



**Let your light shine  
before others,  
so that they  
may see your  
good works  
and give glory  
to your Father  
who is in heaven.**

**Matthew 5:16**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 5, 2023

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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Communion Assistants: Gina Barringer,  
Bonnie Hinson, Susan Ryman

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** Variations on “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues”

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.

**<sup>1</sup>You shall have no other gods before me.**

**<sup>2</sup>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.**

**<sup>3</sup>Remember the Sabbath day  
to keep it holy.**

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

**<sup>5</sup>You shall not kill.**

**<sup>6</sup>You shall not commit adultery.**

**<sup>7</sup>You shall not steal.**

**<sup>8</sup>You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbor.**

**<sup>9</sup>You shall not covet  
your neighbor’s house.**

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

## Confession and Absolution

**Hymn:** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## 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:*

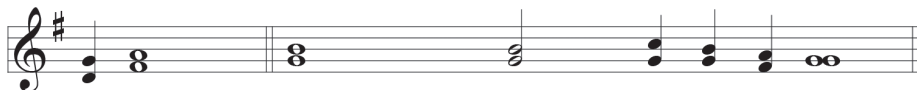


Glory be to God on high!

*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.

Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## First Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-9a

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

The word of the Lord.

## Psalm 112:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | his commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;  
their heart is right; they put their trust | in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely | to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up  
their | head with honor.

## **Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

<sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to

understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## Offering

## Anthem

*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 5:13-20

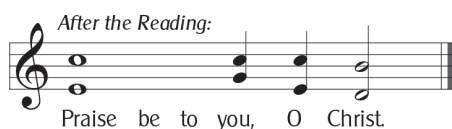
<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

<sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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:** “God’s Salt”

**Hymn:** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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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 spirit

*Leader*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation*

We lift them to the Lord.

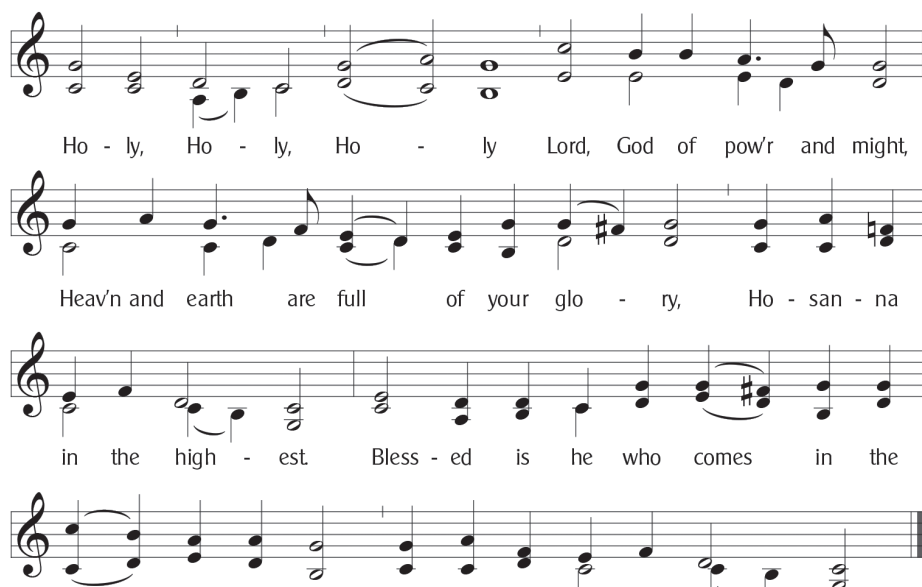
*Leader*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed 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,**

<sup>1</sup>**hallowed be thy name,**

<sup>2</sup>**thy kingdom come,**

<sup>3</sup>**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

<sup>4</sup>**Give us this day our daily bread;**

<sup>5</sup>**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

<sup>6</sup>**and lead us not into temptation,**

<sup>7</sup>**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 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

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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: Postlude on “Duke Street”

David Lasky

*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.



*Cindy and Spencer Newsome invite the congregation  
to join them for a **luncheon** in the fellowship hall  
next **Sunday, February 12th**,  
to celebrate Alexandria's baptism.  
Please come enjoy a meal in  
Christian fellowship with the Newsome family.*

**Membership classes** will be held February 19, 26, and March 5, after worship service in the chapel. If you are interested in joining the St. Paul's family, please be present for each of these 45-minute classes. Please note this has changed since the Epistle went out.

**The Extension and Community Association** will meet Tuesday, February 7th, in the conference room at 1pm.

### Valentine Dinner & Not So 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  
on February 5th and 12th

**Tickets for the “Not So Newlywed” Game and Dinner** are on sale today in the ladies’ parlor after church. The event will be Saturday, February 18th at 6:00, in the fellowship hall. Tickets will be on sale next Sunday as well—then that is it.

The meal will be catered by Debbie Suggs and includes country style steak, barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, and banana pudding. Tea will be provided. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 4-12. Three years and under are free. Make checks payable to the church.

For entertainment, we have secured some “oldies” and some not so old couples to vie for top prizes. Pastor Ryman and Susan are our “oldie but goodie” couple, being married 45 years. The 2nd couple will be revealed this Sunday, being married 36 years. For added fun, bring your wedding picture to display on a table at the dinner. It will be fun to guess who is in these pictures!

**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 contact Michael Canup at [mcanup@triad.rr.com](mailto:mcanup@triad.rr.com), or 336-529-5203, or Amy Barringer at [abarringer@bellsouth.net](mailto:abarringer@bellsouth.net), or 980-234-8402, with names of those who would be available. Thank you!

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

- Sandy Corley – Upcoming surgery this week
- Jenny Earnhardt – Recovering from surgery
- Lola Floss – Health Concerns
- Shelton Harper – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Teresa Peeler – Recovering from surgery
- Stan McConnell – Health concerns
- Crystal Moore – Cancer (friend of Amy Barringer)
- Lynn Proice – Health concerns  
(daughter of Betty and Don Camerlin)
- 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

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|------------------------------------------|----------|
| General Fund Offering (1/29).....        | \$7,227  |
| Other Offering (1/29) .....              | \$557    |
| Children's Mission Offering so far ..... | \$444.84 |
| Sunday School Attendance (1/29) .....    | 76       |

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

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|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Worship Attendance (1/29) .....             | 203      |
| General Fund YTD Receipts as of (1/29)..... | \$35,715 |
| General Fund YTD Budget as of (1/29).....   | \$41,013 |

*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.*

### **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.

### **Monday, February 6**

- Faith Academy after-school program, 1-3pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

### **Tuesday, February 7**

- Extension & Community Assoc., 1pm
- Adult confirmation class at 6pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

### **Wednesday, February 8**

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

### **Thursday, February 9**

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

### **Saturday, February 11**

- Wyclif's birthday party at the parsonage, 4pm

### **Sunday, February 12**

- Baptism of Alexandria Jacqueline-Marie Lockwood (Newsome)
- Lunch for the congregation with the Newsomes after worship in the fellowship hall
- Worship & Music Committee, 1:30pm
- All youth, Bible study & music, 2:30pm
- 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.



# 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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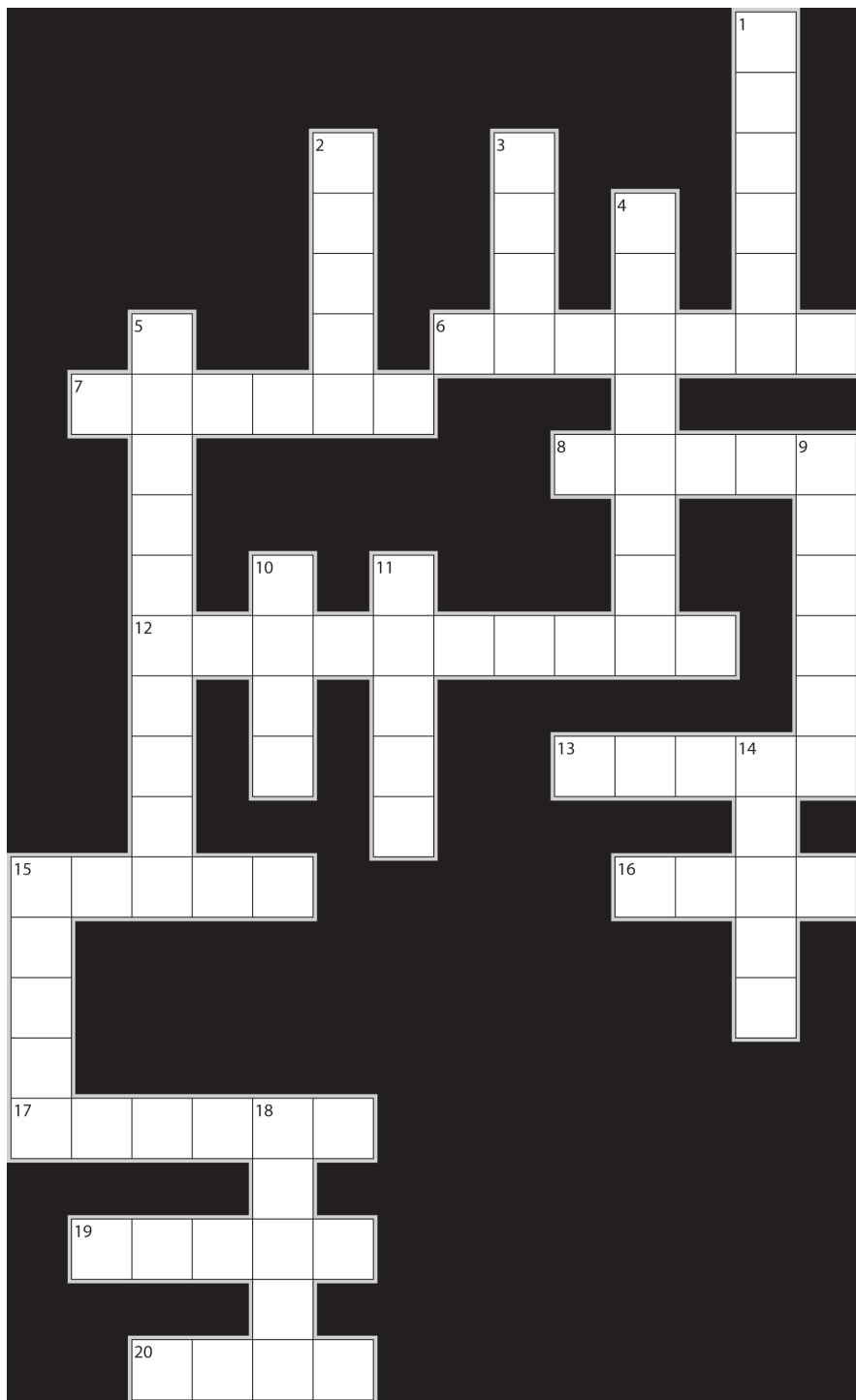
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## Blood Drive—Monday, February 13th

Please contact Alice Davis at [pherford1@yahoo.com](mailto:pherford1@yahoo.com), or call 704-855-4930, if you would like to make an appointment to give.

**2023 Cruise 'n Barbecue is April 29th.** The first meeting of the Cruise 'n Barbecue Steering Committee will be February 13, at 7pm, in the counting room. If you would like to help steer the event, please contact Susan Ryman.



# Two Year Daily Lectionary

## Epiphany 5, Year 1

*Sunday* – Isaiah 57:1–13; Hebrews 12:1–6; John 7:37–46

*Monday* – Isaiah 57:14–21; Galatians 6:11–18; Mark 9:30–41

*Tuesday* – Isaiah 58:1–12; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Mark 9:42–50

*Wednesday* – Isaiah 59:1–21; 2 Timothy 1:15–2:13; Mark 10:1–16

*Thursday* – Isaiah 60:1–22; 2 Timothy 2:14–26; Mark 10:17–31

*Friday* – Isaiah 61:1–9; 2 Timothy 3:1–17; Mark 10:32–45

*Saturday* – Isaiah 61:10–62:5; 2 Timothy 4:1–8; Mark 10:46–52

### ACROSS

6. Where did Jesus encounter Bartimaeus? (Mark 10:46–52)
7. There is no peace for them. (Isaiah 57:14–21)
8. Since your light has come, what should you do? (Isaiah 60:1–22)
12. All Scripture is... (2 Timothy 3:1–17)
13. Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and... (2 Timothy 2:14–26)
15. Man and wife are one.... (Mark 10:1–16)
16. The Redeemer will come from there. (Isaiah 59:1–21)
17. Share your bread with them. (Isaiah 58:1–12)
19. The Christ is his offspring. (John 7:37–46)
20. If you would be first, be... (Mark 9:30–41)

### DOWN

1. If you have this, it is hard to enter the kingdom. (Mark 10:17–31)
2. If you would be first, you must be a... (Mark 10:32–45)
3. Be salted with... (Mark 9:42–50)
4. If we are faithless, God remains... (2 Timothy 1:15–2:13)
5. Do not regard it lightly. (Hebrews 12:1–6)
9. Tim's mother (2 Timothy 1:1–14)
10. He causes righteousness. (Isaiah 61:10–62:5)
11. Verse eight is a violation of which commandment? (Isaiah 57:1–13)
14. Boast in this. (Galatians 6:11–18)
15. Paul kept this. (2 Timothy 4:1–8)
18. What will be rebuilt? (Isaiah 61:1–9)

*Unscramble the verse:*

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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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**Next Sunday's Lessons:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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