Nathan said this man was a sheep thief. (2 Samuel 12:1–14)
9. An evil spirit recognized Jesus and Paul but not these.
(Acts 19:11–20)
10. How many loaves were in the boat with the disciples? (Mark 8:11–21)
12. Because Paul taught in Ephesus for two years, everyone here heard the Word. (Acts 19:1–10)
13. We will all stand before this seat. (Romans 14:7–12)
14. David's second son (2 Samuel 12:15–31)
16. Fell asleep during a sermon (Acts 20:1–16)





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