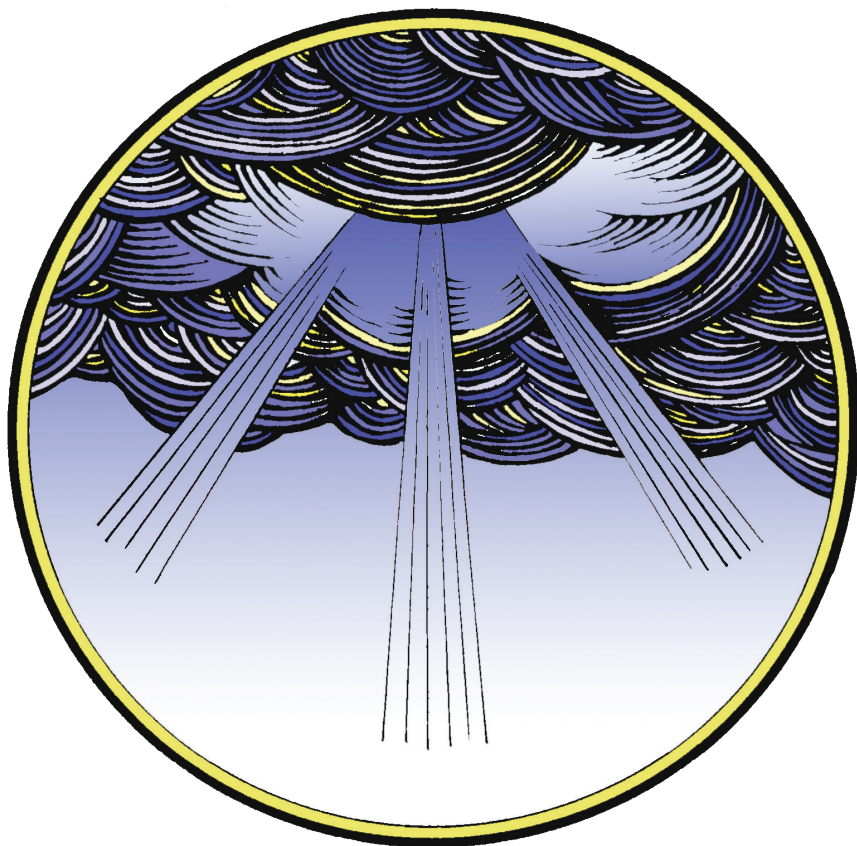




First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Acolyte: Andrew Baker • Crucifer: German Jaramillo
Lector: Sharon McBride

Prelude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Praetorius/Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Advent Wreath

The Prophecy Candle

Matt, Dani, and Cyri Cottingham

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung;
of Jesse’s lineage coming, as seers of old have sung,
It came a flower so bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”

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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

*After prayer and pastoral statement there will be
silence for reflection and self-examination, then...*

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 Apostolic Greeting

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.



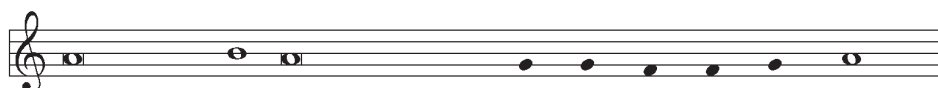
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

Hymn of Praise



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch of David sprout; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety; and this is the name by which it will be called: the LORD is our righteousness."

Here ends the lesson.

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph | over me.

**²Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

³Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have
I trusted all | the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright | is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in | doing right
and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's | sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for | it is great.**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹For what thanks can we give to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice because of you before our God, ¹⁰as we keep praying most earnestly night and day that we may see your faces, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?

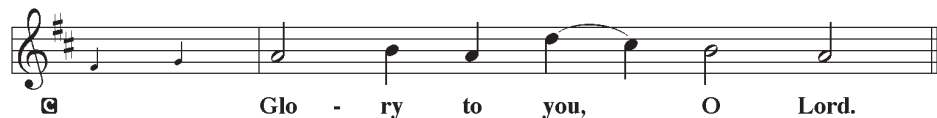
¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; ¹²and may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; ¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Here ends the lesson.

Please stand for the Gospel.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.



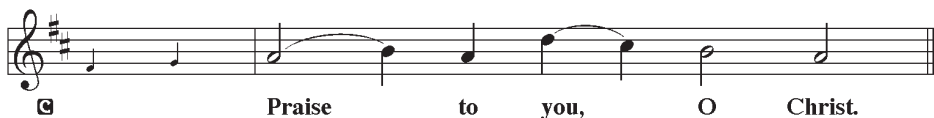
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting from fear and the expectation of the things that are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees: ³⁰as soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near. ³¹So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁴“But be on your guard, so that your hearts will not be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that this day will not come on you suddenly, like a trap; ³⁵for it will come upon all those who live on the face of all the earth. ³⁶But stay alert at all times, praying that you will have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Taking a Stand”

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: “God Whose Almighty Word”

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

Please be seated.

Offering and Offertory: "Advent Carol"

Please stand as you are able.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, 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**

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

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

Hymn: “The Advent of 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: “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”

Koln/Burkhardt

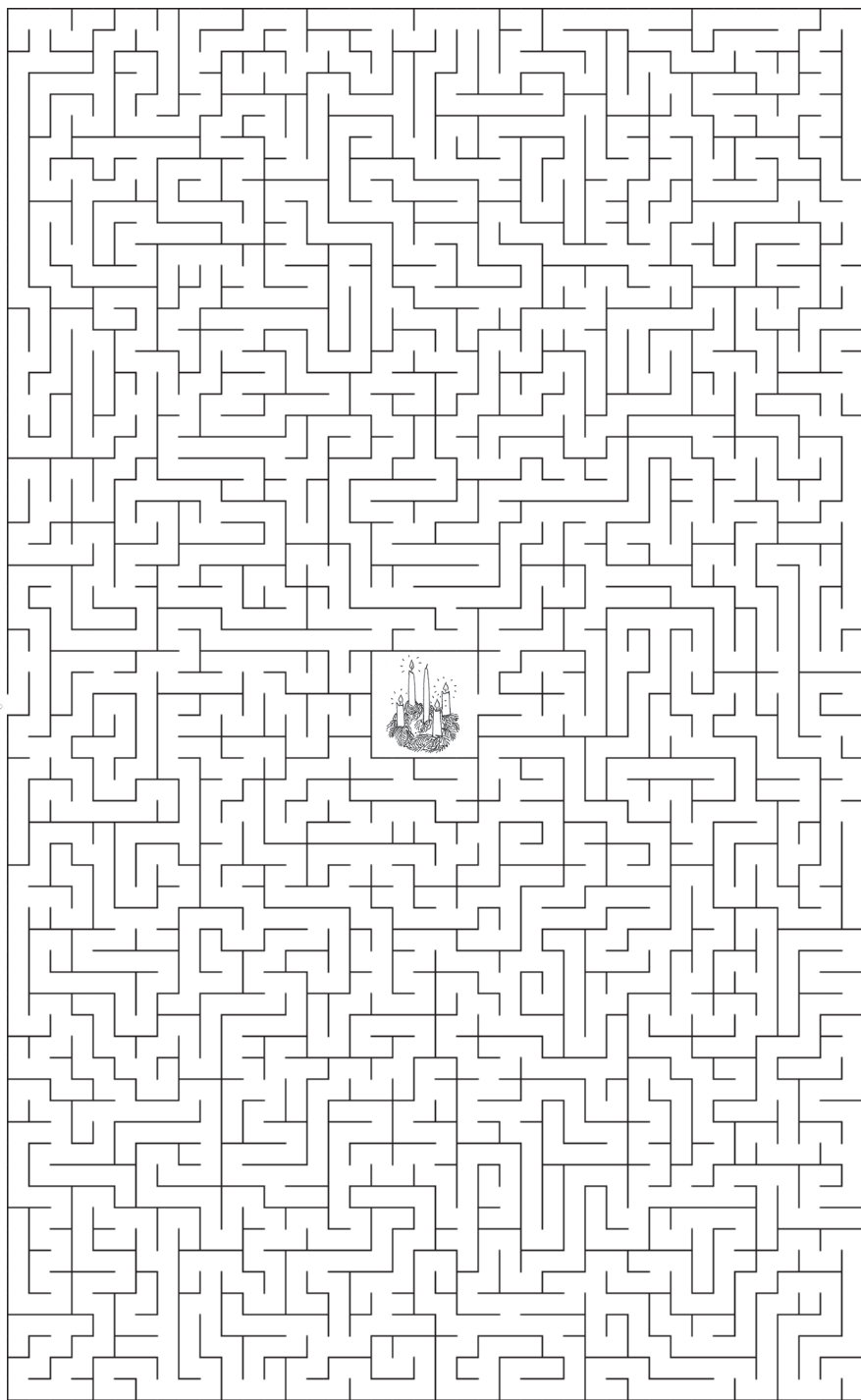


You are invited to a

**Christmas
Open House
at the parsonage**

**Saturday,
December 11th
4:00 to 8:00PM**

*Please join Susan & Mark
for food, fellowship,
and loads of Christmas spirit!*



Announcements

The **50th wedding anniversary of James and Mary Lee Earnhardt** will be celebrated today in the fellowship hall from 3-5:00pm. Please come for refreshments and to share loving memories of this couple's journey. The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of their anniversary by their family.

Today is the last day to donate for the **“Wreaths Across America”** project. Each wreath is \$15. Girl Scouts will lay the wreaths on graves at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex during a ceremony on December 18th. The ceremony will start at 12:00pm at 501 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury. This is a free event, open to everyone.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4 – Christmas decorating, beginning at 9:00am

Dec. 5 – Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am

Dec. 11 – Parsonage Christmas open house, 4:00pm-8:00pm

Dec. 14 – Executive Committee, 7:00pm

Dec. 19 – Outreach Committee, 3:00pm

Dec. 20 – Council meeting, 6:30pm

Handbell practice – Sundays, 4:00pm

Men's Choir practice – Sundays, 5:00pm

Girl Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:45pm

Adult Choir practice – Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Confirmation Class – Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Vespers is prayed *every Sunday* in the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm, then Evening Prayer at 6:30pm.

You are invited to join us for a **“Celebration of Lights”** on Saturday evening, December 18th, at the Canup homeplace, 1708 Old Concord Road. Drive through any time between 5:00pm and 9:00pm to enjoy the light balls. If you wish, you may sit by the fire pit and enjoy hot chocolate, cider, and cookies. Or come inside and rock by the Christmas tree. Come share the season in Christian fellowship with us.

Please RSVP 336-924-4853 or 336-971-0479.

If you are participating in the **Christmas Pageant**, please pick up a practice schedule from the narthex. For more information contact Brenda at 704-647-2077 or email breadnose@yahoo.com.

Nativity Pageant Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, Nov 28	Blocking Rehearsal (Cast only)
Monday, Nov 29	Set Construction, Lighting & Sound
Sunday, Dec 5	Full Rehearsal (All cast & crew)
Sunday, Dec 12	Full Rehearsal (All cast & crew)
Sunday, Dec 1	Dress Rehearsal (All cast & crew)
Tuesday, Dec 21	Dress Rehearsal (All cast & crew)

See Nativity Pageant Schedule for detailed information, timings, and assignments.

Turkey Cookers Needed

Again this year, volunteers are providing a Christmas Meal for the Communities in Schools students and families on December 16th at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury. We have been asked to cook ten turkeys. The frozen turkeys will be delivered to St. Paul's on Friday, December 10th and put in the picnic shelter refrigerator. After they are cooked and sliced, please return to the same refrigerator by 2:00pm Thursday, December 16th. If you can cook a turkey, please let Susan Bernhardt know (704-637-0155 or srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com).....

We will be **decorating the church for Christmas** this Saturday, December 4th. Please come to help. We start at 9:00am. For information, contact Bonnie Hinson at 704-279-3126 or lwaynehinson@yahoo.com.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (11/21).....	\$ 9,321
Other Offering (11/21)	\$1,795
Worship Attendance (11/21)	179
Thanksgiving Eve Attendance (11/24).....	62
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 11/21	\$345,257
General Fund YTD Budget as of 11/21	\$349,705

New Council Members

Thank you to those who were willing to be nominated to serve on the Congregation Council. Those elected to serve a three-year term at our annual meeting on November 14th are:

Jason Bernhardt, Perry Bernhardt, Paul Canup,
Louise Eller, Brent Monroe, Greg Wilhelm

We also thank those completing their term on the council at the end of the year:

Josh Canup, Alice Davis, Seth Holland,
Alison Moore, Chad Walker, Vaughn Wilhelm.

St. Paul's is blessed to have so many people willing to serve.

2022 Offering Envelopes

If you wish to change the frequency of your giving (weekly to monthly or vice versa), or if you no longer wish to receive a book of envelopes, please contact the church office right away so we can make the change for next year.

Members of St. Paul's for Special Prayers:

Franklin and Ashley Bowles - loss of home

Grady Earnhardt - Health concerns

Sonya Eller - Health concerns

Terry Eller - Recovering at home

Bishop Goodman - Aplastic anemia

Peyton Holland - Blood disorder

Emerson Holder - Health concerns

Shirley Hoosier - Health concerns

Alan Lyerly - Recovering at home

James Lyerly - Recovering at home

Mike Morris - Health concerns

Teresa Peeler - Health concerns

Linda Shirley - Healing, leg injury

Jane Wilhelm - Health concerns

Wayne Wilhelm - Recovering at home, surgery

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: 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:

Catie Critchfield - Great-granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, health concerns

Ashley Fink - granddaughter of Larry and Leilani Watson, health concerns

Lindsey Grace Hoosier - granddaughter of Shirley Hoosier, covid

Linda Jaramillo - Mother of Julie Jaramillo, health concerns

Donna Petrea - cousin of Vicki Sanders, surgery/broken hip

Elizabeth Tancordo - Niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns

Leslie Ryman - Sister of Pastor Ryman, cancer

That Day

Find the 41 **bold** words from Luke 21:29-36 (ESV)

N T D C W E S V S Q C T D R K
Y O W J W J S K T U W A T C H
G F I G E E O C R C Y O U T Z
X S T T Z F I S A A L N R X D
I U R B A C T G E P N A M D D
G E L B A R A P H R E M M U S
E G W R E N E A R E D O W N F
S S E N N E K N U R D W O B G
C S G D F V W Z E G U S E M K
Y T A P R A Y I N G S P M L P
H A Q P D E F I L T W F O S L
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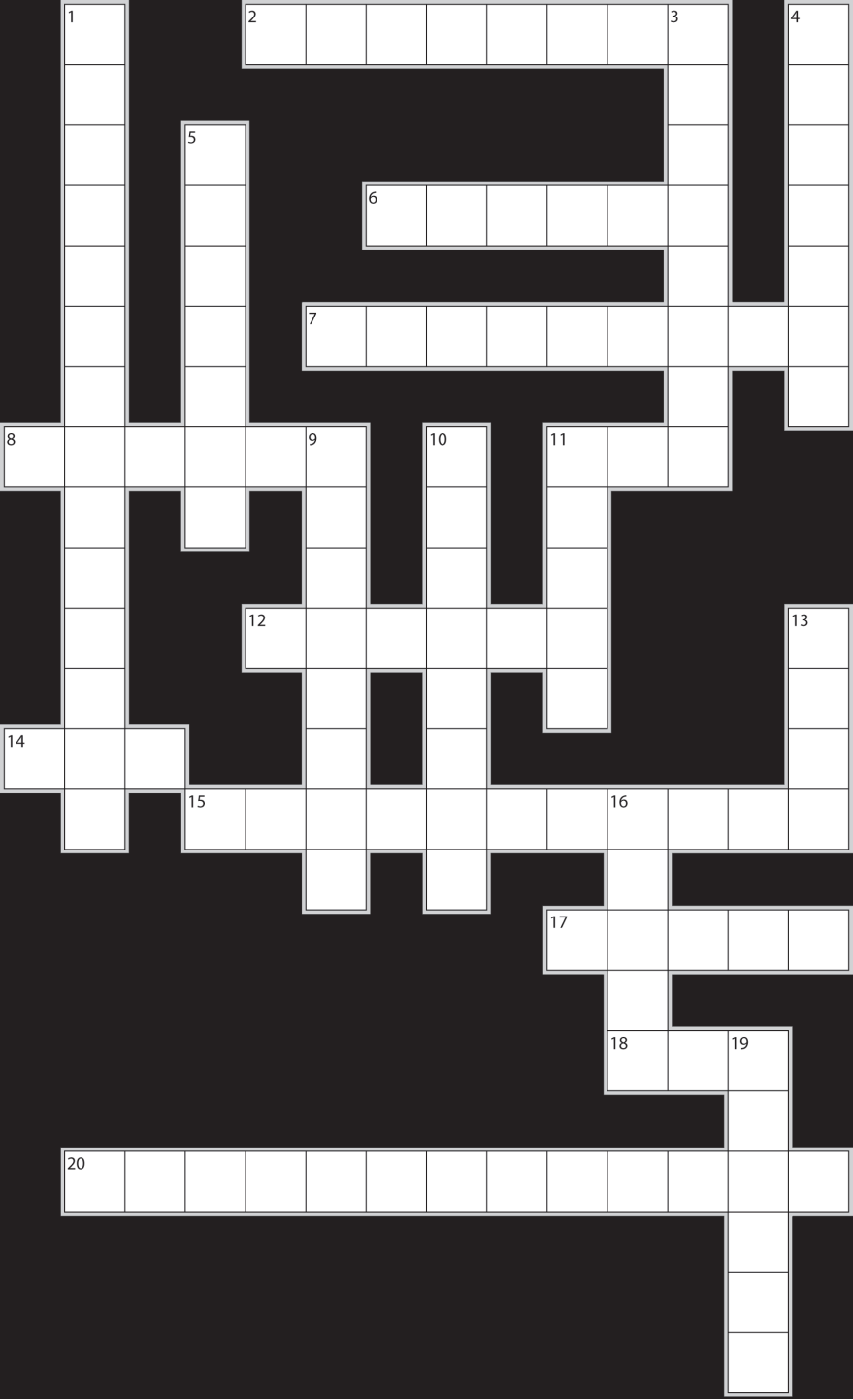
And he told them a **parable**: “**Look** at the **fig tree**, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in **leaf**, you see for yourselves and know that the **summer** is already **near**. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the **kingdom of God** is near. Truly, I say to you, this **generation** will not pass away until all has taken place. **Heaven** and **earth** will pass away, but my **words will not pass away**. “But **watch** yourselves lest your **hearts** be **weighed down** with dissipation and **drunkenness** and **cares** of this **life**, and **that day** **come upon you suddenly** like a **trap**. For it will come upon all who **dwell** on the **face** of the whole earth. But **stay awake** at all times, **praying** that you may have **strength** to **escape** all these things that are going to take place, and to **stand** before the **Son of Man**.”

I Trust in You

Find the 33 **bold** words from Psalm 25:1-7 (ESV)

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

To you, O **LORD**, I **lift** up my **soul**. O my **God**, in you I **trust**;
let me not be put to **shame**; let not my **enemies exult** over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall
be **ashamed** who are **wantonly treacherous**. Make me to **know**
your ways, O **LORD**; **teach** me your **paths**. **Lead** me in your
truth and teach me, for you are the God of my **salvation**; for you
I **wait all** the **day long**. **Remember** your **mercy**, O **LORD**, and
your **steadfast love**, for they have been from of **old**. Remember
not the **sins** of my **youth** or my **transgressions**; according to
your steadfast love remember me, for the **sake** of your **goodness**,
O **LORD**!



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Advent 1, Year B

Sunday – Amos 1:1–5, 13–2:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Luke 21:5–19

Monday – Amos 2:6–16; 2 Peter 1:1–11; Matthew 21:1–11

Tuesday – Amos 3:1–11; 2 Peter 1:12–21; Matthew 21:12–22

Wednesday – Amos 3:12–4:5; 2 Peter 3:1–10; Matthew 21:23–32

Thursday – Amos 4:6–13; 2 Peter 3:11–18; Matthew 21:33–46

Friday – Amos 5:1–17; Jude 1–16; Matthew 22:1–14

Saturday – Amos 5:18–27; Jude 17–25; Matthew 22:15–22

ACROSS

2. He made Orion and... (Amos 5:1–17)
6. Render to him the things that are Caesar's. (Matthew 22:15–22)
7. We have a common... (Jude 1–16)
8. God hates them. (Amos 5:18–27)
11. Jesus withered this tree. (Matthew 21:12–22)
12. Men prophecy because of him. (2 Peter 1:12–21)
14. How many questions did Jesus ask chief priests and the elders? (Matthew 21:23–32)
15. The stone that the builders rejected has become the... (Matthew 21:33–46)
17. Samaria did not know how to do this. (Amos 3:1–11)
18. This many are chosen. (Matthew 22:1–14)
20. We are waiting new heavens and a new earth where this dwells. (2 Peter 3:11–18)

DOWN

1. This reading is about... (Amos 1:1–5, 13–2:8)
3. Israel did not return to God, though they were... (Amos 4:6–13)
4. The people shouted... (Matthew 21:1–11)
5. The Lord is not slow to fulfill this. (2 Peter 3:1–10)
9. God said he would rescue his people from Samaria like this guy rescues sheep. (Amos 3:12–4:5)
10. Who was very tall in this reading? (Amos 2:6–16)
11. Supplement this. (2 Peter 1:1–11)
13. Keep yourself in God's... (Jude 17–25)
16. The day of the Lord will come like this. (1 Thessalonians 5:1–11)
19. God will give us a mouth and something else to refute our adversaries. (Luke 21:5–19)



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