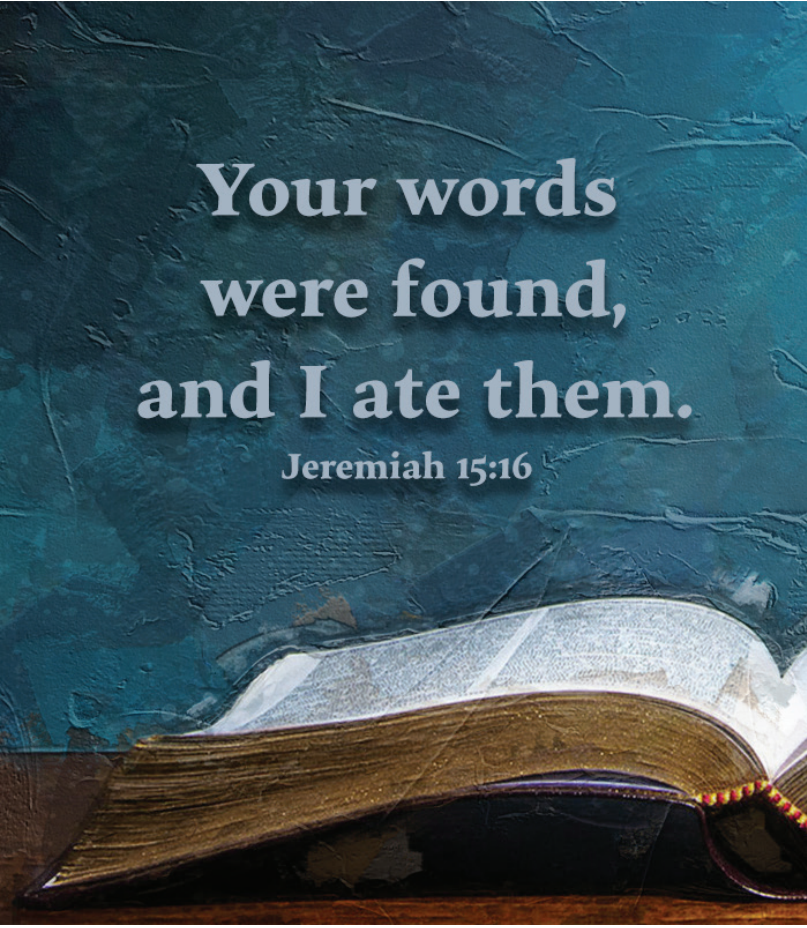




**Your words
were found,
and I ate them.**

Jeremiah 15:16

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Prelude on ‘Olivet’”

John Barr

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: “Lift High the Cross”

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:

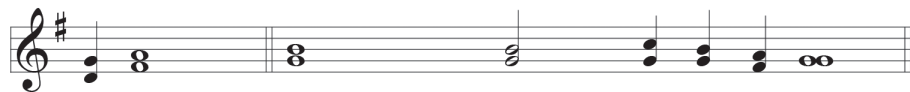


Glory be to God on high!

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 Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

³For your love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

⁷Singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

⁹Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,

¹⁰**Whose hands are full of | evil plots,
and their right hand | full of bribes.**

¹¹As for me, I will live | with integrity;
redeem me, O LORD, and have pit- | y on me.

¹²**My foot stands on | level ground;
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD.**

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the LORD." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

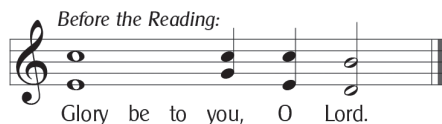
Anthem: “By the Gentle Waters”

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

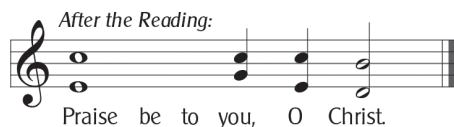
²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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: "Spiritual Eating"

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 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

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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: “Prelude in D Minor”

J. S. Bach

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.



Recent prayer needs:

- Jasper Eller (12-year-old grandson of Myra Jane and Terry Eller) – Cancer
- Merry Jo Freeze (friend of Karen and Will Charles) – Health concerns
- 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
- Haynes Shirley – Health concerns
- Jane Webb – Health concerns
- Vaughn Wilhelm – Atrium Health Carolinas Rehabilitation

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

Sunday, September 3

- Breakfast in the fellowship hall, 8:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, following worship in the parlor
- Men’s Choir practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, September 4

- Church office is closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

- Extension Club, 1pm
- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, September 6

- Classical Conversations homeschool 8:30am–3:30pm
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, September 7

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Sunday, September 10

- Homecoming Sunday potluck in the picnic shelter, 12pm
- Worship and Music Committee, 1:45pm (after potluck)
- Men’s Choir practice, 4pm
- Hand bell Choir practice, 5pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Homecoming Sunday, September 10, is a great time invite friends and former members to come to church. All are invited for a potluck/covered-dish lunch in the picnic shelter after worship.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (8/27)	\$7,147
Other Offering (8/27)	\$2,239
Children’s Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary)	\$1,493
Sunday School Attendance (8/27)	86
Worship Attendance (8/27)	185

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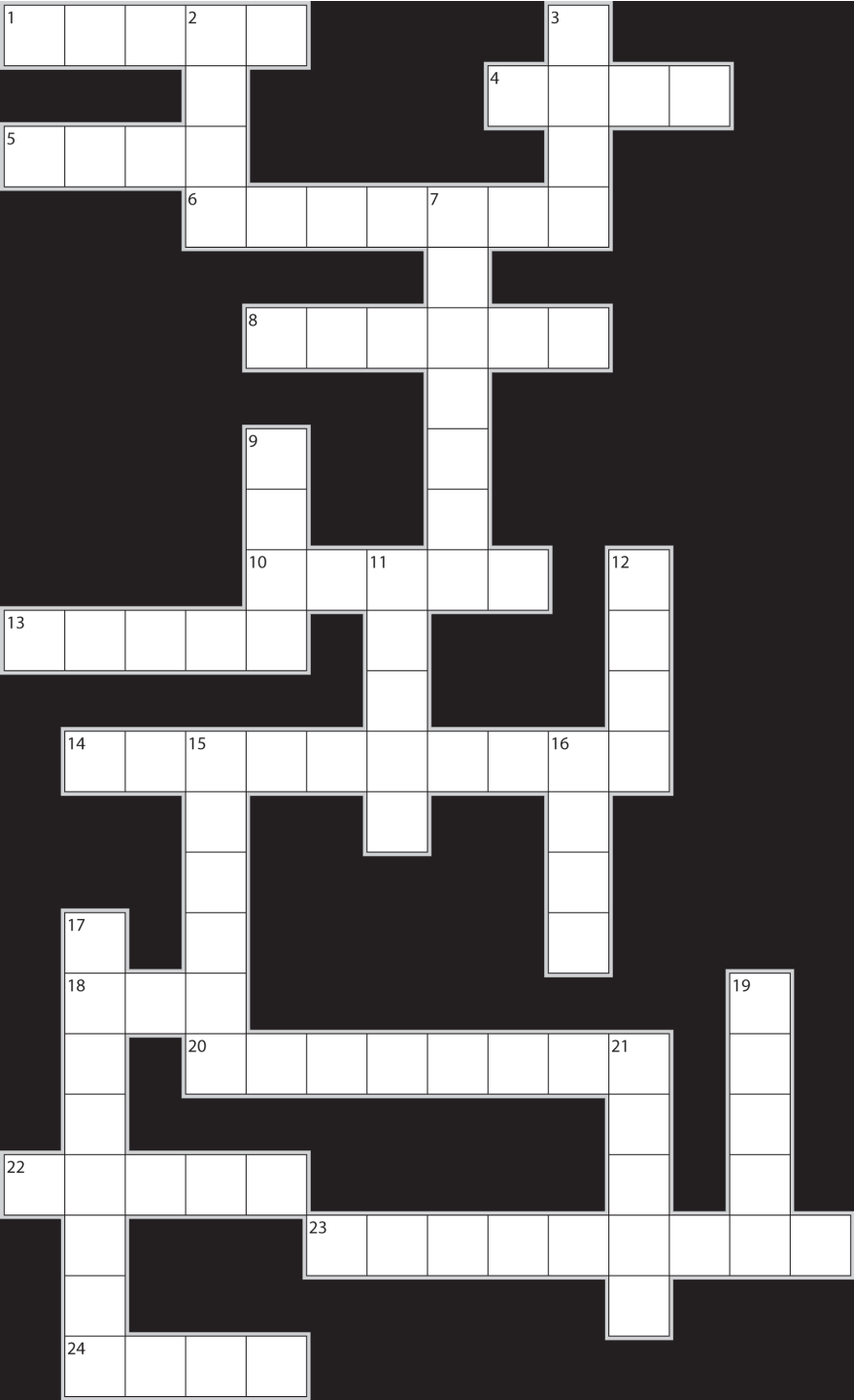
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You are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19



Pentecost 14A

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. If he is hungry, feed him.
4. What shall a man give in return for this?
5. For Jeremiah, this was unceasing.
6. Jeremiah considered the Lord's words a joy and...
8. The Lord will make his people into this kind of wall.
10. He rebuked Jesus.
13. How Jeremiah sat among the revelers
14. The psalmist does not consort with them.
18. What did Jeremiah do with the Lord's words?
20. The Lord will redeem from their grasp.
22. If you would follow Jesus, it comes with taking up this item.
23. Jesus had to go there and suffer.
24. "Overcome evil with..."

DOWN

2. "Test my heart and..."
3. The psalmist said this stands on level ground.
7. "Let love be..."
9. "Rejoice in..."
11. Jesus was raised on this day.
12. "Your steadfast love is before my..."
15. "Be constant in..."
16. "Abhor what is..."
17. David trusted God without...
19. The psalmist loves the habitation of God's house or...
21. "Get behind me..."



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20