

**The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:18



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Robert Hobby

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: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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:

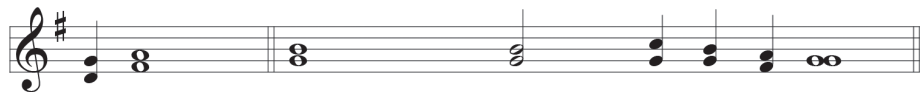


Glory be to God on high!

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.

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 27:1-14

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then
shall I | be afraid?

²**When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled
and fell.**

³Though an army should en- | camp against me,
yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

⁴**And though war should rise | up against me,
yet will I put my | trust in him.**

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days | of my life;

⁶**To behold the fair beauty | of the LORD
and to seek him | in his temple.**

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high up- | on a rock.

**⁸Even now he lifts | up my head
above my enemies | round about me.**

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with
sounds | of great gladness;

I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

**¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.**

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, | “Seek my face.”

Your face, LORD, | will I seek.

**¹²Hide not your | face from me,
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.**

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away;

do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

**¹⁴Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the LORD | will sustain me.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Christ Be Our Light”

Adult Choir

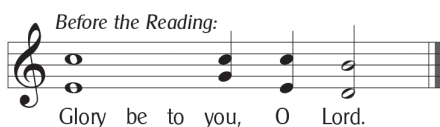
Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel is written in the fourth chapter of Matthew.



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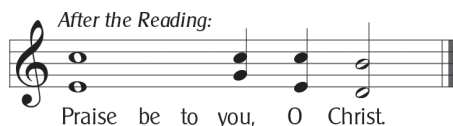
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the

kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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: “The Ridiculous Power of God ”

Hymn: “Leave Your Nets”

*Text: © Mark Ryman (2005) based on Matthew 4:12-23 (Epiphany 3A)
Sung to the tune of Monkland.*

When our Lord heard that his friend
Was detained and taken in,
He withdrew to Galilee,
Settling beside the sea.

Fulfilling what prophets see,
Zebulun and Naphtali
Was where Jesus came to dwell,
Dawning Light in Gentile Hell.

In the land of death and shade
God’s Great Light was now displayed
For all of the world to see—
Shining still for you and me.

One day Jesus shone on shore
For two at their netting chore:
“Follow me and leave your kin;
I’ll make you fishers of men!”

Leave your nets and drop your plow;
Put Him first and trust Him now.
Take the Savior by the hand;
Let Him lead you to His land.

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.

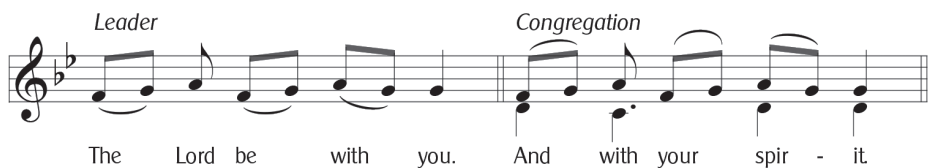
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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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 offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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, 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

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

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

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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 Dimittis

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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 is presented in two systems. Each system has a 'Leader' part on a treble clef staff and a 'Congregation' part on a bass clef staff. Both parts are in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system's lyrics are 'The Lord be with you.' for the Leader and 'And with your spirit.' for the Congregation. The second system's lyrics are 'Bless the Lord.' for the Leader and 'Thanks be to God.' for the Congregation. The notation includes a double bar line between the two systems.

Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" Michael Burkhardt

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.



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

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 worshipping with us each Sunday.

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.

Some pottery pieces made during last summer's VBS are in the narthex. If your child attended 2022 VBS and made pottery, be sure to pick up your child's piece.

St. Paul’s Men Explore *In Back of the Peach Orchard*

St. Paul’s Men kick off 2023 with their first monthly meeting of the new year on Monday, **January 23rd, at 6:30pm**. Following the meal, provided by George Reese and Tim Deal, our very own Jesse Watson will share stories from his recently published book *In Back of the Peach Orchard*. The book is a “collection of stories about what life was like growing up on a small farm in the South...what it was like for children to have freedom to learn the values and work ethic to carry them through life.” There’ll be humorous and inspiring stories featuring many names you’ll likely recognize.

Middle & High School, and Chaperones—The Youth and Family Committee have begun planning activities for 2023. We are considering our mission options, and would like to have an idea of how many middle school and high school youth would be able to participate this summer. Additionally, we would like to know how many adults would be available to chaperone. Having an accurate number early in the planning will help us decide when to go, where to go, and what additional activities we might be able to plan.

Please send the names of those who would be available to Michael Canup (336-529-5203, mcanup@triad.rr.com) or to Amy Barringer (980-234-8402, abarringer@bellsouth.net). Thank you!

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/15)	\$11,366
Other Offering (1/15)	\$2,273
Sunday School Attendance (1/15)	65

*This does not reflect exact attendance as not everyone signs the registers,
and not all Sunday school classes turn in attendance slips.*

Worship Attendance (1/15)	176
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (1/15)..	\$24,560
General Fund YTD Budget as of (1/15)	\$24,608

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.

Monday, January 23

- Faith Academy after-school program, 1-3pm
- Lutheran Men's meeting and supper, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 24

- Adult confirmation class at 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, January 25

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

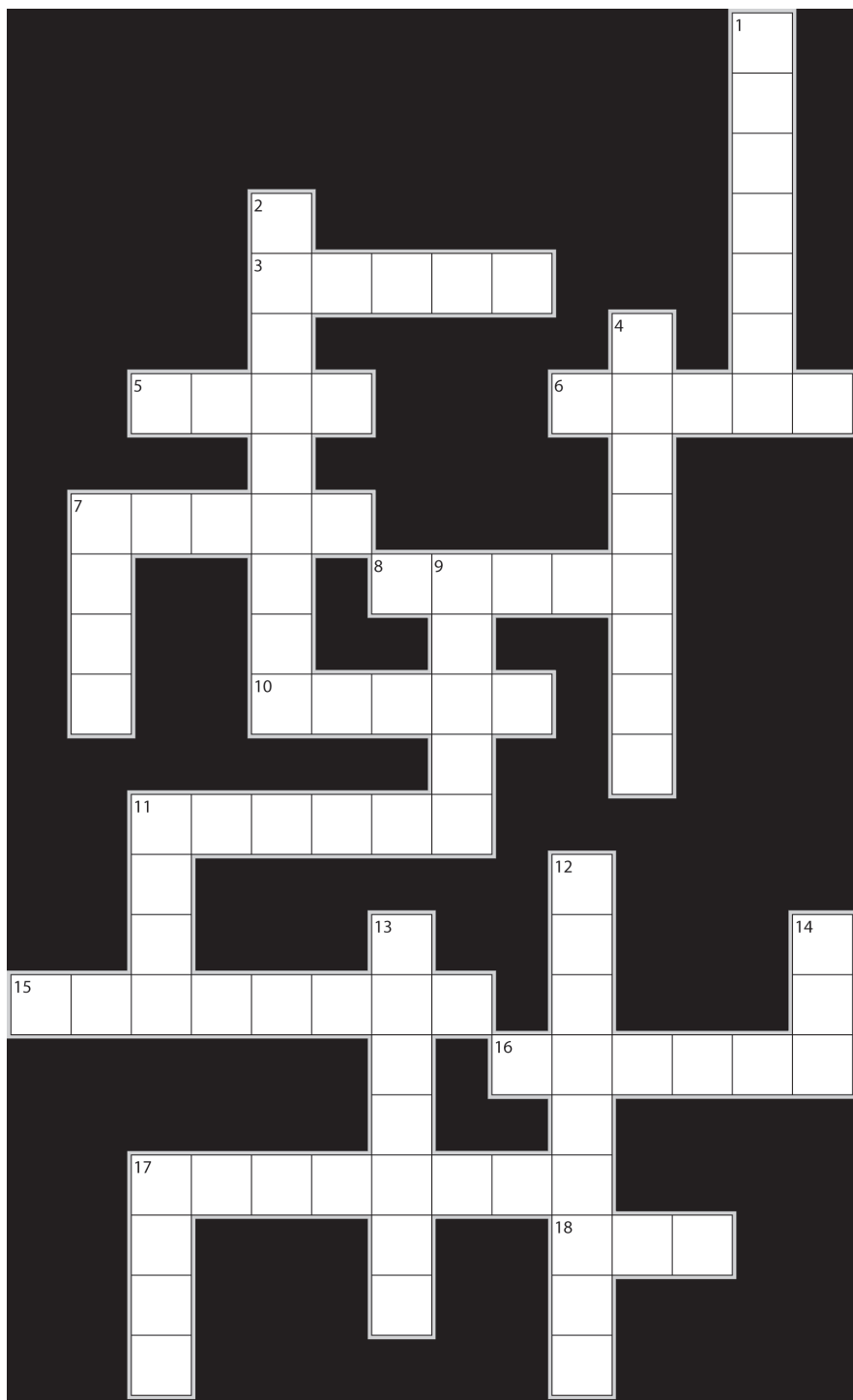
Thursday, January 26

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

First Communion classes will be held the three Sundays preceeding Easter—March 19, 26, and April 2. Classes will be after worship service in Pastor Ryman's office. Any parent who would like their child to have their first Communion on Easter Sunday should bring their child to *all three classes*.

All youth are invited for
food, firepit, and fun at
Wyclif's First Birthday Party
Saturday, February 11th, 4:00pm
at the parsonage.
RSVP by email to
pastor@stpaulslutheran.church*

**Of course, adults are invited as well.*



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Epiphany 3, Year 1

Sunday – Isaiah 47:1–15; Hebrews 10:19–31; John 5:2–18
Monday – Isaiah 48:1–11; Galatians 1:1–17; Mark 5:21–43
Tuesday – Isaiah 48:12–22; Galatians 1:18–2:10; Mark 6:1–13
Wednesday – Isaiah 49:1–12; Galatians 2:11–21; Mark 6:13–29
Thursday – Isaiah 49:13–26; Galatians 3:1–14; Mark 6:30–46
Friday – Isaiah 50:1–11; Galatians 3:15–22; Mark 6:47–56
Saturday – Isaiah 51:1–8; Galatians 3:23–29; Mark 7:1–23

ACROSS

3. A person is not justified by works of the law but through...
(Galatians 2:11–21)
5. What Jesus told his disciples to do for a while. (Mark 6:30–46)
6. Where are God's people engraved? (Isaiah 49:13–26)
7. The things that defile come from here. (Mark 7:1–23)
8. After how many years did Paul go see Cephas?
(Galatians 1:18–2:10)
10. Hos is Israel refined? (Isaiah 48:1–11)
11. For whom is there no peace? (Isaiah 48:12–22)
15. Jesus marveled at this. (Mark 6:1–13)
16. Take heart; do not be... (Mark 6:47–56)
17. Who is the Holy One of Israel? (Isaiah 47:1–15)
18. What has God opened? (Isaiah 50:1–11)

DOWN

1. Those of faith in Christ are his sons. (Galatians 3:1–14)
2. If you are Christ's, you are Abraham's... (Galatians 3:23–29)
4. Touch these and be well. (Mark 5:21–43)
7. We have confidence to enter this place. (Hebrews 10:19–31)
9. He threw the baptizer into prison. (Mark 6:13–29)
11. God servant is called from where? (Isaiah 49:1–12)
12. Paul is astonished that the Galatians are turning to this gospel.
(Galatians 1:1–17)
13. The promise of Christ is given to those who... (Galatians 3:15–22)
14. The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because he made himself equal to him.
(John 5:2–18)
17. Where should Israel look? (Isaiah 51:1–8)

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Next Sunday's Lessons: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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