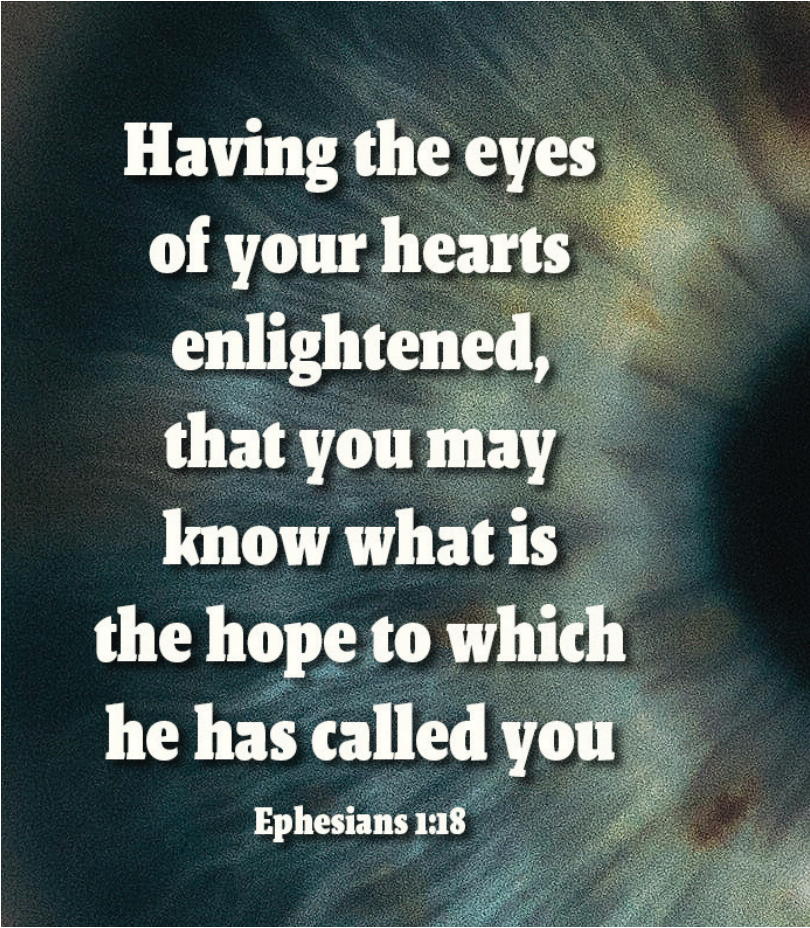




**Having the eyes
of your hearts
enlightened,
that you may
know what is
the hope to which
he has called you**

Ephesians 1:18

Ascension of Our Lord
May 21, 2023 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

A. L. 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.

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

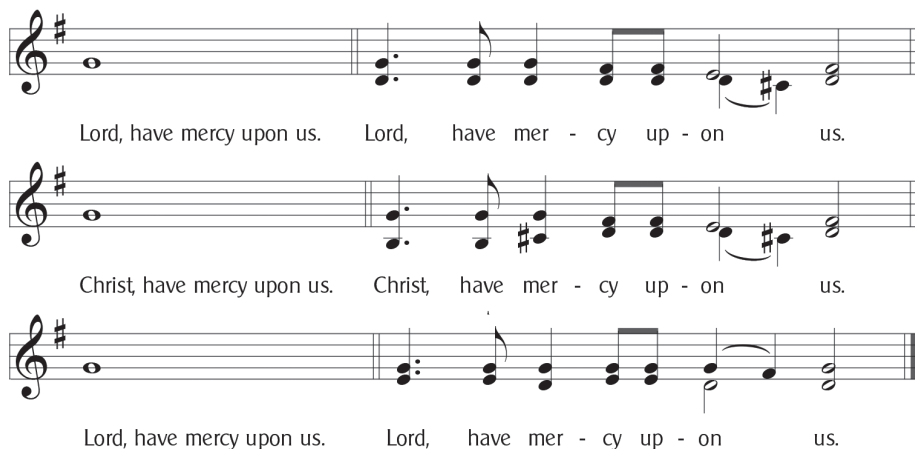
Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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.

Almighty God, we believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand. Grant that our hearts and minds may be directed there, as well, to dwell in him each day, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 47

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | cry of joy.

**²For the LORD Most High is | to be feared;
he is the great king over | all the earth.**

³He subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet.

**⁴He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises with | all your skill.
⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God sits upon his | holy throne.**
⁹The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together
with the people of the | God of Abraham.
¹⁰**The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,
and he is high- | ly exalted.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

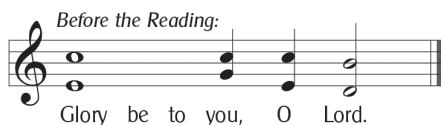
Offering

Anthem: "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful?"

St. Paul's Men's Choir



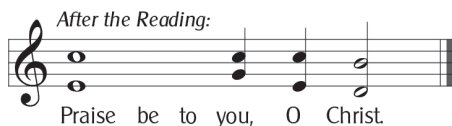
The Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of Luke.



Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to [his disciples], “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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

Sermon "Enlightened Hope"

Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Sing through two times

Verse

Lord I lift your name on high.
Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high.

Prayers of the Church

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

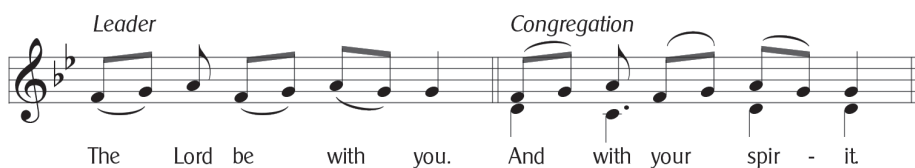
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples, and in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature.

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.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;
⁵and 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

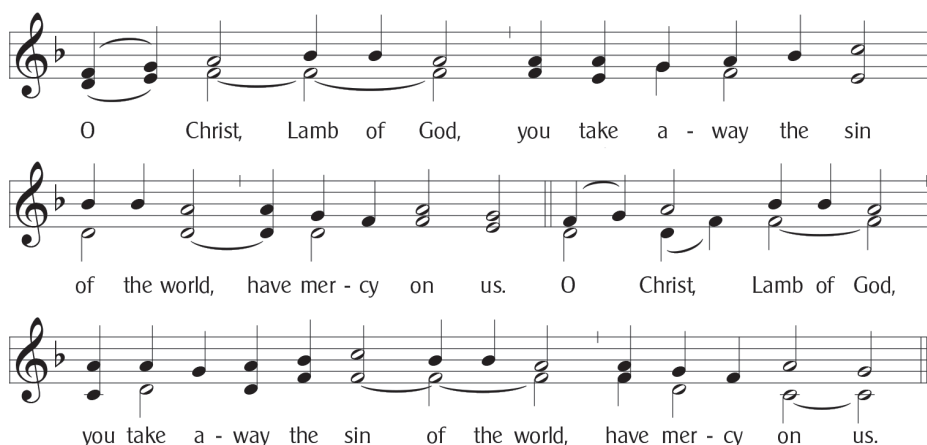
Words of Institution

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.



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: "Christ Is Alive"

Mary McDonald

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 flower arrangement on the rail is given by
Linda Behrendt in memory of Bill Behrendt.*

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.

Monday, May 22

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 23

- Adult Confirmation, 6pm
- Girl Scouts end of year party, 6pm

Wednesday, May 24

- Adult choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, May 25

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, May 28

- Pentecost Sunday
- Baptism of Julia Canup, Cheryl Casper, and Teresa Woods
- Receiving new members: Cheryl Casper, Teresa Woods, and Robert Weed
- Confirmation of Alexander Canup, Hila Canup, and Sophie Hoffner
- First Communion for Brady Bost
- Men's Choir Practice, 3pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Youth Party Today, 4pm

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.

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.

Recent prayer needs:

- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Matthew Cottingham – Recovering from surgery
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering from surgery
- Kelly Gainey – Rowan Hospital
- Della Jenkins – Health concerns
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Ray Mongold (son of Dottie Stancil) – Hosptial/ICU
- Terri Powlas – Medical concerns
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery
- Susan Ryman – Battle of Wounded Knee
- 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 (5/14).....	\$9,798
Other Offering (5/14)	\$20,890
Children’s Mission (2nd quarter, Lutherans for Life)	\$979.50
Sunday School Attendance (5/14)	72
Worship Attendance (5/14)	205
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (5/14).....	\$164,060
General Fund YTD Budget as of (5/14).....	\$189,481



YOU SHALL NOT COVET
YOUR NEIGHBOR’S HOUSE.

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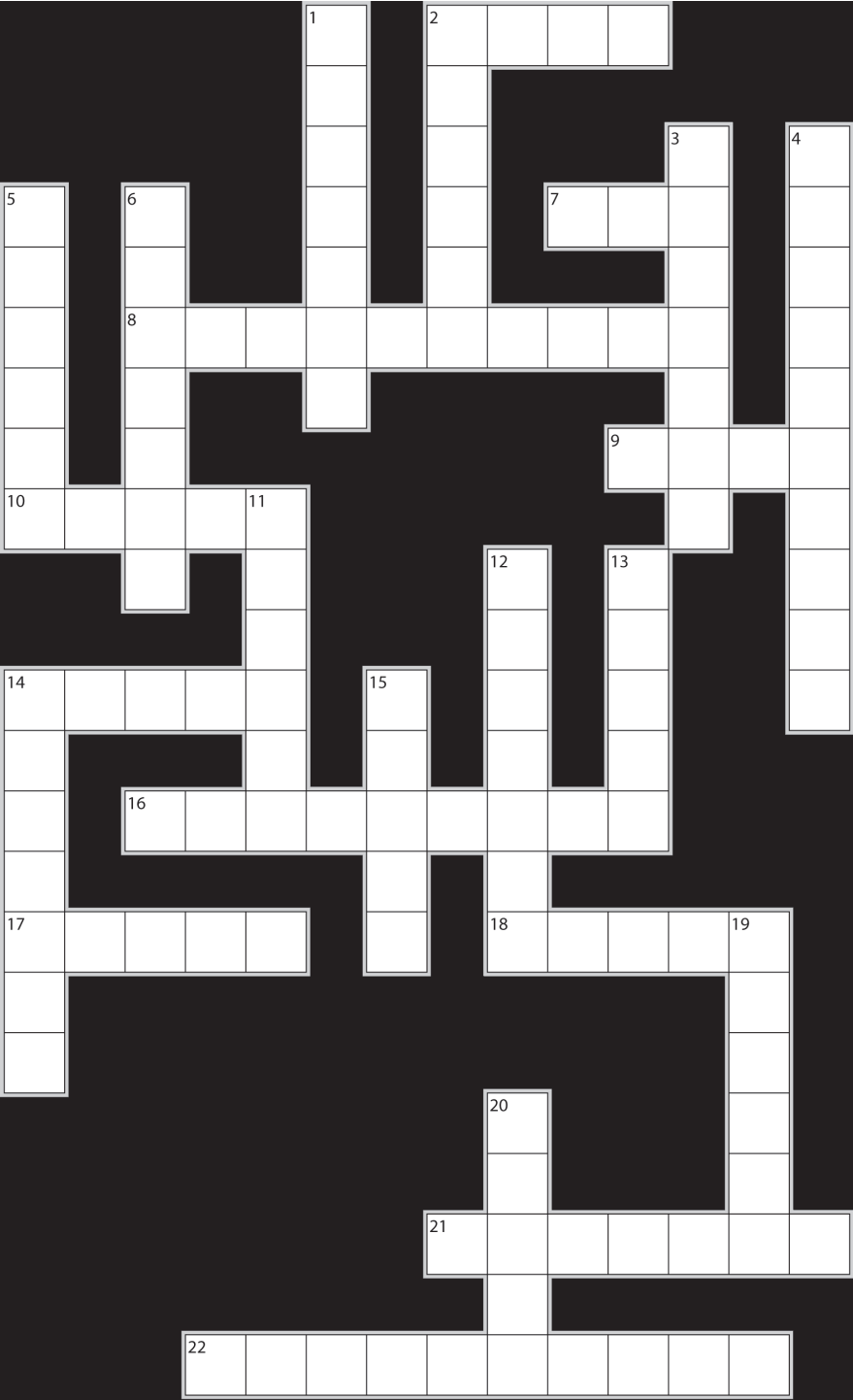
— Exodus 20:17 —

A Wise Request

Find the 29 **bold** words from 1 Kings 3:9–13.

R K O L K S A E F H V G C P L
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Q N F A N I S N B E F O R E H
S A D N G E L P O E P L H U E
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E C I T S U J N N K H J G A Z
N O M O L O S S G N I K F I M

Give your **servant** therefore an **understanding heart** to **judge** your people, that I may **discern between good and evil**, for who is able to **judge** this your great **people**? The matter was **pleasing** in the Lord's **eyes**, that **Solomon** had asked this thing. And **God** said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked **long life** for yourself, or **riches**, or the life of your **enemies**, but have asked for yourself understanding to **discern justice**, behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given you a **wise** and understanding heart, so that **none** like you has been **before** you, nor shall any arise **after** you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and **honor**, so that there shall not be any among the **kings** like you, **all your days**."



Ascension, 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

2. The psalmist says for the people to do this with their hands.
7. Christ fills all in...
8. Acts was written to him.
9. All things have been put under Christ's...
10. What Christ opens to understand the Scriptures
14. You receive this when the Spirit comes upon you.
16. Seated at God's right hand, Christ has been given all this.
17. What should we shout with joy?
18. God is King of this.
21. God reigns over them.
22. How much was fulfilled of what was written of Jesus in the Old Testament?

DOWN

1. What Jesus talked about after his resurrection
2. Christ is the head of the...
3. What Jesus did just before the Ascension
4. What is to be proclaimed to the nations
5. God has given you this spirit.
6. Where Jesus was before the Ascension
11. John baptized with water but Christians are baptized with him.
12. What Jesus would send after the Ascension
13. Number of Days that Jesus showed himself alive after the resurrection
14. Sing these to God.
15. God has gone up with this noise.
19. After forty days Jesus ascended there.
20. You'll have these eyes enlightened.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

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