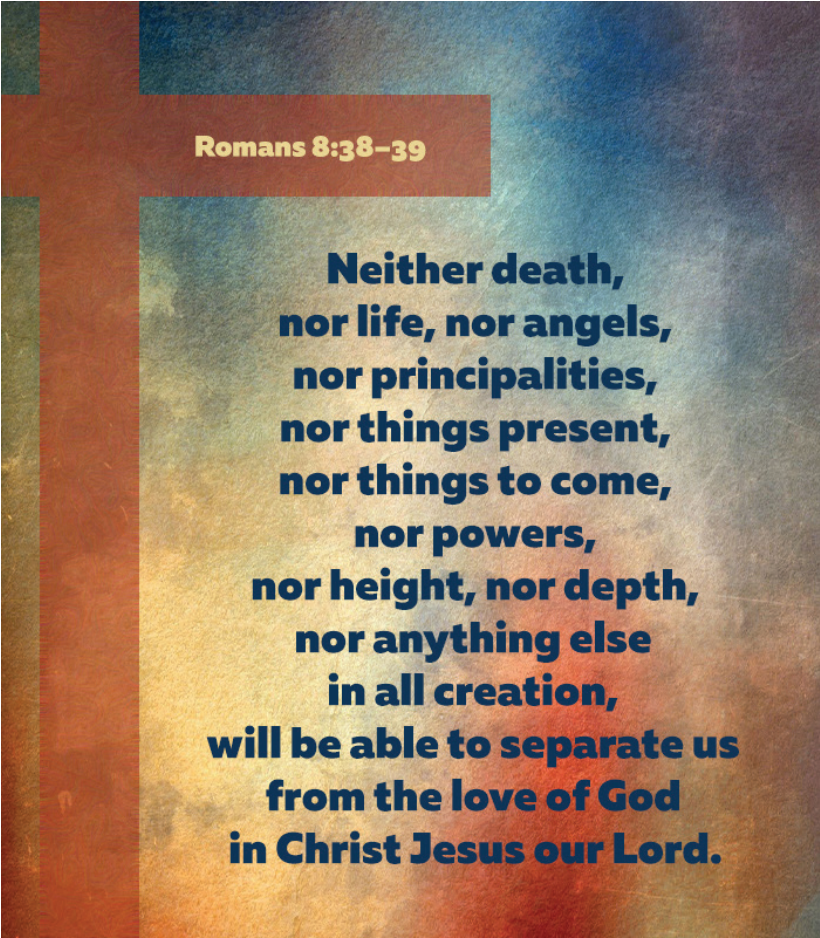




Romans 8:38–39

**Neither death,
nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities,
nor things present,
nor things to come,
nor powers,
nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else
in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “This Is My Father’s World”

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: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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:

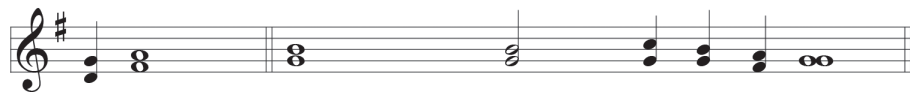


Glory be to God on high!

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.

O God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; 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: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶[Moses said to the Israelites,] “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are | like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.

²**The hills stand a- | bout Jerusalem;
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this
time forth for- | evermore.**

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land
allotted | to the just,
so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.

⁴**Show your goodness, O LORD, to those | who are good
and to those who are | true of heart.**

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead
them away with the | evildoers;
but peace be | upon Israel.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn

among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: "Sweeter as the Days Go By"

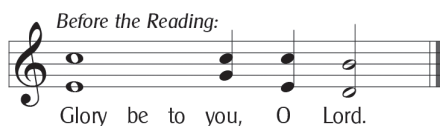
Men's Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of Matthew.

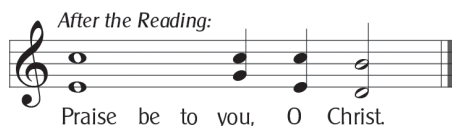


Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the disciples,] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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: "What God Treasures"

Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

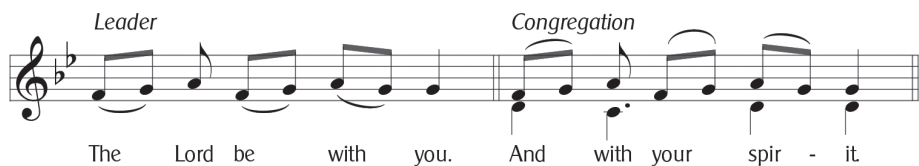
**Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen

Exhortation

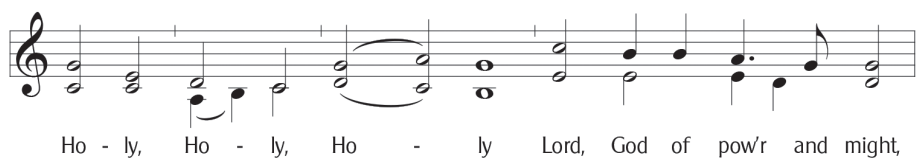
Preface and Sanctus

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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:





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.

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: "Postlude on 'St. Denio'"

Jason Payne

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.

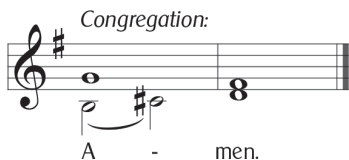
Benediction

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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.



Sunday, July 30

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

Tuesday, August 1

- Extension Club, 1pm

Wednesday, August 2

- Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 3

- Bible Study, to be announced after HVAC repairs are finished.

Sunday, August 6

• Rally Day—invite a friend

- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Special music from the children, 9:30
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, following worship in the parlor
- Worship & Music committee, 2pm
- Sunday School, in the fellowship hall at 9:30am
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.



RALLY SUNDAY

AUGUST 6TH

Breakfast at 8:30am

Bring a friend for breakfast
in the fellowship hall.

We're serving biscuits,
ham biscuits, sausage biscuits,
Krispy Kreme donuts,
coffee, and orange juice.

Sunday School at 9:30am

Stay where you are
in the fellowship hall
for music from our Sunday School kids,
as well as awards and
advancement to new classes.

The School Bell is Getting Ready to Ring—The Women of St. Paul's have set up bins in the Narthex and by the conference room to collect school supplies for Koontz Elementary and Faith Academy Charter School. We need and appreciate everyone's help to fill them up in July. Most needed items are:

Pencils, backpacks, composition books (not spiral bound), spiral notebooks, wide-ruled loose paper, crayons, markers, glue sticks, dry-erase markers, pink erasers, pencil-top erasers, scissors, pencil boxes, boxes of tissues, construction paper, copy paper, headphones and/or earbuds (to use with iPads in class)

After-School Program for Faith Academy Charter School

Our **Monday-only Afterschool Program** is starting back up in August. As long as our volunteers from last year are willing to come back, or others will volunteer, we can keep the program going. Volunteers from last school year were Gina Barringer, Louise Eller, Libby Bingham, Lisa Monroe, Dana Bost, Terri Powlas, Ben and Susan Bernhardt, Larry and Tricia Clark, and Pastor Ryman. Some came each week, others just once a month. The commitment is for about 2 hours on Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm.

The bus drops the kids at the church around 1pm, and the parents pick them up at 3pm. We provide Bible Study, outside time, craft time, and snack time. Please let me know if you will volunteer again this year so I can make plans with FACS to continue this program. Contact Susan Bernhardt (704-637-0155), srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (7/23)	\$6,780
Other Offering (7/23)	\$1,629
Children's Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary).....	\$572.50
Worship Attendance (7/23)	183
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (7/23).....	\$235,028
General Fund YTD Budget as of (7/23).....	\$288,186

Recent prayer needs:

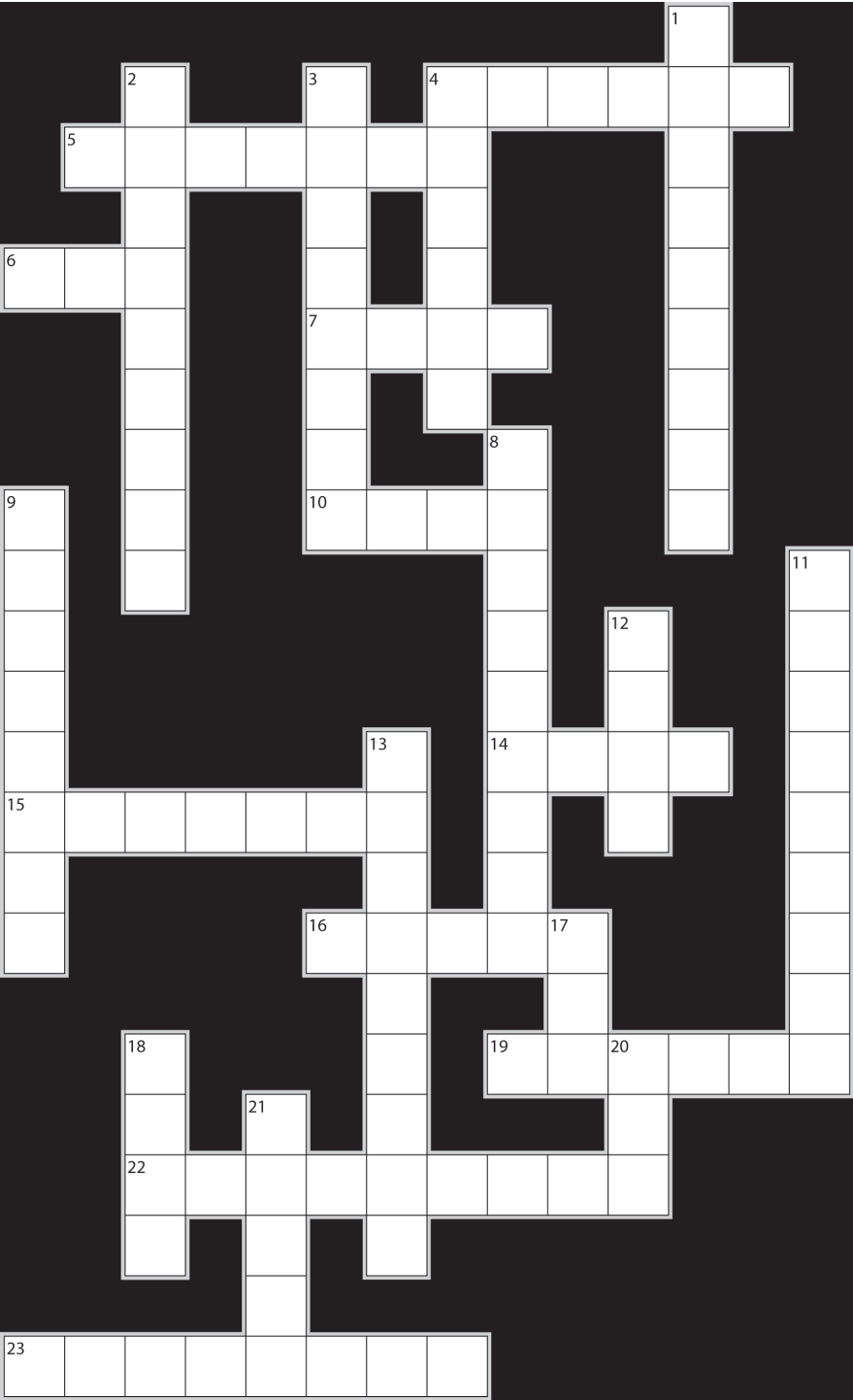
- Betty Camerlin – Recovering at home
- Shirley Clark – Recovering from surgery
- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman's sister) – Health concerns
- Lindsay Lowman – Recovering from surgery
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Jeff Powlas – Recovering at home
- Terri Powlas – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley's brother) – Health concerns
- Haynes Shirley – hospitalized at Myrtle Beach

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



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THE FAITHFUL GOD
WHO KEEPS COVENANT
AND STEADFAST LOVE
WITH THOSE WHO
LOVE HIM AND KEEP
HIS COMMANDMENTS,
TO A THOUSAND
GENERATIONS.**

Deuteronomy 7:9



Pentecost 9A

*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

4. The Lord surrounds his...
5. The evil will be thrown there at the end of the age.
6. The kingdom of heaven is like a...
7. God regards us as such people.
10. God set this on his people.
14. For those who love God, all things work together for...
15. The Lord will do good to those with these hearts.
16. May the righteous not stretch these out for wrong.
19. They will separate the evil from the righteous.
22. We are this possession to the Lord.
23. The kingdom of heaven is like a...

DOWN

1. Those whom God justified, he also...
2. Those God called, he also...
3. The Lord is this kind of God.
4. The merchant was searching for...
8. May this be upon Israel.
9. The kingdom of heaven is like a...
11. Many of these surround Jerusalem.
12. Those who trust the Lord are immovable as this mountain.
13. The Lord's love is... (Deuteronomy 7:9).
17. Believers are predestined to be conformed the likeness of God's...
18. God is keeping this.
20. It is he who justifies.
21. Not even this can separate us from God's love.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 136:1-26; Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21

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