



THE FREE GIFT
OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE
IN CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD.

ROMANS 6:23

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Wayne Wold

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: “When Peace Like a River”

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.

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart, as it were, a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 91:1-16

¹He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

²**He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge | and my
stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

³He shall deliver you from the snare | of the hunter
and from the | deadly pestilence.

⁴**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find
refuge un- | der his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a | shield and buckler.**

- ⁵You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night,
nor of the arrow that | flies by day;
- ⁶**Of the plague that stalks | in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays | waste at mid day.**
- ⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand
at | your right hand,
but it shall | not come near you.
- ⁸**Your eyes have only | to behold
to see the reward | of the wicked.**
- ⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰**There shall no evil hap- | pen to you,
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹For he shall give his angels charge | over you,
to keep you in | all your ways.
- ¹²**They shall bear you | in their hands,
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³You shall tread upon the li- | on and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the
serpent un- | der your feet.
- ¹⁴**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore
will I de- | liver him;
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.**
- ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and
bring | him to honor.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy him,
and show him | my salvation.**

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem

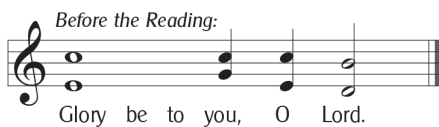
VBS Kids

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 10th chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

^{5a}These twelve [disciples] Jesus sent out, instructing them,

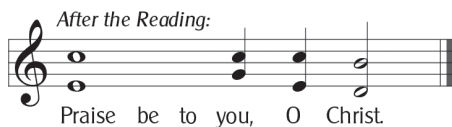
²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
 from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
 Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
 the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Trust and Abide"

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

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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.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

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,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy 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.
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.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ 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

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: "Coronation"

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.



*We extend our love, prayers, and sympathy to the families of
Jimmie Deal and Linda Beaver on the death of their sister,
Peggy Deal Hall. Ms. Hall died Monday, June 19, 2023,
at her home in Hendersonville, NC.*

Recent prayer needs:

- Betty Camerlin – Recovering at home from a fall
- Edna Chapman – Recovering at home
- Karen Deal – Recovering from medical procedure
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering at home
- Terry Eller – Novant-Rowan Hospital
- Sarah Goodman – Recovering at home
- Autumn Hill – Recovering from surgery
- Della Jenkins – Recovering at home
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman's sister) – health concerns
- Ray Mongold (son of Dottie Stancil) – Hospital/ICU
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home from surgery
- Jeff Powlas – Recovering from medical procedure
- Terri Powlas – Recovering from surgery

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

Sunday, June 25

- VBS, 10am-4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, June 26

- Lutheran Men’s meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 28

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, June 29

- Bible Study, 6pm

Sunday, July 2

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

The church office is closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

The **Rymans** will be on vacation July 8 – July 22. Our guest preacher on July 9th and July 16th will be Pastor Carl Haynes.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (6/18).....	\$8,597
Other Offering (6/18)	\$200,520
Children’s Mission (Lutherans for Life)	\$1,819
Sunday School Attendance (6/18)	70
Worship Attendance (6/18)	150
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (6/18).....	\$202,770
General Fund YTD Budget as of (6/18).....	\$240,273

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.

Fear Not

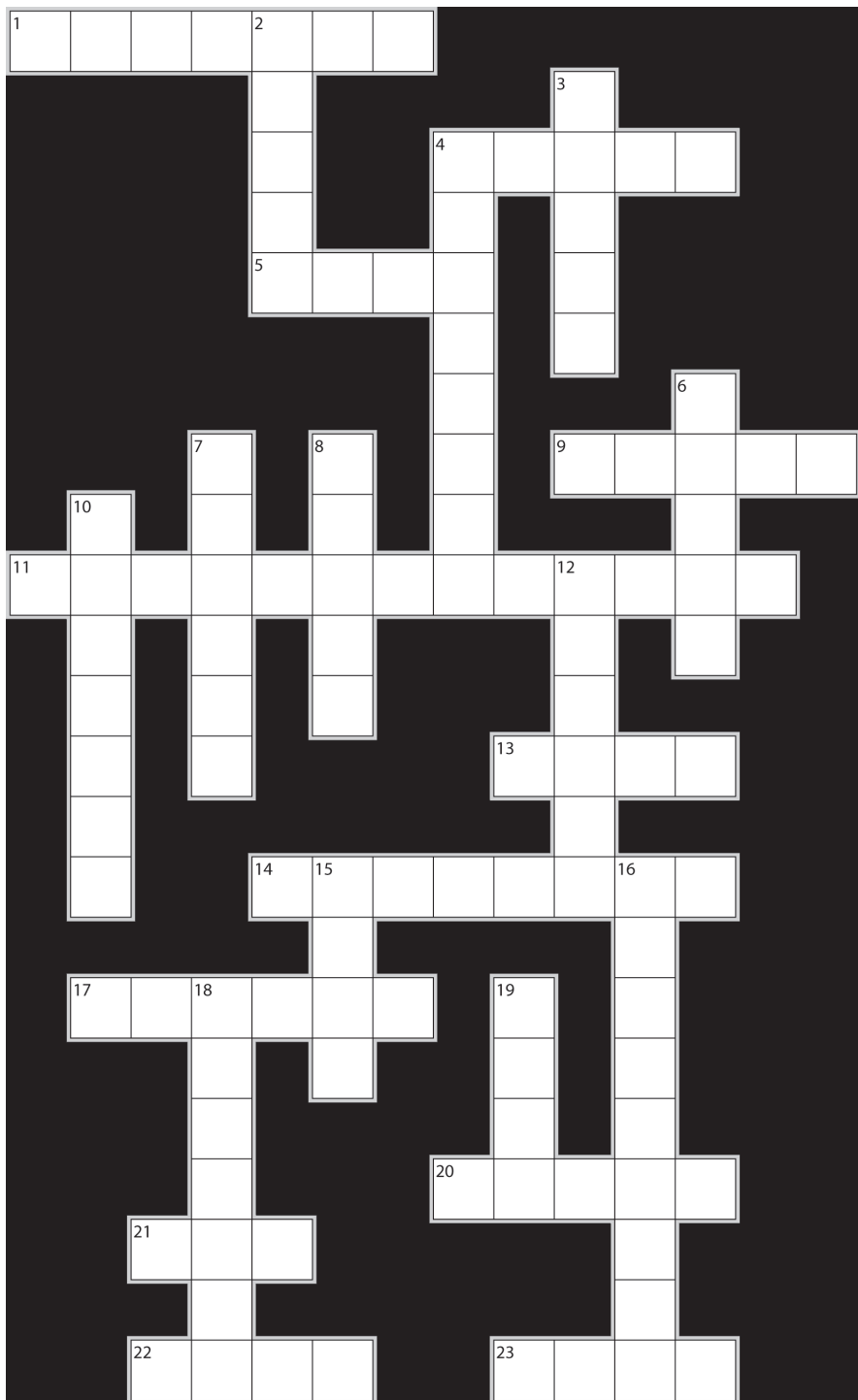
Find the 28 bold words from Matthew 10:27–33.

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

What I **tell** you in the **darkness**, **say** in the **light**, and what you **hear whispered**, **proclaim** on the **housetops**. And do not be **afraid** of those who **kill** the **body**, but are unable to kill the **soul**. But rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in **hell**. Are not **two sparrows** sold for a **penny**? And not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father. For even the **hairs** of your **head** are all **accounted**. **Fear not** then; you are of greater **value** than many sparrows. Everyone therefore, who **professes** me before men, I will also **acknowledge** before my **Father** who is in **heaven**. But whoever **denies** me before men, I will also **deny** before my Father who is in heaven.

Unscramble the verse:

Hte feer itgf of gdo is reealtn flei in shtric eussj our dlro.



Pentecost 4A

*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

1. He will deliver his brother over to death.
4. The wages of sin
5. You will be hated for this name.
9. We need not fear the flying...
11. What Jeremiah was all day long
13. If they persecute you in this town...
14. God is the psalmist's refuge and...
17. God will deliver the psalmist from his snare.
20. What the Lord does with the righteous.
21. Do not let this reign in your mortal body.
22. Eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord is this kind of gift.
23. The Lord of hosts sees the heart and...

DOWN

2. Paul spoke to the Romans in these terms.
3. What did Jeremiah commit to the Lord?
4. No evil shall befall you if the Lord is your...
6. Sin has dominion over you because you are not under law but under...
7. They will be charged in your defense.
8. A father will deliver his what to death?
10. Children will rise up against them.
12. Number sent out
15. You are slave to the one you...
16. If you love the Lord, he will show you this.
18. The Lord was with Jeremiah like this.
19. What was in Jeremiah's heart?



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

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