



Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound” 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

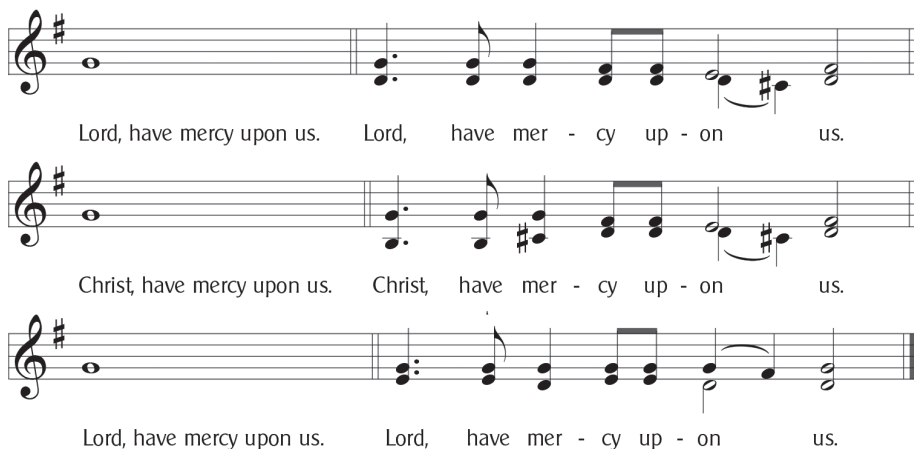
Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory”

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.

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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: Acts 5:29-42

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered [the high priest and the council], “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!”

So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 148

1Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise him | in the heights.

**²Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;
praise him, | all his host.**

³Praise him, | sun and moon;
praise him, all you | shining stars.

**⁴Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they | were created.

**⁶He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**⁸Fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**

⁹Mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**¹⁰Wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | winged birds;**

¹¹Kings of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**¹²Young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is
over | earth and heaven.

**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for
all his | loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. | Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being
guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the

last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Easter Hymn of Praise”

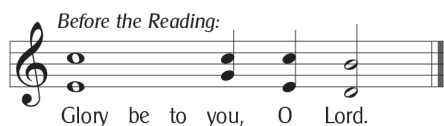
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of St. John.



Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

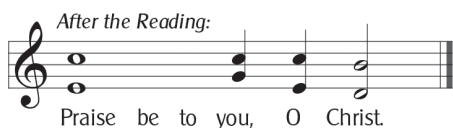
them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Children’s Chat

Angela Breidenbach

Sermon

David Breidenbach

Hymn: “Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven’s mercy seat

Chorus: Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

2: Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King – *chorus*

3. Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery – *chorus*

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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

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

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

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in 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:

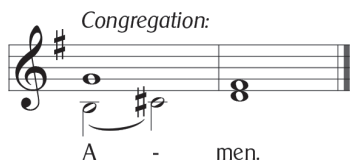
Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Fanfare on Thine Is the Glory” Charles Callahan
*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.



*Today's altar flowers are given
by Jean Lilley in honor of Travis Alligood.*

Photos for the pictorial directory will be taken May 2–6.

Volunteers will be in the narthex after worship to schedule a time-slot for you. You will receive a free photo and will have the opportunity to purchase more if you wish. You will also receive a pictorial directory at no charge. Please sign up as soon as possible.

The Friendship Club will meet at 10:30am on Tuesday, April 18th, at China Grove Main Street Ministry to tour their facility and hydroponic garden. After the tour we will have lunch at the China Grove Family Restaurant. We need to give the restaurant a count. If you will be there, **please note by your name in the pew register “friendship 4/18”,** and the number in your party.

Sunday, April 16

- Worship & Music Committee, 2pm
- All youth music practice, 2pm (in preparation of Youth Sunday, on May 14th.)
- Men's choir 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, April 17

- May newsletter articles due this week
- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1-3pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 18

- Friendship Club in China Grove, 10:30am
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Adult Confirmation class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, April 19

- Classical Conversations homeschool group, 8:30-3:30
- Choir practice, 6:30
- Youth Confirmation, 7:30

Thursday, April 20

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, April 23

- All youth music practice, 2pm
- Men's choir 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Cruise 'n Barbecue volunteer assignments are posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and education building hallway. Should there be a conflict or problem with your location or shift, please see Tim Deal.

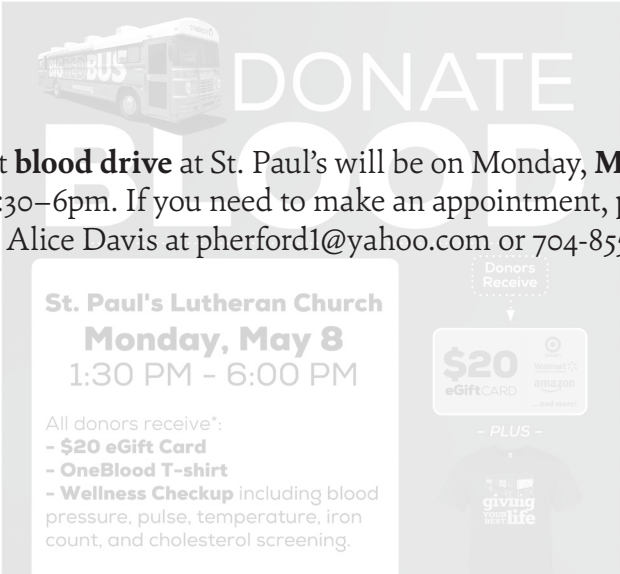
All volunteers are invited to attend our pre-event celebration on Thursday evening, April 27th at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, T-shirts distributed, and plans for Saturday will be reviewed.

We have rallied from 15 raffle baskets to 24 confirmed baskets and know others are thinking about one. Some that have been added are a Bob Timberlake framed print, a bird house, a fire pit and solar lights, a Salisbury basket, My Favorite Kitchen basket, and My Pretty Table basket. **All baskets need to be at the church by Thursday, April 27th.**

Check with Susan Bernhardt or Terri Powlas if you want to do a basket or donate some items for one. Thanks so much for all your help in this project.

Terri: tbpowlas@gmail.com, 704-637-684

Susan: srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com, 704-637-0155



The next **blood drive** at St. Paul's will be on Monday, **May 8th**, from 1:30–6pm. If you need to make an appointment, please contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com or 704-855-4930.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Monday, May 8
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Donors
Receive



- PLUS -



Recent prayer needs:

- Glen Amos – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Wilbur Canup – Recovering from surgery
- Helen Gordon – Recovering from surgery
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Nancy Menius – Recovering from surgery
- Franda Raymer – Recovering from surgery
- George Reese – Health concerns; upcoming surgery
- Linda Shirley – Health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Recovering from surgery

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

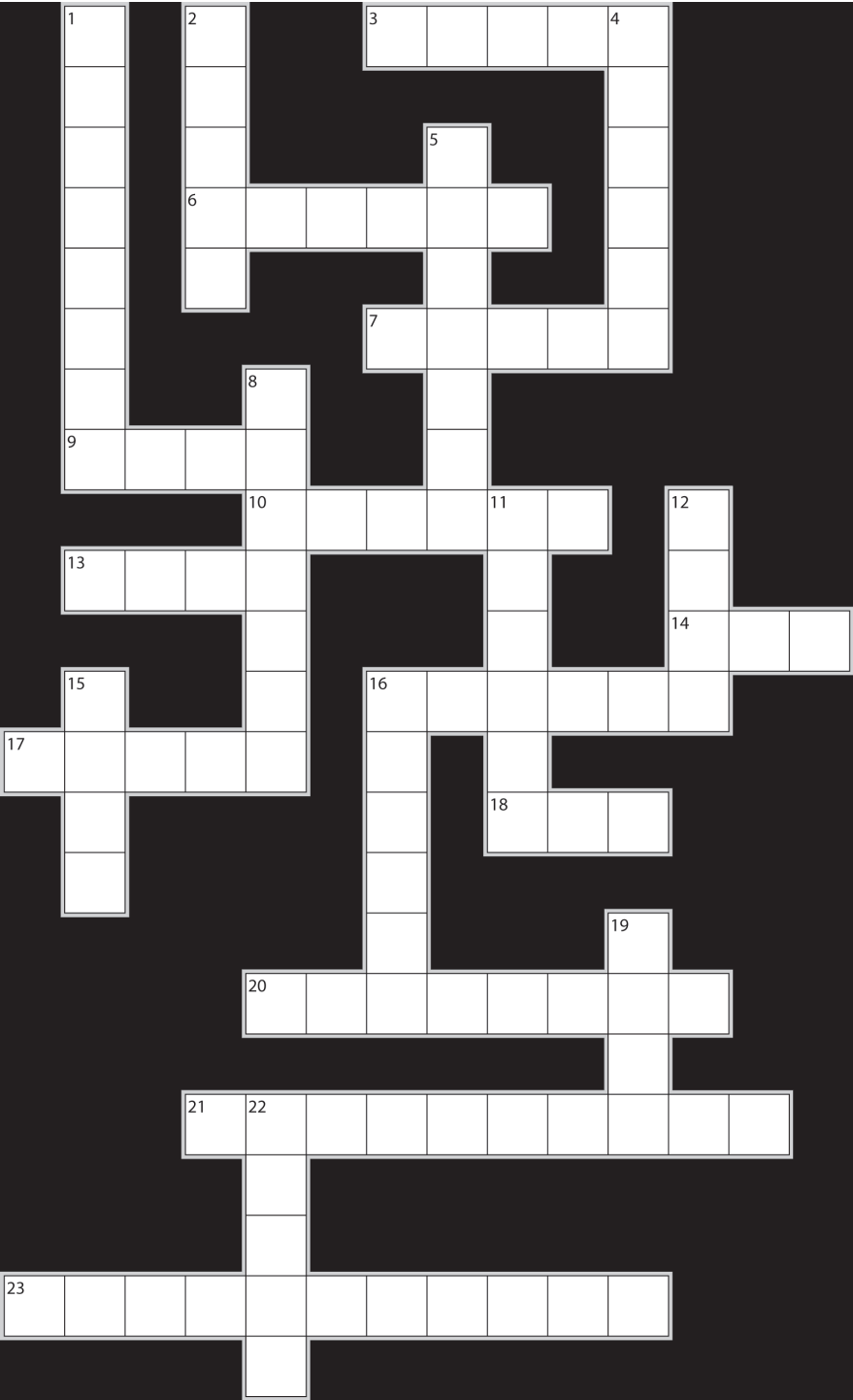
Stewardship

General Fund Offering (4/9).....	\$7,285
Other Offering (4/9).....	\$3,213
Children’s Mission Offering 2nd quarter to date	\$243
Sunrise Service Attendance (4/9).....	125
Worship Attendance (4/9)	218
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (4/9).....	\$122,920
General Fund YTD Budget as of (4/9)	\$141,760

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

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— Exodus 20:13 —



Easter 2 Year A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

3. Praise him, all you shining...
6. The genuineness of your faith will be...
7. Jesus appeared to his disciples on the evening of this day in the week.
9. When you believe in Jesus you have this in his name.
10. Praise him, all his...
13. Praise him, fire and hail, snow and...
14. The Father sent Jesus; he is sending...
16. We are to rejoice even when grieved by...
17. We are guarded by faith through God's...
18. Who should we obey rather than men.
20. The apostles rejoiced that they could suffer this for the Name.
21. Besides forgiveness, what does God give to Israel?
23. What is kept in heaven for believers?

DOWN

1. He counseled the Pharisees on how to deal with Jesus?
2. Salvation is the outcome of what?
4. Besides the apostles, who is witness to Jesus' death and resurrection?
5. The Gospel of John was written so that you might do this.
8. The Psalm says this fulfills God's word?
11. We are born again to this kind of hope.
12. John 20:23 is talking about this office.
15. Praise him, sun and...
16. Who called Jesus "My Lord and my God"?
19. The Lord has raised this up for his people.
22. How many days in the week were the apostles teaching Jesus?



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-16; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

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