



**It is to him
you shall listen.**

Deuteronomy 18:15

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Special welcome and thanks to our guest organist today, Gene Brittain.

Prelude: “Chorale Prelude on “Christe Sanctorum” R. C. Baker

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: “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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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

O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm III

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are the deeds | of the LORD!**

They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.**

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded
his cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is his Name.

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en- | dures forever.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

The word of the Lord.

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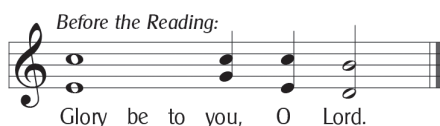


Anthem: “Let Light Shine Out of Darkness”

Men’s Choir



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



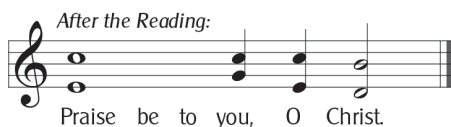
Gospel: Mark I:21-28

²¹[Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John] went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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: "Listen Up"

Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

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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

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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.

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

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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

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: "Agincourt Hymn"

John Dunstable

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.

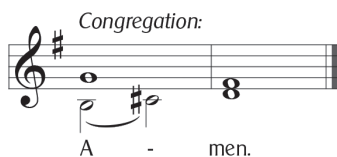
Benediction

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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.



We extend our prayers, love, and sympathy to Travis Alligood and family on the death of Travis' father, Jerry Alligood, who died January 16, 2024. The funeral for Mr. Alligood will be February 1st, at First Baptist Church in Salisbury.

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Jeff Powlas.

Jeff passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Please keep Mita and all the Powlas family in your prayers.

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jeff from his family.

We extend our prayers, love, and sympathy to Randall Faggart and family on the death of Randall's mother, Carolyn Faggart.

Mrs. Faggart passed away on Friday, January 26, 2024.

Acolyte/Crucifer training class will be held **today at 2:30pm**, for **all NEW Acolytes/Crucifers** (child must be in 4th grade or higher). If you have any questions, please speak to Bethany Whisnant. *Please note the time change.*

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.



Jeffrey Howard Powlas

August 29, 1953 – January 23, 2024

Visitation will be in the sanctuary
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Tuesday, January 30, 2024,
at one o'clock PM.

The funeral service of worship
will follow at two o'clock PM.

Committal will be in the
St. Paul's Cemetery.

*For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live
or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

Romans 14:8

The Cemetery Committee meets today at 3pm.

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, please call the church office so we can order a workbook 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 28

- Acolyte/Crucifer training class, 2:30pm
- Cemetery Committee meeting, 3pm
- Men’s Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, January 29

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1–3pm

Tuesday, January 30

- Bible Study Classes, 10am and 6pm
- Powlas family visitation, sanctuary, 1pm
- Jeff Powlas funeral service, 2pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, January 31

- Homeschool, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 1

- Jerry Alligood, visitation, 1pm, memorial service, 2pm
(First Baptist Church, Fulton Street)

Sunday, February 4

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Open House, Organ Lutheran Food/Clothing Shelter, 3–5pm
- Men’s Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (1/21)	\$8,187
Other Offering (1/21)	\$874
Sunday School Attendance (1/21)	66
Worship Attendance (1/21)	181

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: \$104 First quarter so far: \$468.50

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 **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, each followed by a Lenten service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The services 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.

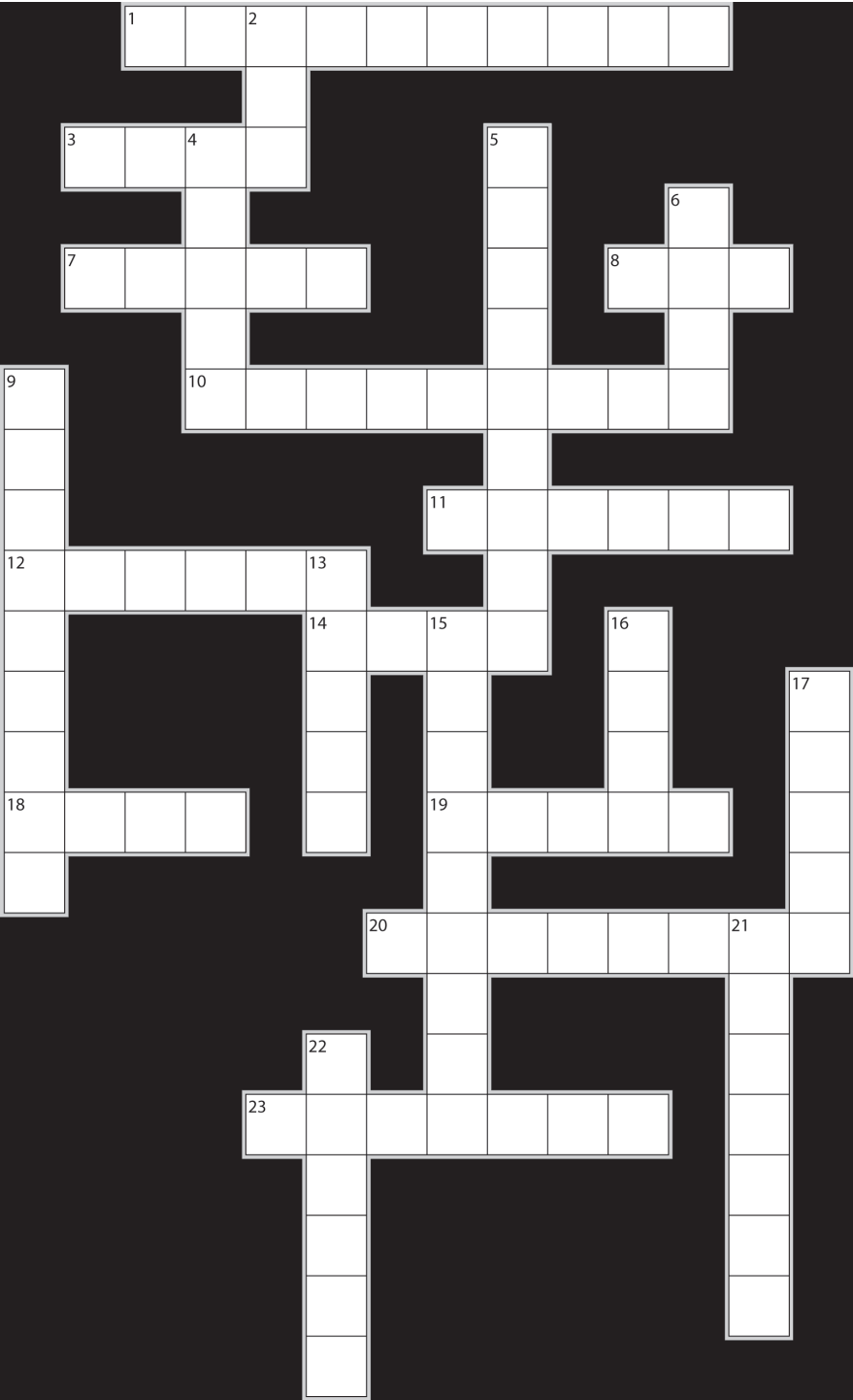
Historically and traditionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday have been days of fasting for all Christians. Because of the latter, many have practiced fasting on each Friday in Lent.

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 are now available. Knowing that you will help allows the committee to plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for helping to make this special day possible!

Recent Prayer Needs

- Carolyn Canup – health concerns
- Larry Clark – health concerns
- Carolyn Cress – health concerns
- Stacy Gainey – health concerns
- Helen Gordon – health concerns
- Ruth Julian – health concerns
- Lynn Price – health concerns
- Heaully Stanley – surgery
- Jane Wilhelm – Recovering from a fall

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



Fourth 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

1. The Lord has sent this to his people.
3. What of the Lord's is holy and awesome?
7. There is one Lord...
8. The people wanted to hear Moses instead of him, lest they...
10. Jesus went there to teach.
11. What the people should do to the new prophet. Hint: Luke 9:35
12. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of this.
14. What did the unclean spirits do to Jesus?
18. A prophet will die if he speaks in the name of other...
19. If you delight in the works of the Lord, you will do this with them.
20. The Lord is gracious and...
23. The Lord's work is full of splendor and...

DOWN

2. If a prophet speaks words God has not commanded, that prophet shall...
4. In the OT lesson, God promises to raise up a new prophet like this man.
5. Jesus taught like one who had this.
6. This builds up.
9. This puffs up.
13. The Lord will put his words in the new prophet's...
15. An idol has no real...
16. This will not commend us to God.
17. Think! Mark 1:23 shows that where the gospel is proclaimed, this being sets up shop.
21. The kind of spirit Jesus silenced in the gospel lesson
22. There is one God, the...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39

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