

The sun
of your word
is truth.

Psalms 119:160



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” **Bell Ensemble**
John Brock, Laura Brock, Alexander Canup,
Heather Canup, and Susan Ryman

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: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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:

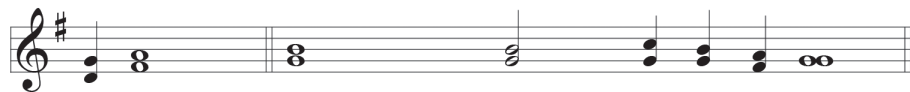


Glory be to God on high!

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.

Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:153-160

¹⁵³Behold my affliction and de- | liver me,
for I do not for- | get your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause | and redeem me;
according to your promise, | give me life.**

¹⁵⁵Deliverance is far | from the wicked,
for they do not stu- | dy your statutes.

¹⁵⁶**Great is your compas- | sion, O LORD;
preserve my life, according | to your judgments.**

¹⁵⁷There are many who persecute | and oppress me,
yet I have not swerved from | your decrees.

¹⁵⁸**I look with loathing | at the faithless,
for they have not | kept your word.**

¹⁵⁹See how I love | your commandments!
O LORD, in your mer- | cy, preserve me.

¹⁶⁰**The heart of your | word is truth;
all your righteous judgments endure for- | evermore.**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:1-13

¹Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

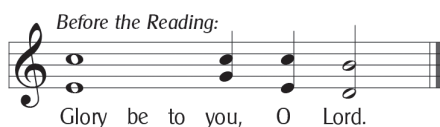
Men’s Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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



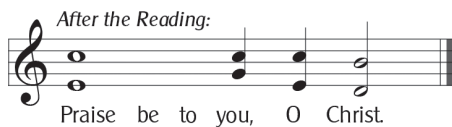
Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴[Jesus said to the disciples,] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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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: "The Burden of Ultimate Faithfulness"

Hymn: "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"

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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 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, 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

Remain seated after the distribution.

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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: “God of Our Fathers”

Mark Thewes

We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

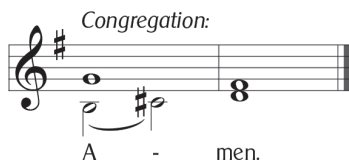
Benediction

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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 and sympathy to the family of
Linda Lyerly, who passed away Monday, June 26, 2023.
Please keep Linda's family in your prayers.*



*The chancel flowers are given in honor of
Cindy Alligood's birthday today by Travis Alligood.*

Recent prayer needs:

- Rowena Atagi-Stone (friend of Autumn Hill) – Recovering from surgery
- Betty Camerlin – Recovering at home from a fall
- Edna Chapman – Recovering at home
- Shirley Clark – Recovering from surgery
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering at home
- Terry Eller – Recovering at home
- 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
- Jeff Powlas – Recovering at home
- Terri Powlas – Recovering at home

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

St. Paul's Lutheran **Women are collecting school supplies** in July to distribute to members of our congregation who are teachers and to two local schools. Collection boxes are in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.

The St. Paul's **Friendship Club will meet July 18, at 11am at Cracker Barrel**. Everyone is invited. Please let Helen Gordon know if you plan to be there so she will have a count for seating.

Friendship Club is planning a **bus trip to Tamarac Center in Beckley, West Virginia**, on August 15th. Cost per person is \$50.00. Lunch is on your own. Another bus trip is planned **to The Orchard at Alta Pass** on September 19th. The cost for this trip is \$35.00 per person with lunch on your own.

If you haven't already registered and would like to join us, please let Helen Gordon know (704-636-5002) by July 9th. At that time she will open these trips to another church. We need to have a full bus. Hope to see you at the bus stop.

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.
- **Tuesday, July 4th, the church office is closed.**

Wednesday, July 5

- No Choir practice tonight

Thursday, July 6

- Bible Study, 6pm

Sunday, July 9

- Guest Preacher, Pastor Carl Haynes
- Grace Ridenhour Circle meets following worship in the parlor
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 3pm
- Lutheran Womens Quarterly meeting, 5pm
- No Vespers

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (6/25)	\$5,750
Other Offering (6/25)	\$854
Children’s Mission (2nd quarter total,Lutherans for Life)...	\$1,981
Sunday School Attendance (6/25)	77
Worship Attendance (6/25)	211
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (6/25)..	\$208,519
General Fund YTD Budget as of (6/25)	\$251,388

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.

The Sum of Your Word

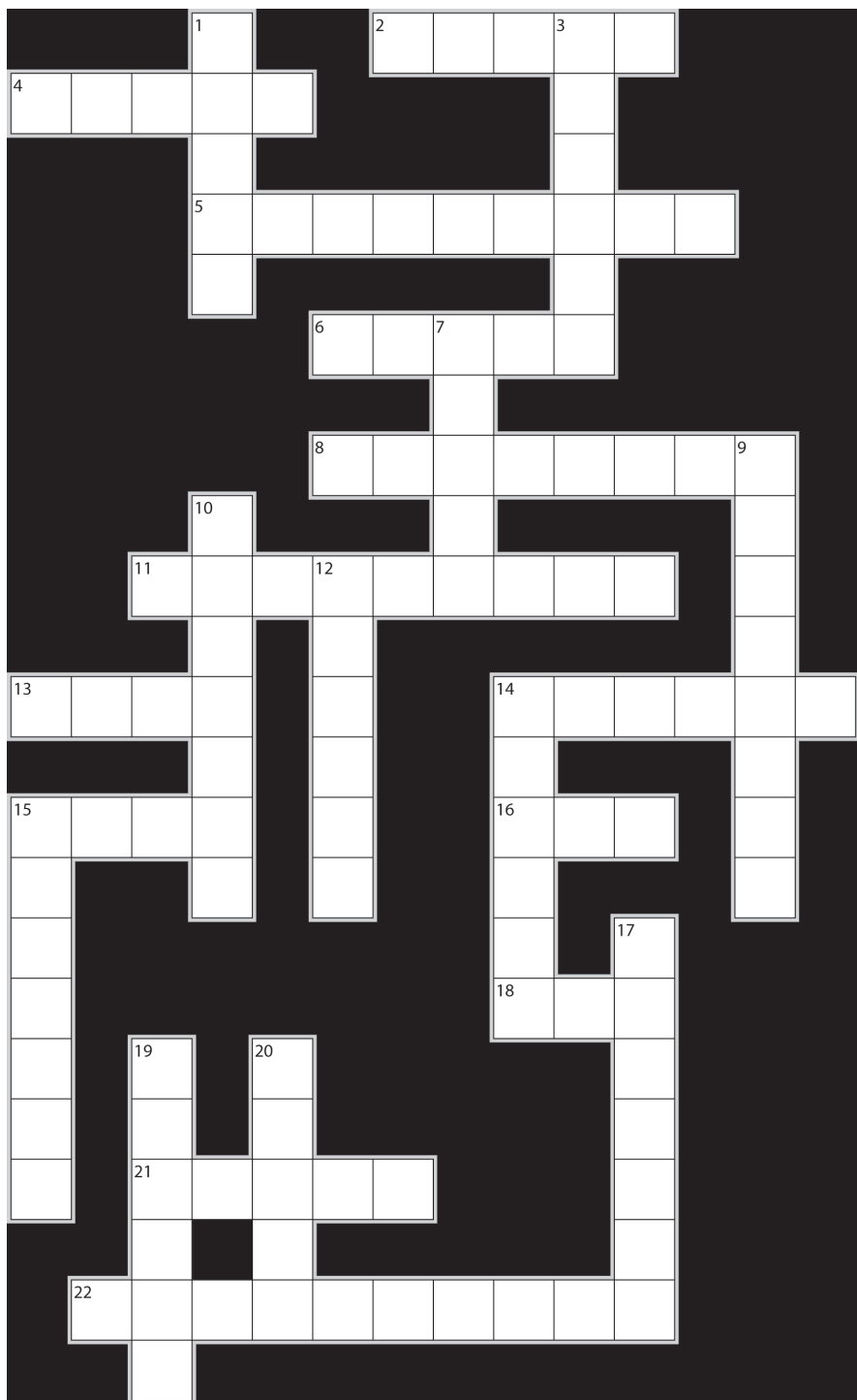
Find the 28 bold words from Psalm 119:153–160.

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

Recognize my affliction and **deliver** me, for I do not **forget** your **law**. **Plead** my **case** and redeem me. **Preserve** my **life** according to your **promise**. **Salvation** is far from the wicked, for they do not **seek** your **statutes**. Great is your **compassion**, O LORD. **Preserve** my life according to your **justice**. Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, yet I do not **swerve** from your **testimonies**. I view the faithless with abhorrence because they do not **observe** your **word**. Consider how I **love** your precepts. Preserve my life, O **LORD**, according to your **lovingkindness**. The **sum** of your **word** is **truth**, and **every** one of your righteous regulations **endures forever**.

Unscramble the verse:

Reyve noe fo royu ertiughs luers dseuner reerovf.



Pentecost 5A

*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. An unlikely prophecy according to Jeremiah
4. Jesus did not come to bring peace but a...
5. This is far from the wicked.
6. God's mercy is...
8. A longer name for "Jerry"
11. They will be your enemies.
13. The law is binding as long as you...
14. Something else that prophets prophecy
15. We no longer serve according to the...
16. The psalmist did not forget this.
18. One of the things that prophets prophecy
21. The sum of God's word is...
22. Another thing that prophets prophecy

DOWN

1. Take it up!
3. We have died to the law through him.
7. Do not think Jesus came to bring peace there.
9. Jeremiah spoke to this prophet.
10. God's rules endure...
12. We now serve in the new way of the...
14. If you take up your cross, what are you supposed to do next?
15. We have died to that which held us...
17. Give me life according to your...
19. Think: If you receive Jesus, you receive the...
20. We are to bear this for God.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

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