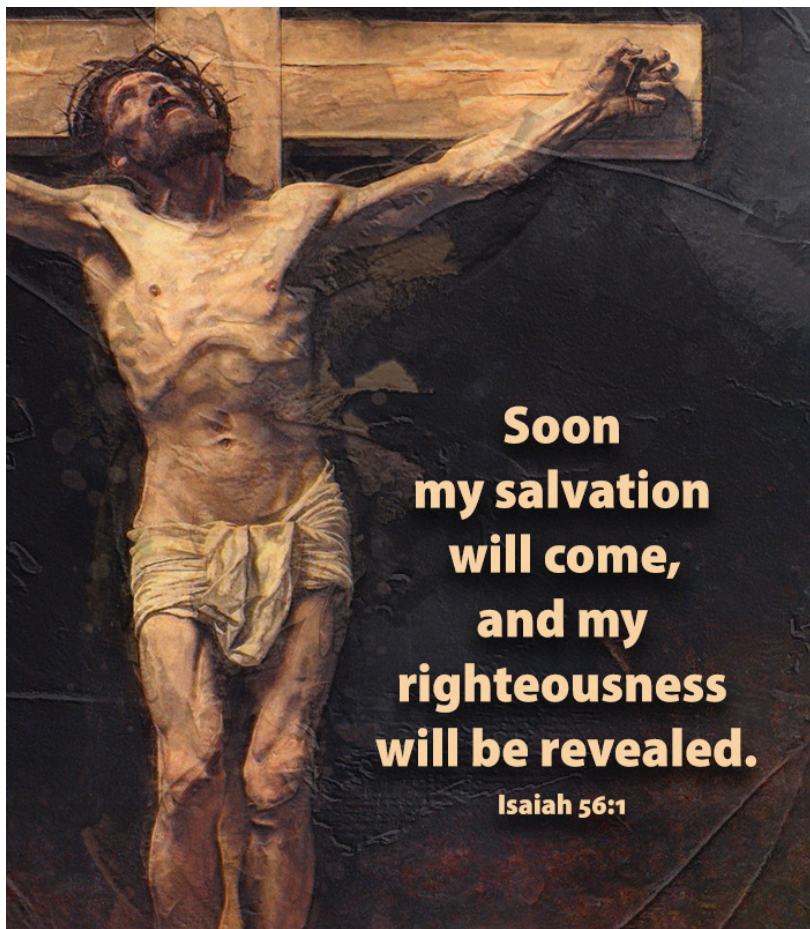




Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “What a Friend”

Gordon Young

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: “Jesus Shall Reign”

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, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸The LORD God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and | come to us.

²**Let your ways be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all
the nations | upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give | us his blessing.**

⁷May God give | us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in | awe of him.

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “Lord of All Hopefulness”

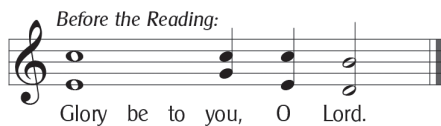
Hila Canup

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 15th chapter of Matthew.



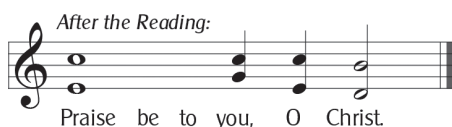
Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus went away from [Gennesaret] and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a

demon.”²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Baptism of Lorelei Marie Funderburk

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A hymnal in honor of Lorelei’s baptism will be placed in the sanctuary.

*Jesus said,
“Let the little children come to me
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 19:14

Children’s Chat

Sermon: “Our Alien Righteousness”

Hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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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,

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

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: “Toccata on ‘God Is My Strong Salvation’”

Gordon Young

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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the family of Lorelei Marie Funderburk in honor of her Christening today.

Recent prayer needs:

- Merry Jo Freeze (friend of Karen and Will Charles) – Health concerns
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman’s sister) – Hospice care
- Andy Myers (Jenny Earnhardt’s brother) – Health concerns
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley’s brother) – Health concerns
- Vicki Sanders – Recovering at home from surgery
- Haynes Shirley – Health concerns
- Jane Webb – Health concerns
- Vaughn Wilhelm – Hospital, Atrium Health

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

Friendship Club Day-Trip—A bus trip to The Orchard at Altapass is planned for Tuesday, September 19th. The cost is \$35.00 per person, with lunch on your own. There are still seats available. Please contact Helen Gordon (704-636-5002) as soon as possible if you wish to go.

Sunday, August 20

- Finance Committee, 9am
- Baptism of Lorelei Marie Funderburk, 10:30am
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, August 21

- Newsletter articles due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 22

- No Adult Confirmation Class
- Call Committee meeting, 6pm

Wednesday, August 23

- Classical Conversations homeschool 8:30am–3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 24

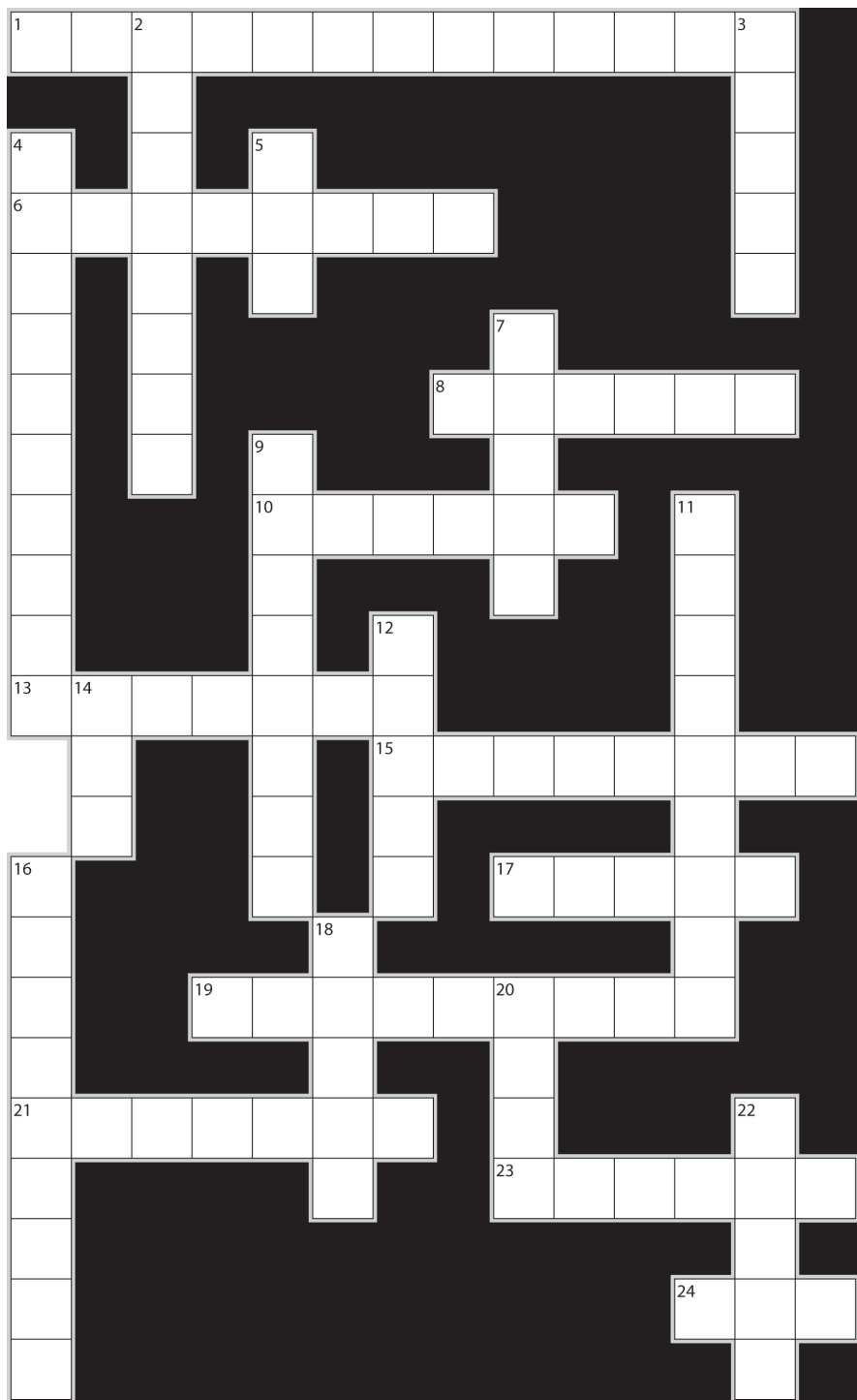
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, August 27

- Baptism of Oliver Herbert and Otto William Newsome
- Ice cream social and Vespers – in the picnic shelter, 5:30pm

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/13).....	\$8,827
Other Offering (8/13)	\$623
Children’s Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary).....	\$1,104
Sunday School Attendance (8/13)	80
Worship Attendance (8/13)	172
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (8/13).....	\$261,436
General Fund YTD Budget as of (8/13).....	\$311,540



Pentecost 12A

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. What will soon be revealed?
6. Who is God gathering?
8. What power is made known on the earth?
10. God judges people with this quality.
13. Those who love this day will be brought to the holy mountain.
15. The earth has yielded this.
17. The pleading woman called Jesus the son of...
19. Paul's nationality
21. Paul is his descendant.
23. God's house will be a house of...
24. All the ends of the earth shall fear him.

DOWN

2. Paul is an apostle to them.
3. Jesus said he was only sent to Israel's lost...
4. Who will love the name of the Lord in Isaiah 56:6?
5. God's what is made known on the earth?
7. What did the Canaanite possess that was great?
9. Paul is a member of this tribe.
11. What race of woman was crying out to Jesus in today's gospel lesson?
12. What God does toward us with his face
14. Upon whom does God have mercy?
16. What will come soon?
18. It is not right to throw this to the dogs.
20. If the dough is holy, so is the...
22. The Canaanite's daughter was oppressed by a...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20