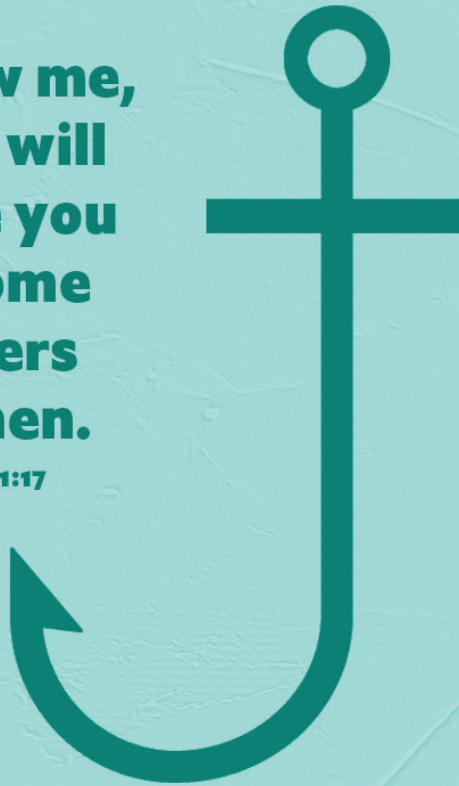


**Follow me,
and I will
make you
become
fishers
of men.**

Mark 1:17



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

205 St. Paul's Church Road, Salisbury, NC

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” C. Callahan

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

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Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with your glory. We ask through the same 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul in | silence waits;
from him comes | my salvation.

²**He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be | greatly shaken.**

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of | you together,
as if you were a leaning fence, a | toppling wall?

⁴**They seek only to bring me down from my | place of honor;
lies are their | chief delight.**

⁵They bless | with their lips,
but in their | hearts they curse.

⁶**For God alone my soul in | silence waits;
truly, my hope | is in him.**

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸**In God is my safety | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.**

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰**Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.**

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,
all of | them together.

¹²**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹⁴**Steadfast love is | yours, O LORD,
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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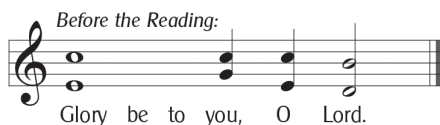


Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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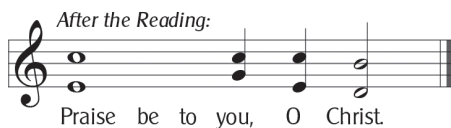
The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of Mark.

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Maybe Fishing is Okay"

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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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

Preface and Sanctus

86-88

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

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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.

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

Nunc Dimittus

92

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

Benedicamus

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The musical notation for the Benedicamus is presented in two systems. Each system features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system shows the Leader's part (a single note) and the Congregation's part (a three-note chord). The second system shows the Leader's part (a single note) and the Congregation's part (a three-note chord). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Bless the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Thy Strong Word"

Phil Lehenbauer

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.

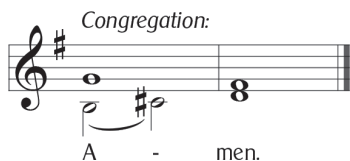
Benediction

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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.



*Congratulations to Rachel and Jon Cannon on the birth of a son,
Caleb Jace Cannon, who was born January 1, 2024.
The rose on the altar is in honor of Caleb's birth.*

Acolyte/Crucifer training class will be held on **Sunday, January 28th, at 3pm**, for **all NEW Acolytes/Crucifers** (child must be in 4th grade or higher). Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402, if your child will be attending, if you need another day scheduled, or if you have any questions.

St. Paul's Men kick off 2024 **Monday evening (January 22nd) at 6:30**, in the fellowship hall. Following the meal, David Freeze will share about his latest bike trip for which St. Paul's Men were one of the sponsors. Join us as we begin another year of fellowship and service!

Open House—You are invited to an open house (drop-in) at **Organ Lutheran Church on February 4th, 3pm–5pm** to tour the Outreach Ministry's Food and Clothing Shelter and CATS—Christmas/Christian Angel Toy Store. After the tour, stop by the fellowship hall for refreshments, where volunteers will be available to answer your questions. Come see how we can serve our Lord by working together to help those in need in our community.

Bible Study—“We believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.” (Nicene Creed)

A new Bible study begins on **Tuesday, February 20th, at 10am and 6pm**. “The Spiritual Realms” is a nine-session series on Heaven and Hell and places beyond this world. The study looks at the many “place names” that are found throughout Scripture that are spiritual realms of existence underlying the universe God created. This study explores realities of existence beyond what we know and experience everyday.

If you plan to be a part of this study, the workbook costs \$15. Please call the church office so we can order one for you.

Session 1 – Seen and Unseen: What God has Revealed in Christ

Session 2 – Heaven: God’s Throne Room Above

Session 3 – Earth: The Occupied Territory of the Devil

Session 4 – Sheol (Hades): The Place of the Dead

Session 5 – Paradise: Resting in Peace with Christ

Session 6 – Tartarus: The Gloomy Dungeon Prison

Session 7 – Gehenna: The Hell of Fire

Session 8 – New Jerusalem: God’s Dwelling With Us

Session 9 – Off-Center: Purgatory, Limbo, and Popular Culture

The first 2024 blood drive at St. Paul’s will be Monday, Feb. 12, from 1:30–6pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Valentine’s Dinner—It’s time to put your “Name That Tune” talent to work. The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Valentine Dinner and game night on Saturday, February 17th, at 6:00. Debbie Suggs will cater a meal of country style steak, grilled chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, creamed corn, and her special tossed salad, rolls and dessert. The committee will supply tea. Tickets may be purchased after church in the Ladies Parlor January 28th, February 4th, and February 11th. Tickets are \$12.00/ adults, \$6.00/ages 4–12, and free for those 3 and younger. See “What’s Love Got to Do With It” on February 17th, at 6:00!

Sunday, January 21

- Autumn Care worship is canceled for today.
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, January 22

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1–3pm
- Outreach Committee meeting, 6pm
- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 23

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, January 24

- Homeschool meets, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Finance Committee meeting, conference room, 6pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Saturday, January 27

- Girl Scouts meet in fellowship hall, 10am–1pm

Sunday, January 28

- Acolyte/Crucifer training class, 3pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Paul Canup – Recovering from a fall
- Ruth Julian – Health concerns
- Lynn Price (daughter of Don and Betty Camerlin) – Health concerns
- George Reese – Recovering from surgery at home
- Jane Wilhelm – Recovering from a fall

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

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services—The Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage dinner will be Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:00pm. Come to the fellowship hall for good food and some fun fellowship.

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. There will be no meal that Wednesday, as it is a traditional day of fasting.

Lenten Suppers are on Wednesdays, beginning February 21st, going through March 27th. The suppers are at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Lenten services are at 7:00pm in the sanctuary and will last about 30 minutes.

Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00pm, March 28th. Good Friday service is the next day at 7:00pm, with no meals on Thursday or Friday—services only.

Historically and traditionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday have been days of fasting for all Christians. Because of the latter, many have practiced fasting on each Friday in Lent.

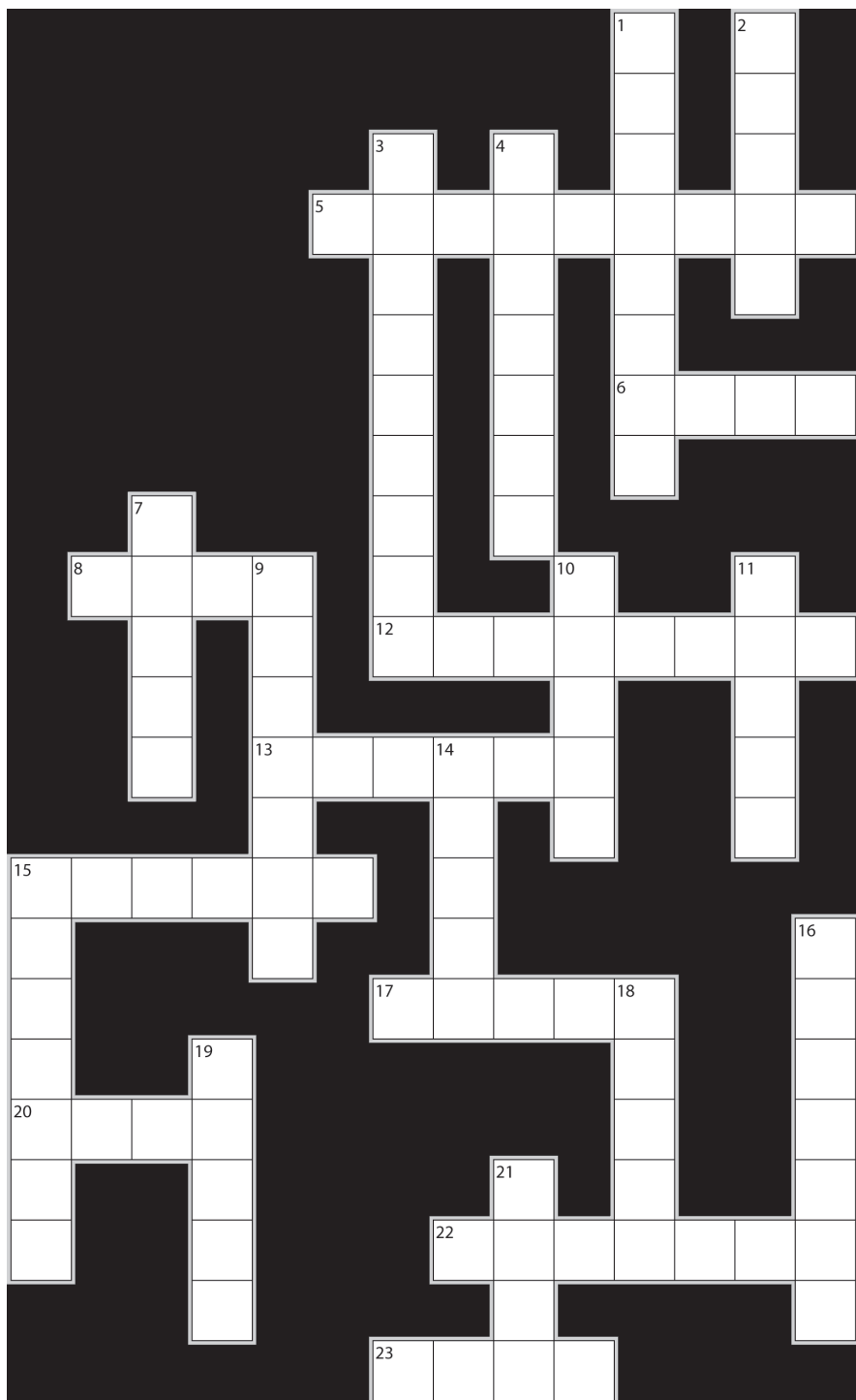
Planning for St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue, one of our congregation's signature events, will begin soon. This is one of the days and one of the ways we show the love of God to a great many people. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be made available next Sunday. Knowing that you will help allows the committee to plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for helping to make this special day possible!

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/14)	\$6,899
Other Offering (1/14)	\$1,789
Sunday School Attendance (1/14)	81
Worship Attendance (1/14)	177

Children's missions change collections for the first quarter of 2024 will go to the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

Last Sunday: \$265 First quarter so far: \$364.50



Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

5. Paul wants us to be free from these.
6. David's _____ waited in silence.
8. God will render to a man according to his...
12. Paul wanted to secure this in us for the Lord.
13. Repent and believe in this.
15. What Jesus told Simon and Andrew to do
17. David said we should do this at all times.
20. God relented of promised disaster when the people turned from this.
22. Simon and Andrew left him.
23. The great city believed and called for a...

DOWN

1. God alone was David's rock, salvation, and...
2. Let those who have these, live as though they did not.
3. They are anxious about the things of the Lord.
4. The great city where God wanted Jonah to go
7. To whom did the word of the Lord come in our first lesson?
9. This is at hand.
10. The present form of this is passing away.
11. In how many days would the great city be overthrown?
14. Steadfast love belongs to the Lord, and this too.
15. What Jesus promised to make of Simon and Andrew
16. They are anxious about worldly things.
18. How many days did it take to walk from one side of the great city to the other?
19. David sang, "On God rests my salvation and my..."
21. What Simon and Andrew left behind



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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