



Youth Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Guest Preacher: German Jaramillo

Communion Assistants: Hila Canup,

Sophie Hoffner, Bethany Whisnant

Today is Youth Sunday—Please take a moment to thank the youth and let them know what a great job they have done in assisting with our worship service today. We appreciate their hard work, and their willingness to serve our church. Also assisting in worship today:

Greeters:

Caroline Aldridge, Hudson Burnett, Lela Canup,
Regan Goodman, Elias Newsome, Marious Newsome

Announcements:

Alexander Canup

Ushers:

Cooper Aldridge, Clara Canup, Hila Canup,
Rebecca Lombard, Reese Goodman,
Sophie Hoffner, Gracelyn Ziegler

Children's Choir:

Caroline Aldridge, Cooper Aldridge,
Alexander Canup, Clara Canup, Hila Canup,
Lela Canup, Reese Goodman, Sophie Hoffner,
German Jaramillo, Alyssa McCraven, Elias Newsome,
Marious Newsome, Gracelyn Ziegler

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Mothers

Prelude: “Alleluia! Sing, Christ Is Risen”

Taylor

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: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

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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.

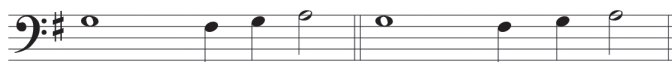


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

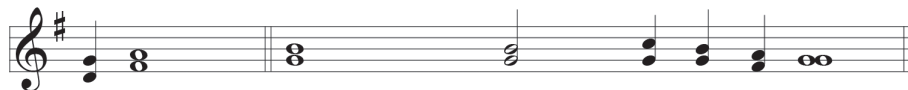


Glory be to God on high!

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.

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for [Silas and Timothy] at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”

²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has

fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 66:8-20

⁷Bless our | God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise | to be heard;

⁸**Who holds our | souls in life,
and will not allow our | feet to slip.**

⁹For you, O | God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹⁰**You brought us in- | to the snare;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went
through | fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹²**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and
will pay | you my vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I | was in trouble.**

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁴**Come and listen, all you | who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**

¹⁵I called out to him | with my mouth,
and his praise was | on my tongue.

¹⁶**If I had found evil | in my heart,
the LORD would | not have heard me;**

¹⁷But in truth | God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

¹⁸**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld his | love from me.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia"

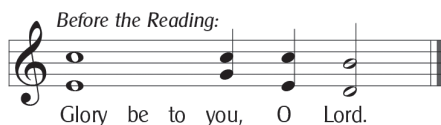
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Adult and Children's Choirs

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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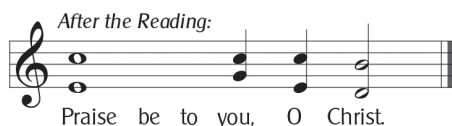
The Gospel is written in the 14th chapter of John.



Gospel: John 14:15-21

¹⁵[Jesus said,] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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We confess our faith with the words of 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**

Children's Chat

Sara Barringer and Sophie Hoffner

Sermon

German Jaramillo

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*

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

86-88

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a Leader part and a Congregation part. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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;

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,



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.

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "The Trees of the Field"

Rubin

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.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God, in memory of our mothers
who are no longer with us, and in honor of all mothers,
from Bonnie and Wayne Hinson.*

*Children are welcome to come up to the altar after the service
and get a carnation for their mothers/grandmothers.*

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. A choral group, the YWonders, will perform for us. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish for lunch after the program. Join us for entertainment, fellowship, and good food. Hope to see you Tuesday.

Community Concert

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a concert with **Matthew Weaver and Clay Lunsford on Friday, May 19th**, in the fellowship hall at 7pm. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors. There will be refreshments, and the event is free—however, we do ask that you bring canned food items for Rowan Helping Ministries. We look forward to seeing you Friday at 7pm.

Sunday, May 14

- Mother's Day and Youth Sunday
- New members' class, in the chapel at Noon
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, May 15

- June newsletter articles due
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 16

- Friendship Club, 10:30am
- Staff Meeting, 5pm
- Adult Confirmation, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, May 17

- Choir practice, 6:30
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 18

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm

Friday, May 19

- Matthew Weaver/Clay Lunsford Concert, 7pm

Sunday, May 21

- New members' class, in the chapel at Noon
- Men's Choir Practice, 3pm
- Youth and family party, fellowship hall, 4pm-7pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

The Men's Choir will not meet on Mother's Day. Also note, the **bell choir is finished** with practices for the summer.

Youth Party

It is time to kick back and let the youth enjoy some fun activities! All youth, please join us for food, music, games, and fellowship. Invite your friends and family to join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 21st, starting at 4pm. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided.

Recent prayer needs:

- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Edna Chapman – Hospital, Lexington Med. Center, Rm. 365
- Matthew Cottingham – Recovering from surgery
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering from surgery
- Kelly Gainey – Hospitalized
- Della Jenkins – Health concerns
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Ray Mongold (son of Dottie Stancil) – Hospital/ICU
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery
- Susan Ryman – Raffle basket injuries
- Wayne Taylor – Recovering from surgery

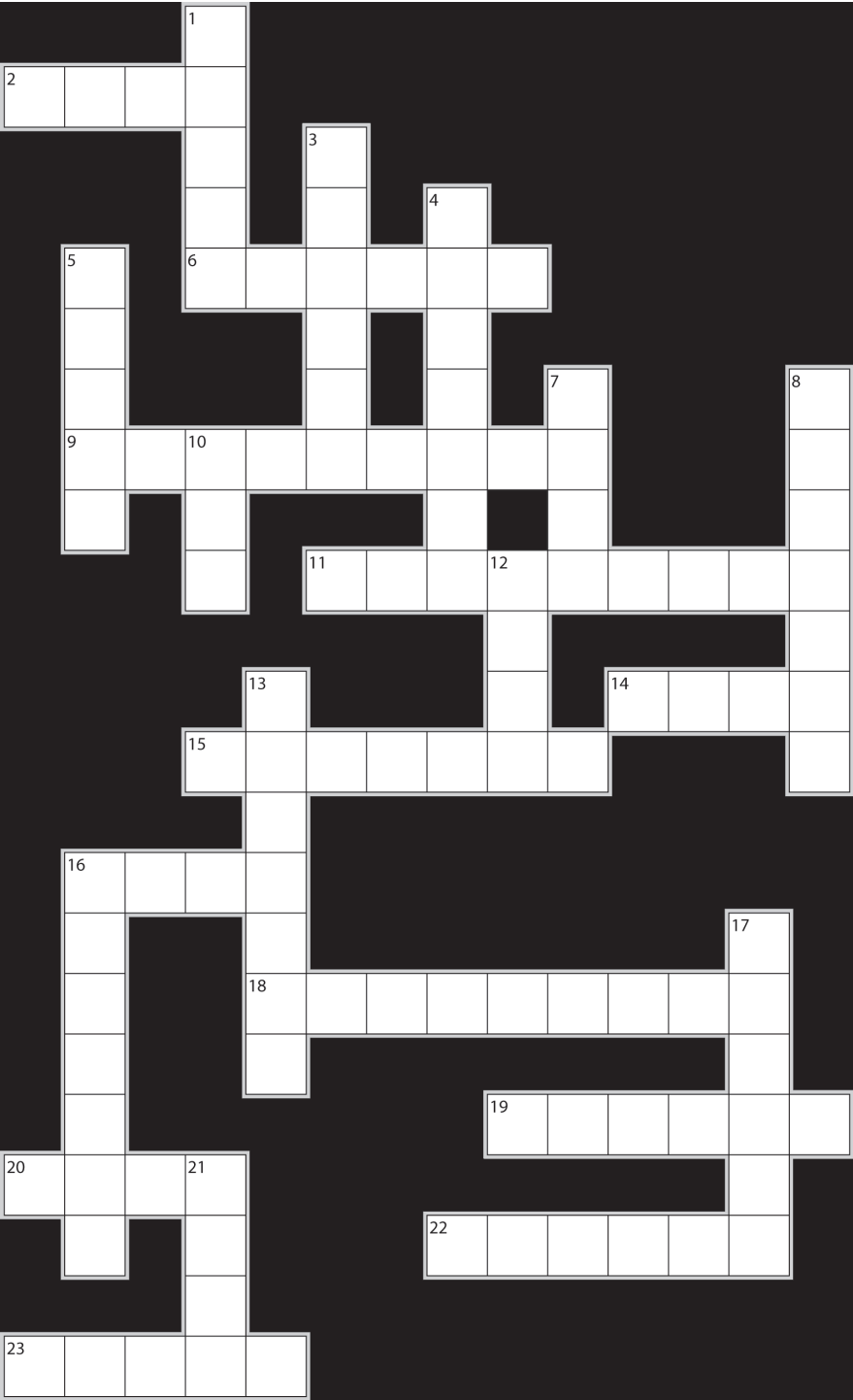
Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (5/7)	\$6,500
Other Offering (5/7).....	\$880
Children’s Mission 2nd quarter (Lutherans for Life).....	\$841
Sunday School Attendance (5/7).....	87
Worship Attendance (5/7).....	203
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (5/7)..	\$154,262
General Fund YTD Budget as of (5/7)	\$180,757

The new email address for the church office is
secretary@stpaulslutheran.church.

The former email address, splchurch@att.net, is going away.
Emails sent to that address may not be seen.



Easter 6A

*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

2. Come and...
6. The Father will give us him.
9. Previously, God had overlooked our times of...
11. The philosophers brought Paul to the hill Ares, called...
14. Be ready to explain this which is in you.
15. The philosophers regarded Paul as being a...
16. God has not let them slip.
18. What did the psalmist do with rams, bulls, and goats?
19. If you keep Christ's commandments, who will love you?
20. Another word for the prison where the crucified Christ proclaimed the gospel
22. What was provoked within Paul?
23. The people have gone through fire and...

DOWN

1. The Helper is the Spirit of...
3. God has tried the people as this is tried.
4. Always be prepared to make this.
5. Besides Epicurean, what other kind of philosopher did Paul speak with?
7. If you love Jesus, you will do this with his commandments.
8. Even if you suffer, you will be...
10. God brought the people into this trap.
12. The number of times Christ has suffered for our sins
13. This act of God saves you.
16. How long is the Helper with us?
17. God now demands that people do this.
21. Because Jesus lives, you too will...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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