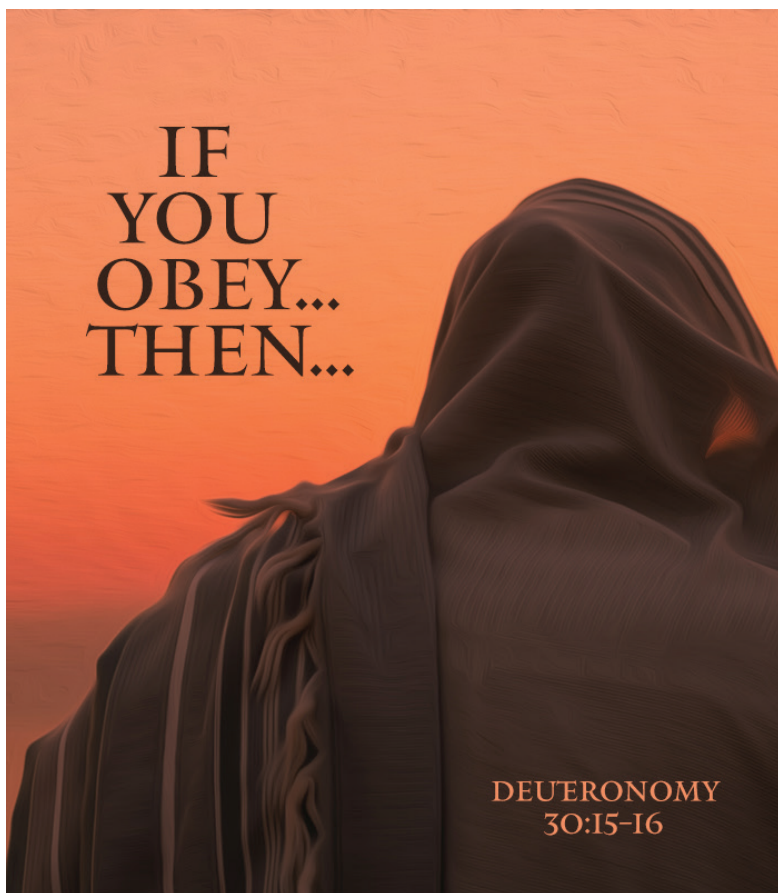




Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

Robert Powell

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

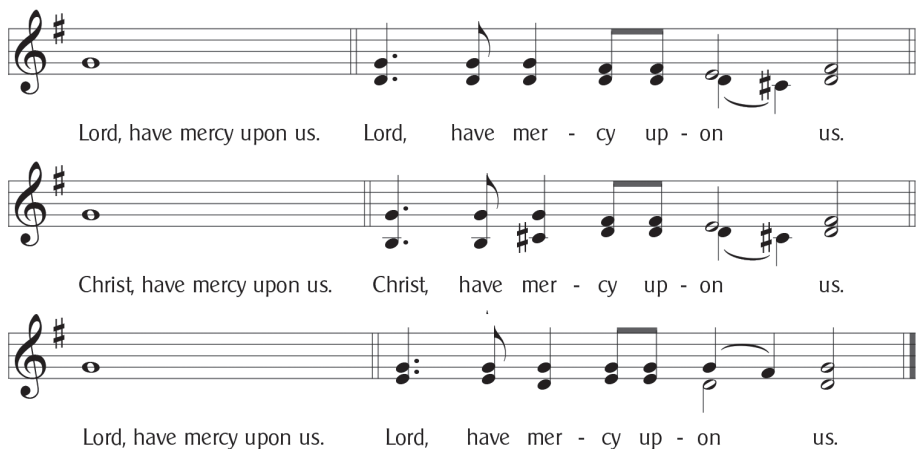
Hymn: “Just As I Am”

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 Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵[Moses said,] “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.

Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless,
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe | his decrees
and seek him with | all their hearts!**

³Who never do | any wrong,
but always walk | in his ways.

⁴**You laid down | your commandments,
that we should | fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with an | unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

⁸**I will | keep your statutes;
do not utter- | ly forsake me.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

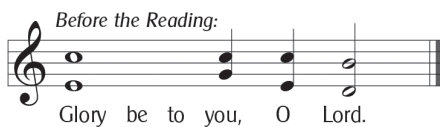
Anthem: “I Will Exalt You”

Andrew Baker
Alexander Canup
Hila Canup
German Jaramillo

Please stand for the Gospel.



The Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

²¹[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.

²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

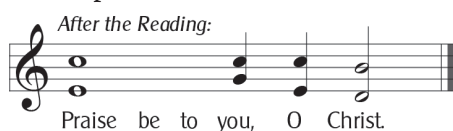
²⁷You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you

have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Baptism of

Alexandria Jacqueline-Marie Lockwood (Newsome)

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A hymnal in honor of Alexandria's baptism was placed in the sanctuary this morning.

*Jesus said,
“Let the little children come to me
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 19:14

Children's Chat

Sermon: “If-Then”

Hymn: “O Master, Let Me Walk With You”

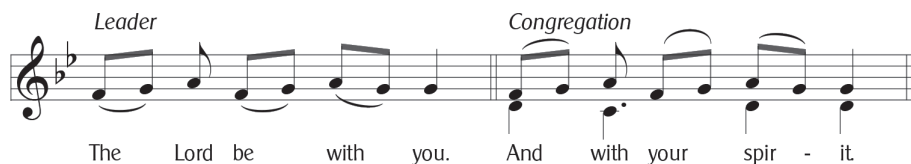
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Prayers of the Church

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

Exhortation

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



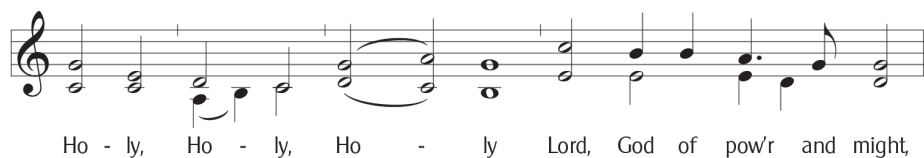
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is 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,



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

92

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.

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude on "Nicaea"

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.

Congregation:



A - men.

*Cindy and Spencer Newsome invite the congregation to
join them today for a luncheon in the fellowship hall
in celebration of Alexandria's baptism.*

Please come enjoy a meal and fellowship with the Newsome family.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Cindy and Spencer Newsome in honor of
Alexandria's baptism today.*

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

Blood Drive Tomorrow—February 13th, in the fellowship hall, 1:30-6pm. Please contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com, or call her at 704-855-4930, if you would like to make an appointment to give.



Dinner and Not So Newlywed Game Night

The Valentine Dinner and *Not-so-Newlywed* game will take place Saturday, February 18th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.

For the 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. Larry and Tricia Clark, being married 36 years, will try to answer a question correctly. How many think that is going to happen? Our “youngsters” are Chad and Abby Walker, being married 17

years. What great sports they are to take on the Ryman and the Clarks! Remember to bring your wedding picture to display on a table. It will be fun to guess who is in these pictures.

Tickets are \$12.00 for age 13–adult, \$6.00 for ages 4–12. Three and under are free. Make checks payable to the church.

Today is the last day to get your tickets. A count will have to be turned in to Debbie Suggs so she can place her food order.



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

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.

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, 336-529-5203, or Amy Barringer at abarringer@bellsouth.net, 980-234-8402, with names of those who would be available.

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

- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Terry Eller – Recovering from surgery
- Lola Floss – Health Concerns
- 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
- 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 (2/5)	\$7,089
Other Offering (2/5).....	\$986
Children’s Mission Offering so far	\$670.34
Sunday School Attendance (2/5).....	76

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

Worship Attendance (2/5).....	190
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (2/5)..	\$42,804
General Fund YTD Budget as of (2/5)	\$50,419

Sunday, February 12

- Baptism of Alexandria Jacqueline-Marie Lockwood (Newsome)
- Lunch for the congregation after worship in the fellowship hall, compliments of Spencer and Cindy Newsome
- 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.

Monday, February 13

- Faith Academy after-school program, 1-3pm
- Blood Drive, 1:30 – 6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6:30pm
- Outreach Committee, 6:30pm
- Cruise 'n BBQ Steering Committee, 7pm

Tuesday, February 14

- Adult confirmation class at 6pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Executive Committee, 7pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

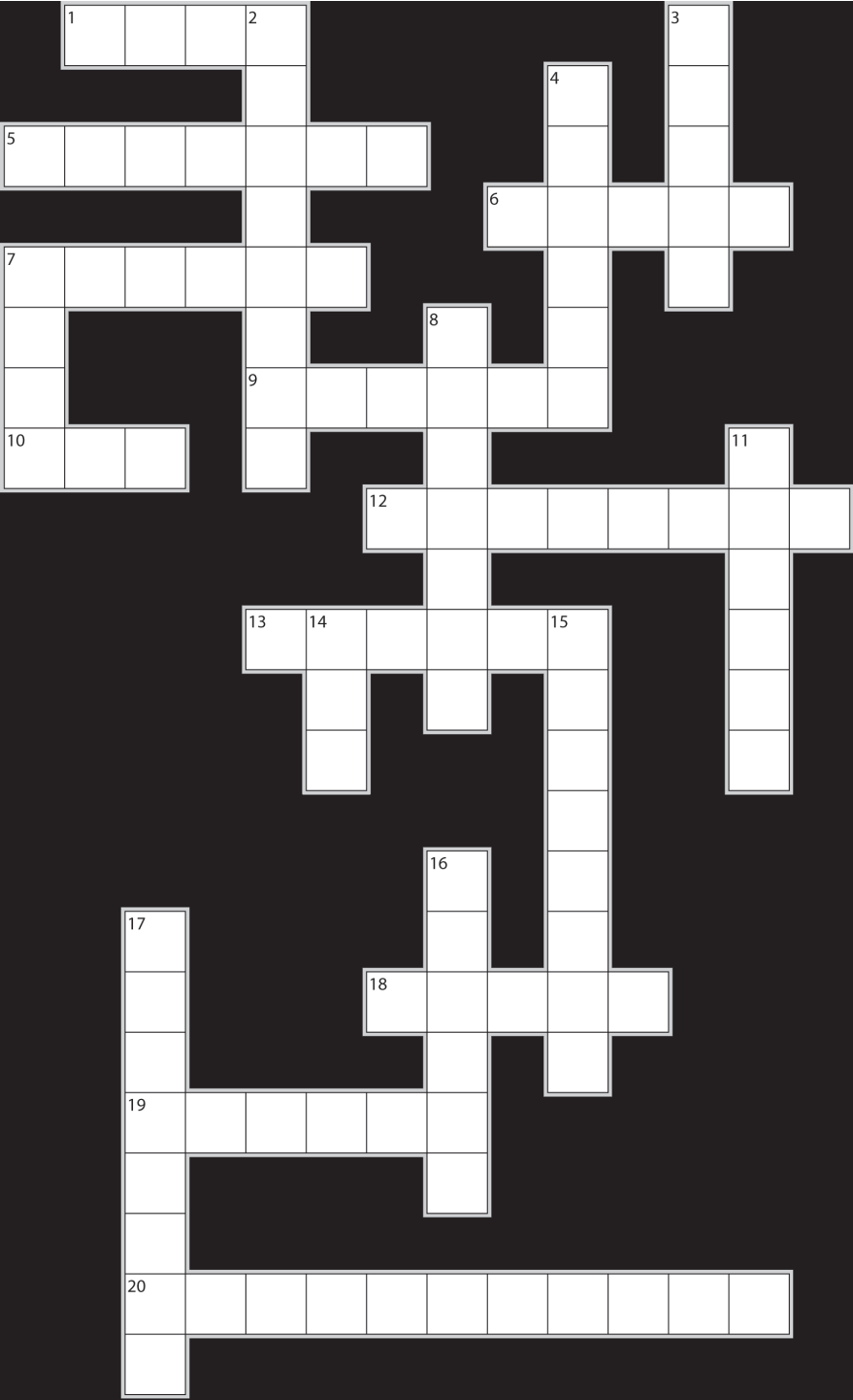
Saturday, February 18

- Valentine's Dinner and *Not-so-Newlywed Game*, 6pm

Vacation Bible School June 23-25, 2023

This year's theme is WATER—think Baptism, sprinklers, water slides, etc. Age groups are pre-school thru middle school. More details to come as plans are made.

Mark your calendars. Your kids are going to have a great time at the 2023 VBS.



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Epiphany 6, Year 1

Sunday – Isaiah 62:6–12; 1 John 2:3–11; John 8:12–19

Monday – Isaiah 63:1–6; 1 Timothy 1:1–17; Mark 11:1–11

Tuesday – Isaiah 63:7–14; 1 Timothy 1:18–2:15; Mark 11:12–26

Wednesday – Isaiah 63:15–64:9; 1 Timothy 3:1–16; Mark 11:27–12:12

Thursday – Isaiah 65:1–12; 1 Timothy 4:1–16; Mark 12:13–27

Friday – Isaiah 65:17–25; 1 Timothy 5:1–25; Mark 12:28–34

Saturday – Isaiah 66:1–6; 1 Timothy 6:1–21; Mark 12:35–44

ACROSS

1. Hear this. (Isaiah 66:1–6)
5. She gave from this. (Mark 12:35–44)
6. We have come to this knowledge. (1 Timothy 1:18–2:15)
7. God is the God of them. (Mark 12:13–27)
9. Who feels his people's affliction? (Isaiah 63:7–14)
10. He cursed this tree. (Mark 11:12–26)
12. Whom you should watch closely (1 Timothy 4:1–16)
13. The Pharisees didn't know Jesus or... (John 8:12–19)
18. The love of this is the root of all kinds of evil. (1 Timothy 6:1–21)
19. What should be done to those who persist in sin
(1 Timothy 5:1–25)
20. What the rejected stone has become (Mark 11:27–12:12)

DOWN

2. It's passing away. (1 John 2:3–11)
3. With what did God make the people drunk? (Isaiah 63:1–6)
4. What things will no longer be remembered? (Isaiah 65:17–25)
7. We fade like an autumn... (Isaiah 63:15–64:9)
8. Paul's true child in the faith (1 Timothy 1:1–17)
11. Besides branches, what they spread on the road (Mark 11:1–11)
14. Think: Which is the most important commandment?
(Mark 12:28–34)
15. What will the banner say about the people? (Isaiah 62:6–12)
16. Who will possess the mountains? (Isaiah 65:1–12)
17. An overseer must be above this. (1 Timothy 3:1–16)

Unscramble the verse:

Ihst aws teh lsrod ogndi dan ti si eumasvolr ni uro eeys.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

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