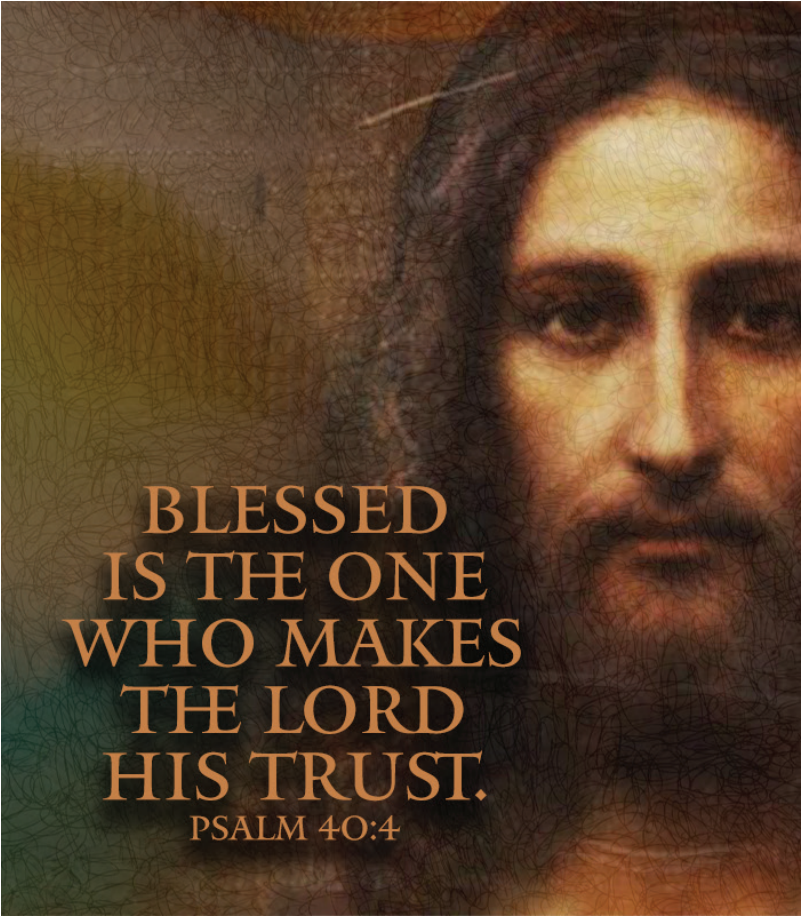




BLESSED
IS THE ONE
WHO MAKES
THE LORD
HIS TRUST.
PSALM 40:4

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Charles Callahan

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

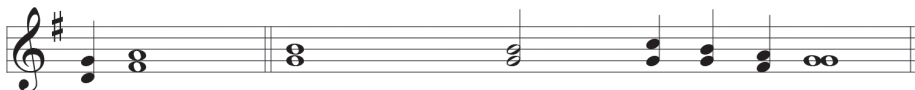


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Holy God, through your Son, Jesus, many came to faith in you. Keep us in faith by your grace that we may obediently worship and follow you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;

he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their
trust | in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and your | plans for us!
there is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶**Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!**
but they are more than | I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;
you have given me | ears to hear you;

⁸**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,**
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.

⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is
deep | in my heart.’”

¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;**
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that,
O | LORD, you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have
spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from
the great | congregation.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Men’s Choir

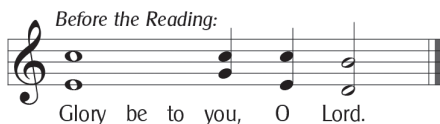
Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel is written in the first chapter of John.



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Gospel: John 1:29-42a

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

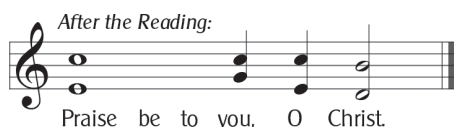
³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they

came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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We confess our faith with the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father, the 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.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “One Like Us”

Hymn: “Lamb of God, Most Holy!”

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

86-88

Leader *Congregation*

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

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was before us yet consented to abide with us as the incarnate Lamb of God. Because we are enriched in him and lack nothing as we wait for his revealing, we rejoice and sing with all the company of heaven...

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

The Lord's Prayer

90

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

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

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

91

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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The musical notation for the Benedicamus section is presented in two systems. Each system features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system shows the Leader's part (a single note) and the Congregation's part (a three-note chord). The second system shows the Leader's part (a single note) and the Congregation's part (a three-note chord). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness”

Paul Manz

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



What's he doing now? Today our children will begin to collect spare change for mission as they come forward for the children's chat. Please have some loose change available when the children come to you. We are all beggars. This is true" (Luther).

Acolyte and crucifer training will be held next Sunday, January 22nd, in the sanctuary at **3pm**. This training is for any youth currently in the 4th grade or higher. Please contact Bethany Whisnant if your child plans to attend, or if you have any questions. You may text or call 704-640-2402.

St. Paul's **Friendship Club** will meet Tuesday, January 17, at 10:30am in the fellowship hall, followed by a covered-dish lunch. Please bring your favorite dish to share, and your ideas for future meetings.

Sunday, January 15

- Finance Committee, 9am
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Lutheran Women, quarterly meeting, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, January 16

- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 17

- Friendship Club meeting and lunch, 10:30am
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Adult confirmation class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, January 18

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am–3:30pm
- Call Committee, 5:30pm
- Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7:30pm

Thursday, January 19

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, January 22

- Outreach Committee, 2pm
- Acolyte and Crucifer training, 3pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Pottery pieces that were left from Vacation Bible School last summer are in the narthex. Please check to see if these belong to your child. Any pieces not claimed within a couple of weeks will be thrown away.

Special prayers for members and friends of St. Paul’s:

- Jenny Earnhardt – Recovering from surgery
- James Lyerly – Health concerns
- Teresa Peeler – Recovering from surgery
- Crystal Moore – Cancer (friend of Amy Barringer)
- Lynn Proice – Health concerns
(daughter of Betty and Don Camerlin)
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery
- Dottie Stancil – Health concerns
- Abby Walker – Recovering from surgery
- Amy Watson – Cancer (friend of Greg Wilhelm)
- Jane Wilhelm – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/8)	\$9,072
Other Offering (1/8)	\$295
Sunday School Attendance (1/8)	60
Worship Attendance (1/8)	187
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (1/8).....	\$13,194
General Fund YTD Budget as of (1/8).....	\$16,405

Please **write your name in the friendship register** on your row so we will have a record of your attendance, and a record of how many people we have worshiping with us each Sunday. If you are visiting, and would like the pastor to contact you, please include your contact information.

Behold, the Lamb of God!

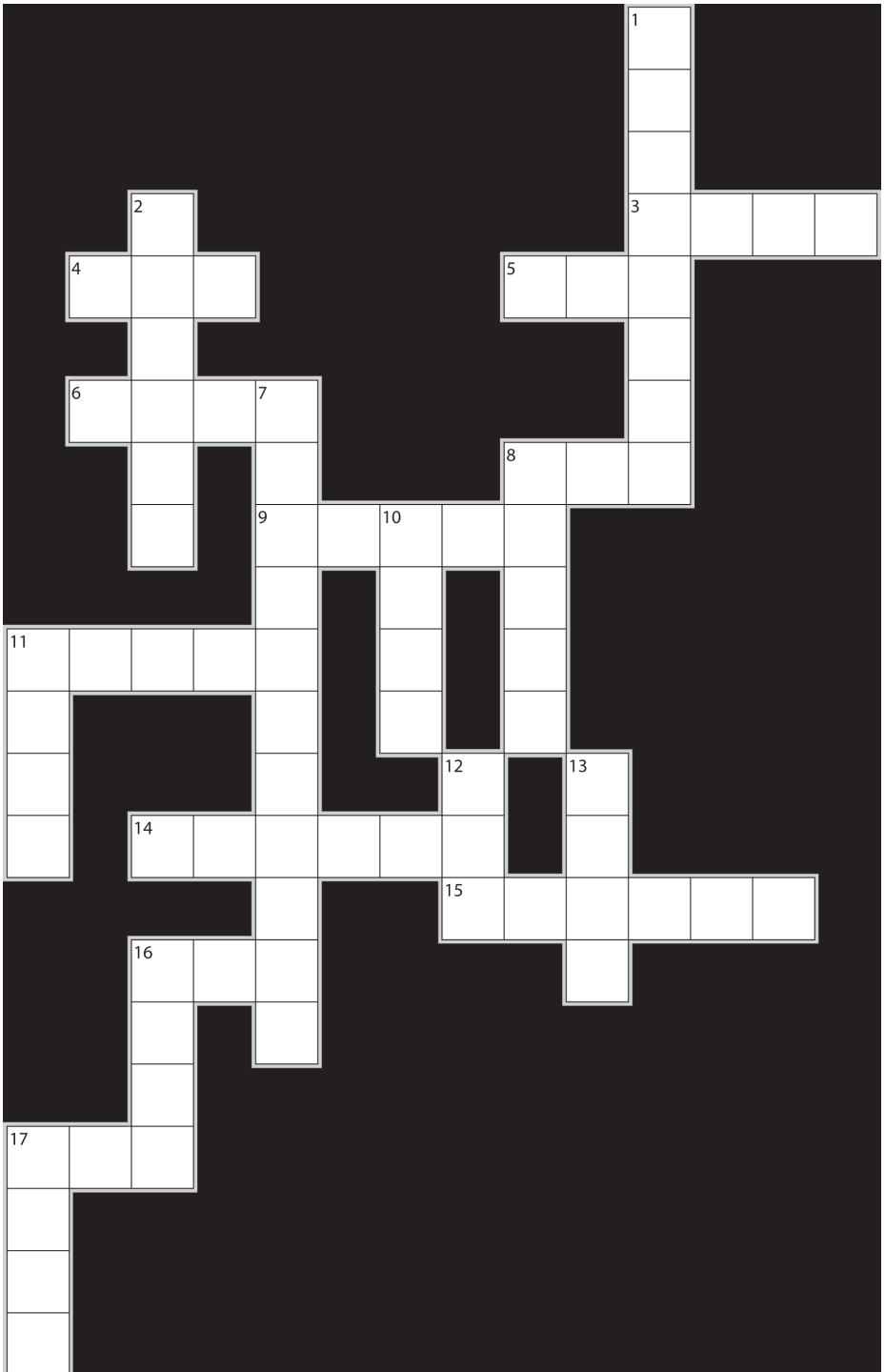
Find the 24 **bold** words from John 1:35–39.

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E W F N U Q W E N O E S N S H
R A Z O D G H W U I E S E I A
E L B S L O N R B L D E U K T
H K D M L L M S P D K N K S I
W E P D O S O I U I O C A F S
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Again the next day, **John** was **standing** with **two** of his **disciples**, and he **looked** at **Jesus** as he **walked**, and said, “**Behold**, the **Lamb** of **God**!” And the two disciples **heard him speak**, and they **followed** Jesus. And Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “**What** are you seeking?” And they said to him, “**Rabbi**” (which means, being translated, **Teacher**), “**where** are you **staying**?” He said to them, “**Come**, and you will **see**.” So, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, as it was about the **tenth hour**.

Unscramble the verse:

Ebesdsl si eht amn how masek teh drol ihs rstut.



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Epiphany 2, Year 1

Sunday – Isaiah 43:14–44:5; Hebrews 6:17–7:10; John 4:27–42
Monday – Isaiah 44:6–8, 21–23; Ephesians 4:1–16; Mark 3:7–19a
Tuesday – Isaiah 44:9–20; Ephesians 4:17–32; Mark 3:19b–35
Wednesday – Isaiah 44:24–45:7; Ephesians 5:1–14; Mark 4:1–20
Thursday – Isaiah 45:5–17; Ephesians 5:15–33; Mark 4:21–34
Friday – Isaiah 45:18–25; Ephesians 6:1–9; Mark 4:35–41
Saturday – Isaiah 46:1–13; Ephesians 6:10–24; Mark 5:1–20

ACROSS

3. Walk in this. (Ephesians 5:1–14)
4. You don't put a lamp under this. (Mark 4:21–34)
5. Put off which self? (Ephesians 4:17–32)
6. Having done all else, stand... (Ephesians 6:10–24)
8. If you blaspheme the Holy Spirit, you are guilty of eternal... (Mark 3:19b–35)
9. The Lord creates darkness and forms this. (Isaiah 45:5–17)
11. The Lord speaks this. (Isaiah 45:18–25)
14. He appointed this many. (Mark 3:7–19a)
15. Walk in this manner. (Ephesians 4:1–16)
16. If you worship an idol, this is in your right hand. (Isaiah 44:9–20)
17. Besides God, there is no what? (Isaiah 44:6–8, 21–23)

DOWN

1. Bring them up in the instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1–9)
2. He preached Jesus in the Decapolis. (Mark 5:1–20)
7. He has no parents. (Hebrews 6:17–7:10)
8. Jesus was asleep there. (Mark 4:35–41)
10. God carries us until our hair is... (Isaiah 46:1–13)
11. Make the best use of this. (Ephesians 5:15–33)
12. God is doing this kind of thing. (Isaiah 43:14–44:5)
13. Many believed because of Jesus' what? (John 4:27–42)
16. Who formed you in the womb? (Isaiah 44:24–45:7)
17. Those who hear the word are those sown in this soil. (Mark 4:1–20)

Unscramble the verse:

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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

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