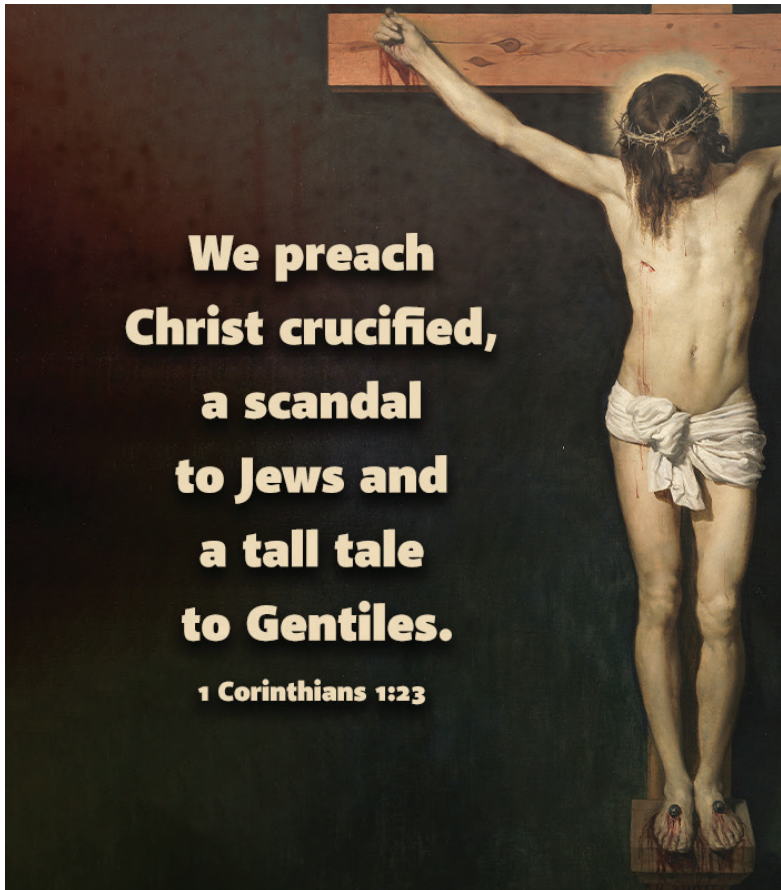




Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Communion Assistants: Travis Alligood,

Karen Charles, Donna Lyerly

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Anna Laura Page

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.

¹**You shall have no other gods before me.**

²**You 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.**

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

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

⁵**You shall not kill.**

⁶**You shall not commit adultery.**

⁷**You shall not steal.**

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

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

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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:

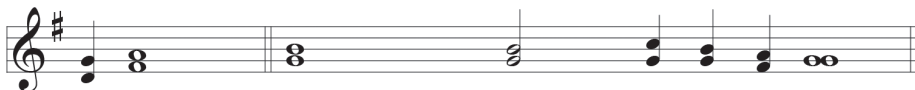


Glory be to God on high!

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: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?
who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,
who speaks the truth | from his heart.**

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;
he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked | is rejected,
but he honors those who | fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to | do no wrong
and does not take | back his word.

**⁶He does not give his money in | hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**

⁷Whoever | does these things
shall never be | overthrown.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: "Lion of Judah"

Elizabeth Baker, Laura Brock, and Susan Ryman

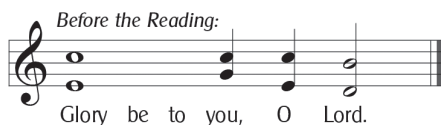
Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of Matthew.

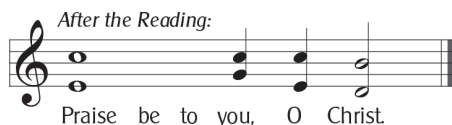


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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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: "An Incredible Scandal"

Hymn: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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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.

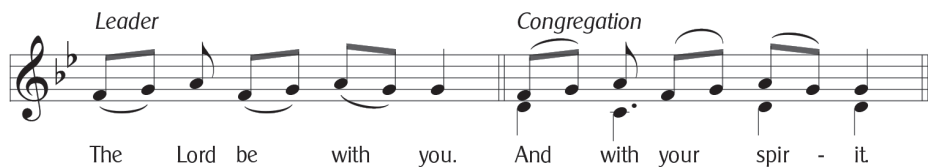
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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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, just, and profitable for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with your only-begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God and Lord — not one in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe by revelation about your glory, the same we believe about your Son, the same of the Holy Spirit, without difference or separation. We make this proper confession of the true and everlasting Godhead — the distinction in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty — so that we might rightly praise you with the angels and archangels, and the cherubim and seraphim, in their unceasing song, singing:



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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but 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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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Robert Lau

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.

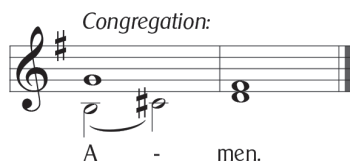
Benediction

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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.



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 would like Pastor Ryman to contact you, please include your contact information by your name.

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

- Jenny Earnhardt – Recovering from surgery
- Lola Floss – Health Concerns
- 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.

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 contact the church office and bring their child to *all three classes*.

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!

Some pottery pieces made during last summer’s VBS are on the shelf in the narthex. If your child attended 2022 VBS and made pottery, be sure to pick up your child’s work. **Pieces remaining today will be thrown away.**

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/22).....	\$3,928
Other Offering (1/22)	\$298
Children’s Mission Offering so far	\$249.70
Sunday School Attendance (1/22)	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 (1/22)	147
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (1/22).....	\$28,488
General Fund YTD Budget as of (1/22).....	\$32,810

Sunday, January 29

- 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 30

- Faith Academy after-school program, 1-3pm

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 2

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Friday, February 3

- Girl Scout cookie distribution in the fellowship hall, 3-7pm

Sunday, February 5

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Valentine Dinner & Newlywed Game February 18th, 6:00pm

Country-style steak, barbeque chicken, mashed potatoes,
green beans, corn, roll, banana pudding

• \$12/adult • \$6/4 to 12 • 3 and under are free

Tickets on sale in Ladies' Parlor February 5th and 12th



DONATE BLOOD

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Monday, Feb. 13th
1:30PM-6:00PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood Long Sleeve T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: A single car accident victim can require 100 pints of blood.

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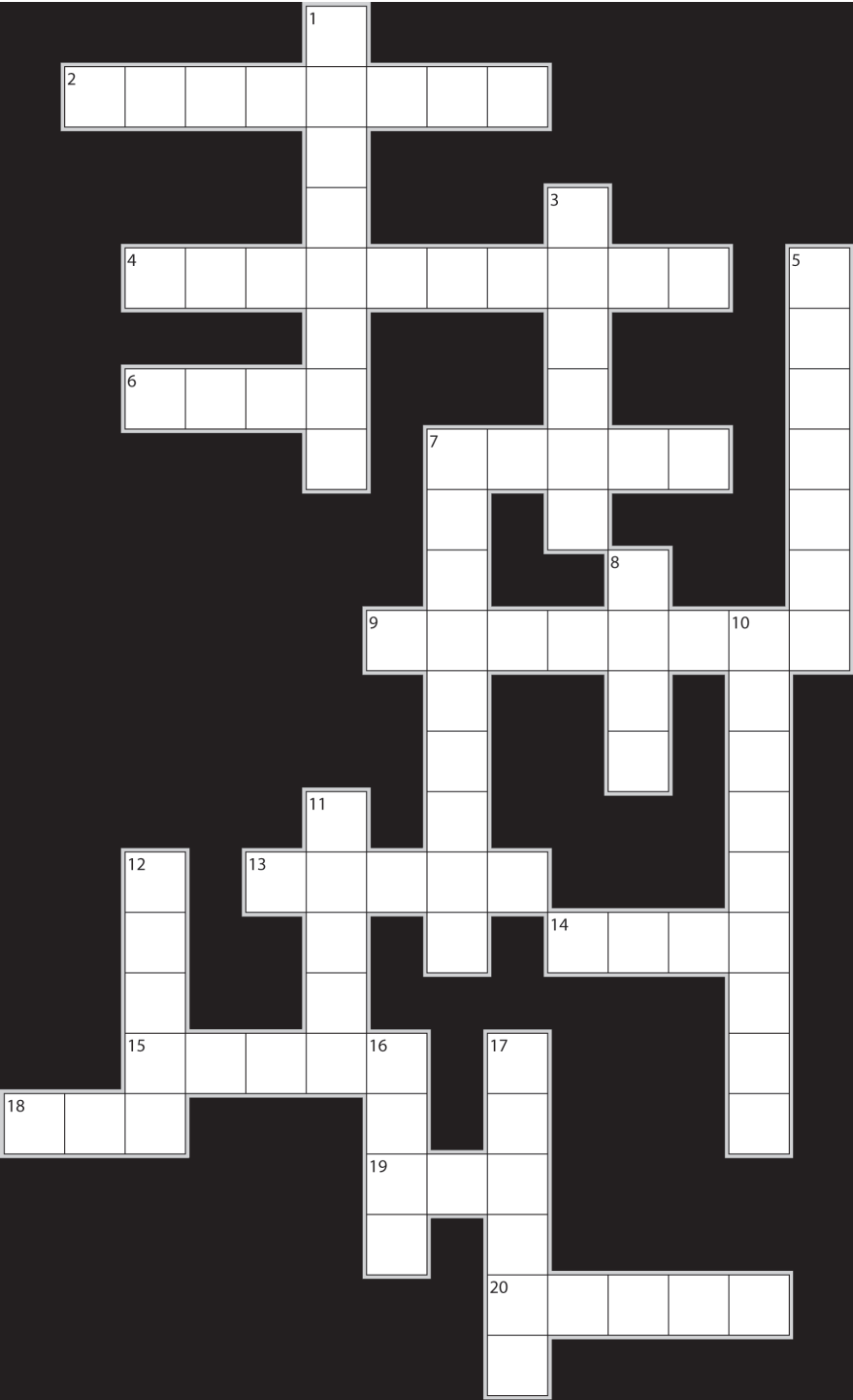
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Share your power.

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 4, Year 1

Sunday – Isaiah 51:9–16; Hebrews 11:8–16; John 7:14–31
Monday – Isaiah 51:17–23; Galatians 4:1–11; Mark 7:24–37
Tuesday – Isaiah 52:1–12; Galatians 4:12–20; Mark 8:1–10
Wednesday – Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Galatians 4:21–31; Mark 8:11–26
Thursday – Isaiah 54:1–17; Galatians 5:1–15; Mark 8:27–9:1
Friday – Isaiah 55:1–13; Galatians 5:16–24; Mark 9:2–13
Saturday – Isaiah 56:1–8; Galatians 5:25–6:10; Mark 9:14–29

ACROSS

2. What's missing? love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:16–24)
4. Paul wanted Christformation for the Galatians so much it felt to him as... (Galatians 4:12–20)
6. God's _____ will not depart from his people. (Isaiah 54:1–17)
7. A voice came out of it. (Mark 9:2–13)
9. Verses 6-8 should make you think of God's promise to call... (Isaiah 56:1–8)
13. The people are drunk on God's... (Isaiah 51:17–23)
14. Aramaic for Papa... (Galatians 4:1–11)
15. The Lord's servant is acquainted with... (Isaiah 52:13–53:12)
18. How many loaves? (Mark 8:11–26)
19. Incline your... (Isaiah 55:1–13)
20. How many loaves? (Mark 8:1–10)

DOWN

1. Help my... (Mark 9:14–29)
3. The arm of the Lord pierced a... (Isaiah 51:9–16)
5. Bear one another's... (Galatians 5:25–6:10)
7. Hagar and Sarah are two... (Galatians 4:21–31)
8. God has prepared his people for a... (Hebrews 11:8–16)
10. Be opened. (Mark 7:24–37)
11. If you wish to be justified by the law, you are severed from this. (Galatians 5:1–15)
12. Do not do this by appearances. (John 7:14–31)
16. What are beautiful on the mountains? (Isaiah 52:1–12)
17. Whom did Peter confess? (Mark 8:27–9:1)



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 58:3-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

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