



September 12, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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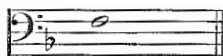
Acolyte: Lauren Whisnant • Crucifer: Andrew Baker
Lector: Kenneth Whisnant

Prelude: Four Versets on 'Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee'

J. Palmer Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Beginning on page 41 of Service Book and Hymnal (SBH), the congregation shall rise.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

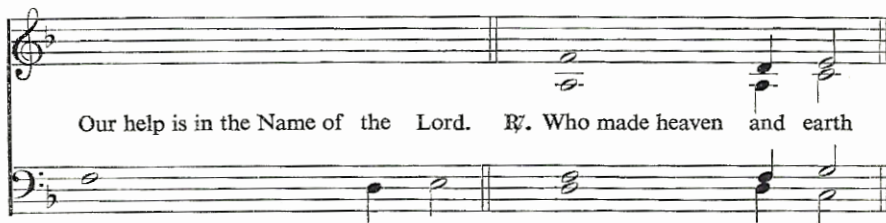
¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*



Confession Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

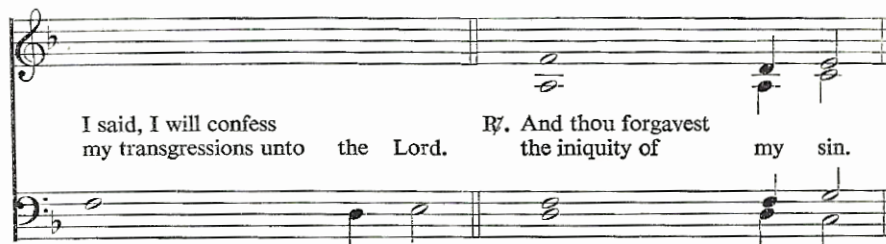
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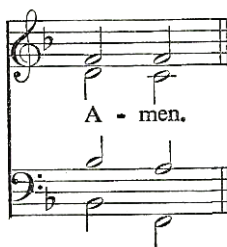


Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake, grant us remission of all our sins; and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth all our sins. To them that believe on his Name, he giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.

The congregation sings:



Introit Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me. O thou, my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord. For I cry unto thee daily. Rejoice the soul of thy servant. For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Gloria Patri

Plainsong, Tone V

PFALZ, 1557

Adapted, REGINA H. FRYXELL

Congregation. Unison

A musical score for a congregation singing in unison. The notation is on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple, with the words 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,' written below the notes.

and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

The Kyrie

44, SBH

X cent. Plainsong (*Orbis factor*)

Swedish *Mässbok*, 1942

Adapted, REGINA H. FRYXELL

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In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation, Unison

R̃. Lord, - - - have mer - cy.

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For the peace that is from a - bove, and for the sal -

va - tion of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

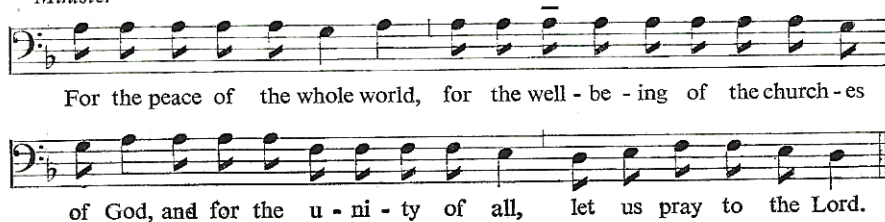
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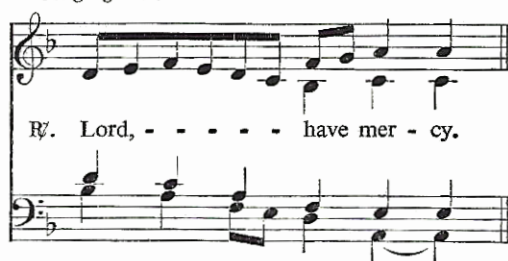
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well - be - ing of the church - es
of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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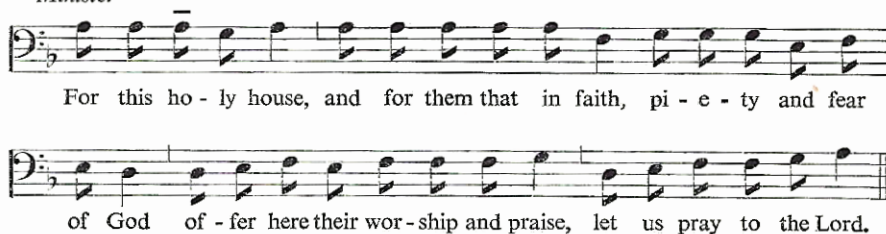
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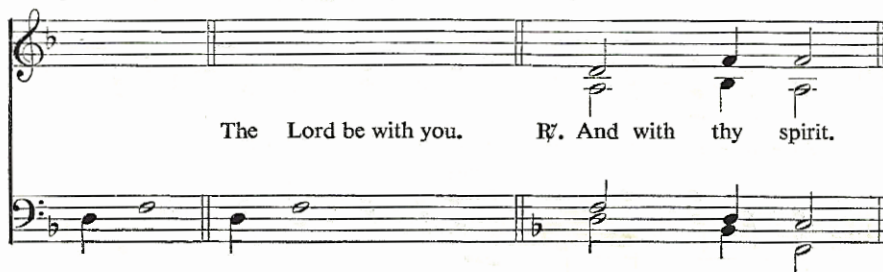
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¶ *Then shall the Minister
sing or say:*

Organ

Congregation



The Collect O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church. And because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

¶ *The Collect ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:*



Solo: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"
Mack Williams, Solist

Jude – Alexander

The Lesson is written in the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the 4th verse. (Isaiah 50:4–10, RSV)

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him that is weary.

Morning by morning he wakens,
he wakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to the smiters,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I hid not my face
from shame and spitting.

⁷For the Lord God helps me;
Therefore, I have not been confounded;
Therefore, I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant,
who walks in darkness
and has no light,
yet trusts in the name of the Lord
and relies upon his God?

Here endeth the lesson.

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1–8

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice
of my | supplication,

because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I | called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave
took | hold of me;**

I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”

⁴**Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.**

⁵The Lord watches | over the innocent;

I was brought very low, | and he helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,
for the Lord has treat- | ed you well.**

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

⁸**I will walk in the presence | of the Lord
in the land | of the living.**

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of James, beginning
at the 1st verse.

James 3:1–12 (RSV)

¹Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and

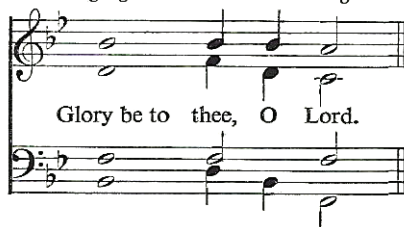
has been tamed by humankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

The Gradual It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most High. To show forth thy lovingkindness every night. Alleluia, alleluia. O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel (53, SBH) is written in the ninth chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 14th verse. Mark 9:14–29 (RSV)

¶ *The Congregation shall rise and sing or say:*

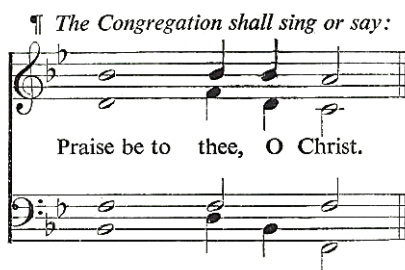


¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd about them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" ¹⁷ And one of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; ¹⁸ and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the

boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

54, SBH



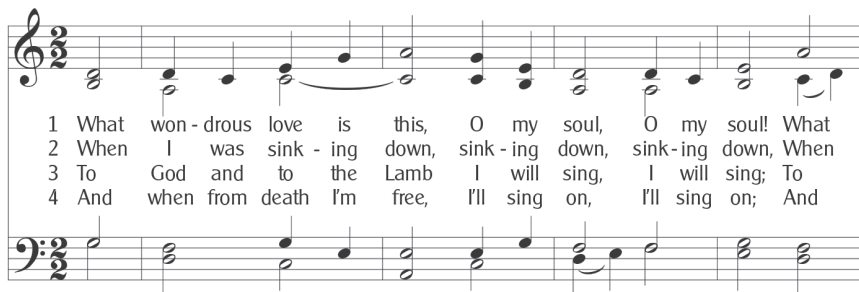
The Apostles Creed

5, SBH

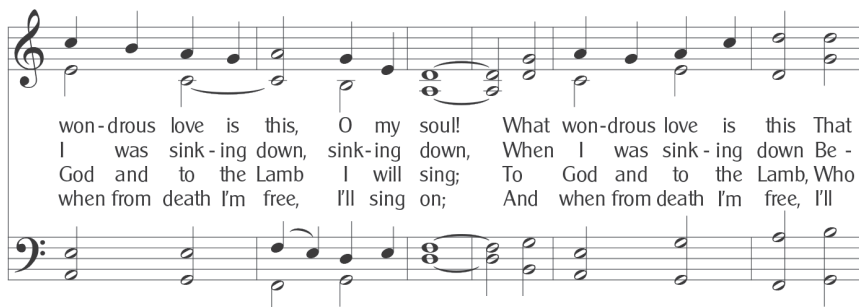
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this That
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: S. Mead's A General Selection, 1811
 Tune: William Walker's Southern Harmony

WONDROUS LOVE
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The Sermon: “Ask and You Shall Receive”

The Sermon being ended, the Congregation shall rise...

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



The Offering

Offertory: “All Day Sunday Singing”

Dave Bolling / Stan Pethel

The Prayer of the Church Each prayer ends with, “In thy mercy...” and the responses are: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, they 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.

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

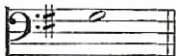
thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th century; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860- 1935, alt.;
 trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1880 - 1931
 Tune: Irish Traditional

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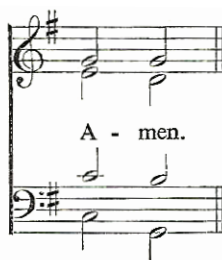


THE LORD bless thee, and keep thee.
 The LORD make his face shine upon
 thee, and be gracious unto thee.
 The LORD lift up his countenance upon
 thee, and give thee peace:



In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*



A - men.

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

M. Luther/Helman

Events at a Glance

September 12 – Homecoming Sunday; potluck lunch

September 18 – Men's Fish Fry, **6:00pm**

September 19 – Standing Committee Chairpersons, **6:00pm**

September 26 – Finance Committee, **5:00pm**

September 26 – Council meeting, **6:00pm**

September 26 – All Standing Committees meet, **7:00pm**

October 1-2 – Grade school youth camp-out

October 3 – Lutheran Womens' Sunday

October 15 – Girl Scout Sleep-over, fellowship hall, **7:00pm**

October 22 – Johan Gidden Concert, fellowship hall, **7:00pm**

Announcements ~ September 12, 2021

Confirmation Class Begins September 15th at 7:30pm. If your child is of Confirmation age — 6th grade and up — please contact the church office so we may order supplies for your child.

Lutheran Men's Fish Fry is Saturday, September 18th. Please get your tickets today after service so we know how many to prepare for. They will be available on the lawn. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/children under 12, and free for those under 3. Drive-thru/carry-out (no drinks provided) will be available. Proceeds from the fish fry will go to Binns-Counts Community Center.

There is no men's meeting in September due to the fish fry. **The regular monthly meetings will move to the fourth Monday of each month beginning October 25th.** We look forward to having all men join us on this new night!

Lutheran Women will collect new, unwrapped Christmas gifts for children during September to take to Binns-Counts in November.

CLW Convocation is October 2nd at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration forms are in the Ellen Bumgarner mailbox at the narthex. Forms are due by September 18th. Cost is \$8.00.

St. Paul's Women would like to have a choir for **Women's Sunday on October 3rd.** We will have three practices on Wednesday, September 15th, 22nd, and 29th, at 7:30pm. You do not have to be a member of any circle to participate. Just show up at practice on the 15th.

Rowan Helping Ministries Wish List for the food pantry includes canned corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, canned beans, dry beans, rice, pasta, potato flakes, breakfast cereals, and oatmeal. Forty-nine pounds of donated items were delivered for August.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (9/5).....	\$5,357
Other Offering (9/5).....	\$3,376
Worship Attendance (9/5)	174
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 9/5	\$263,983
General Fund YTD Budget as of 9/5.....	\$270,634

**Calling all Angels, Shepherds,
Wise Men & Other Important Helpers!**

Let it be our duty and delight to present

“A Grown-Up Christmas Wish”

as this year’s SPLC Nativity Pageant to be presented on the evenings of December 23rd and 24th. Many churches in our community do not offer Christmas Eve services, and yet it is the single day of the year more unchurched individuals and families decide to attend church.

What a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to share with our community the Good News the angels proclaimed over 2,000 years ago!

This year, in memory and in honor of our dear friend, Joyce Wilhelm, we are presenting one of the very first pageants she wrote and directed at St. Paul’s from 1995.

As always, the pageant will retell the Christmas story with Scripture and music that herald the birth of Jesus Christ, including our traditional candle lighting and carols. And it wouldn’t be one of Joyce’s plays without the joyous ringing of the bells from SPLC’s handbell choir!

But we need your help to make this a success! Please consider volunteering as a member of the cast—such as an angel, shepherd, or wise man. For those of you who like to work behind the scenes, we need a large crew to help with sets, costumes, lighting, and sound. Anyone from grade school age on up who would like to participate should text or call Brenda Julian at 704-647-2077 or email her at breadnose@yahoo.com.

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
Dottie Stancil - Health concerns
Jane Wilhelm - 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.

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, 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
Seth Eagle and his sister Abigail Eagle - friends of the Orbison family, Covid19 and other health concerns
Lindsey Grace Hoosier - granddaughter of Shirley Hoosier, covid
Linda Jaramillo - Mother of Julie Jaramillo, health concerns
Elizabeth Tancordo - Niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
Jane Troutman - Friend of the Harkey family, health concerns
Leslie Ryman - Sister of Pastor Ryman, cancer; recovering at home from surgery
Mark Watson - Son of Larry and Leilani Watson, health concerns

Two Year Daily Lectionary

Pentecost 16

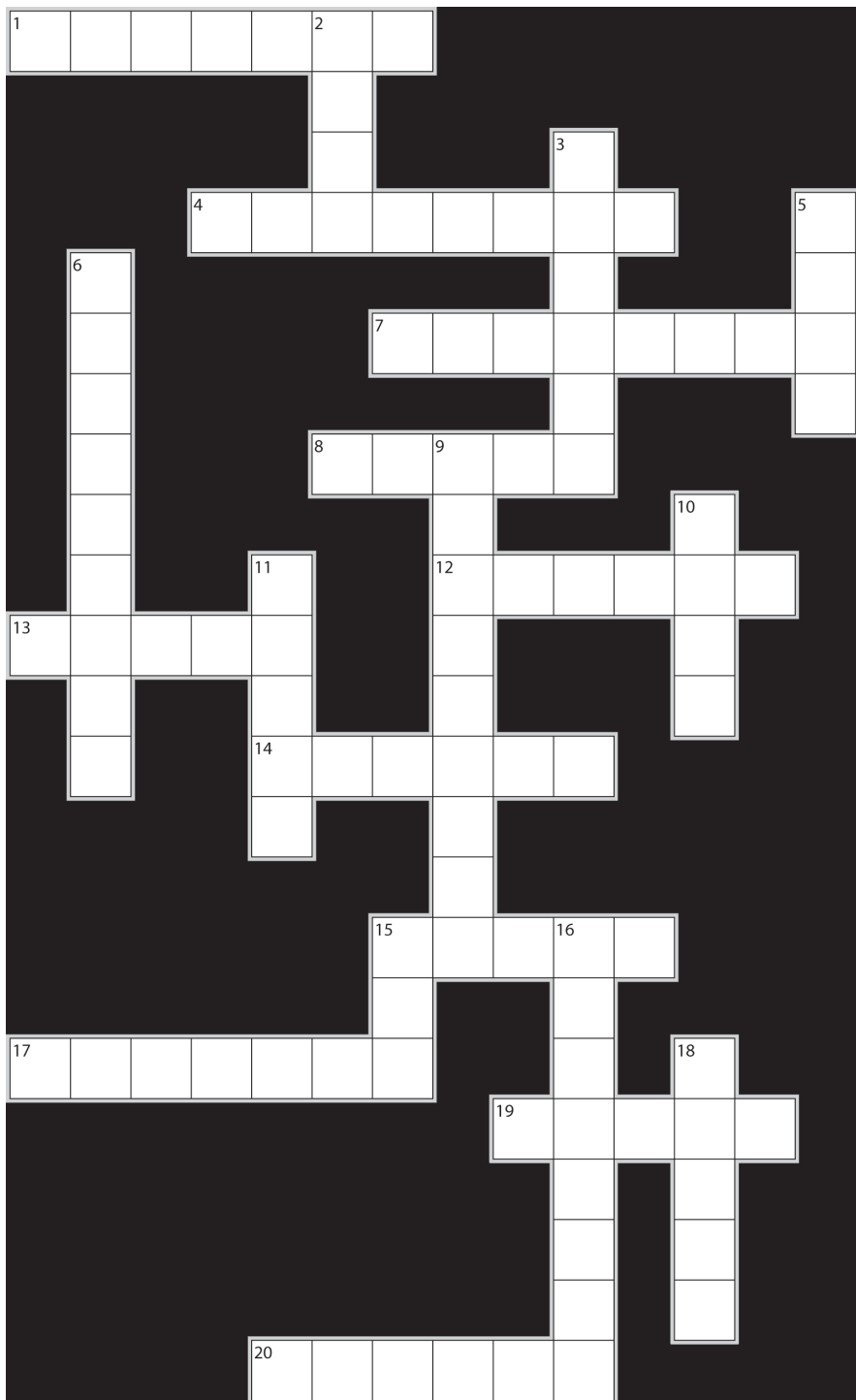
Sunday – 1 Kings 8:22–40; 1 Timothy 4:7b–16; John 8:47–59
Monday – 2 Chronicles 6:32–7:7; James 2:1–13; Mark 14:53–65
Tuesday – 1 Kings 8:65–9:9; James 2:14–26; Mark 14:66–72
Wednesday – 1 Kings 9:24–10:13; James 3:1–12; Mark 15:1–11
Thursday – 1 Kings 11:1–13; James 3:13–4:12; Mark 15:12–21
Friday – 1 Kings 11:26–43; James 4:13–5:6; Mark 15:22–32
Saturday – 1 Kings 12:1–20; James 5:7–20; Mark 15:33–39

ACROSS

1. Would Rehoboam make Israel's work lighter or heavier?
(1 Kings 12:1–20)
4. Who should you love like yourself? (James 2:1–13)
7. The soldiers led Jesus to this place (Mark 15:22–32)
8. A harvest of righteousness is sown by those who make this.
(James 3:13–4:12)
12. Much of this reading is about God hearing and forgiving from this place. (1 Kings 8:22–40)
13. Who is standing at the door? (James 5:7–20)
14. The type of crown Christ was given (Mark 15:12–21)
15. A queen from here visited Solomon. (1 Kings 9:24–10:13)
17. Solomon loved lots of these women. (1 Kings 11:1–13)
19. Solomon was called to walk before God like this man did.
(1 Kings 8:65–9:9)
20. You will see the Son of Man coming with these. (Mark 14:53–65)

DOWN

2. Aramaic for "my God" (Mark 15:33–39)
3. What body part stains the rest? (James 3:1–12)
5. Without works, faith is... (James 2:14–26)
6. Devote yourself to the public reading of this. (1 Timothy 4:7b–16)
9. God tore the tribes apart because they worshiped Chemosh, Milcom, and... (1 Kings 11:26–43)
10. What Peter did after denying the Lord (Mark 14:66–72)
11. If you keep Christ's word, you will never see this. (John 8:47–59)
15. There is no one who does not do this. (2 Chronicles 6:32–7:7)
16. The Jews had Pilate release him instead of Jesus. (Mark 15:1–11)
18. We ought to say we will do something if the Lord... (James 4:13–5:6)





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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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