



Psalm **He has done it.** 22:31

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Michael Burkhardt

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: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

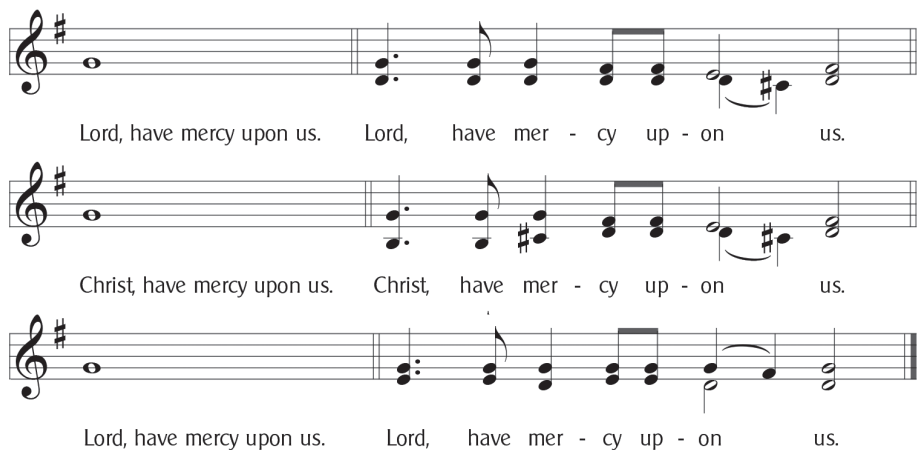
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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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 God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face.

And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 22:22-30

²²Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.

²³**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his | face from them;
but when they cry to | him he hears them.**

²⁴My praise is of him in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who | worship him.

²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who
seek the | LORD shall praise him:
“May your heart | live forever!”**

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

²⁷**For kingship belongs | to the LORD;
he rules | over the nations.**

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descen- | dants shall
serve him;
they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.**

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn
the saving deeds that | he has done.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:I-II

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Wounded Lamb”

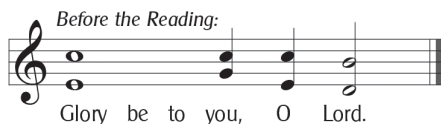
Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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

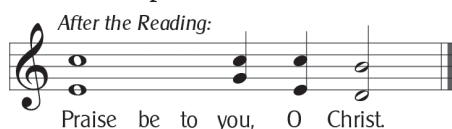


Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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: “Wrought”

Hymn: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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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

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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,



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**

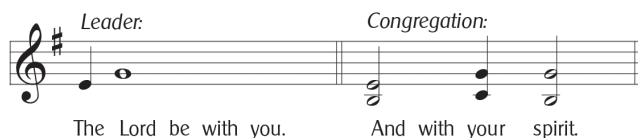
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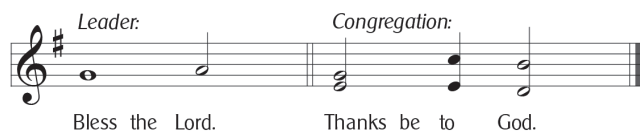
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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
 ac- | cording to | your | word.
 For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
 which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
 A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
 and the | glory of your | 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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Postlude: “Trumpet Tune in A Minor”

David Lasky

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 love and sympathy to the family of Carolyn Cress
who passed away Saturday, February 17, 2024.*

*Our condolences also on the death of Carolyn's daughter,
Cheryl Cress Palmer, on February 20th, 2024.*

Please keep the Cress family in your prayers.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Carolyn Canup – health concerns
- Larry Clark – health concerns
- Stacy Gainey – health concerns
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Becky Lyerly – health concerns
- James Lyerly – health concerns

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

Lenten Suppers and Services

Lenten Suppers continue on Wednesdays 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.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Meals

Suppers during Lent will be provided by the following groups:

February 28

Kathy Ketchie and Grace Ridenhour Circles—soup and salad

March 6

Bonnie Bost Circle—soup and sandwiches

March 13

Friendship Club—soup and pimento cheese sandwiches

March 20

Youth & Family Committee—soup and sandwiches

March 27

Bible Study Classes—soup and sandwiches

Special thanks to all the groups who have volunteered their time to prepare meals for our Wednesday suppers during Lent.

Our thanks to Helen Gordon for organizing the meals.

Fun Bunch Lunch

The Fun Bunch will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, at 11:30am for lunch. This month we are meeting at Sweet Meadow Cafe on Fisher Street. Contact Louise Eller for information.

Sunday, February 25

- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, February 28

- Homeschool group, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm

Friday, March 1

- Youth & Family game night, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 3

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Rev Dr. Nathan Yoder, Dept of Lutheran Studies, preaching
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth and Family Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Youth and Family Game Night

Join us for Youth and Family Game Night on Friday, March 1st, at 6:30pm. We will have pizza, drinks, and desserts. We will play board games and have other activities for the youth and families. All are welcome—bring your favorite board game to share. Look forward to seeing you all there in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Amy Hoffner at 704-640-7165.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (2/18)	\$12,723
Other Offering (2/18)	\$4,324
Sunday School Attendance (2/18)	75
Worship Attendance (2/18)	209

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: \$140.50 First quarter so far: \$1,014.50

Cruise 'n Barbeque

Planning for St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help! If you have not yet joined in, there's still a place for you. Just call, text, or email Tim Deal (timdeal@bellsouth.net or 704-239-1172) to let us know you're available. It's going to be an extra special day, and we want you to be a part of making it happen!

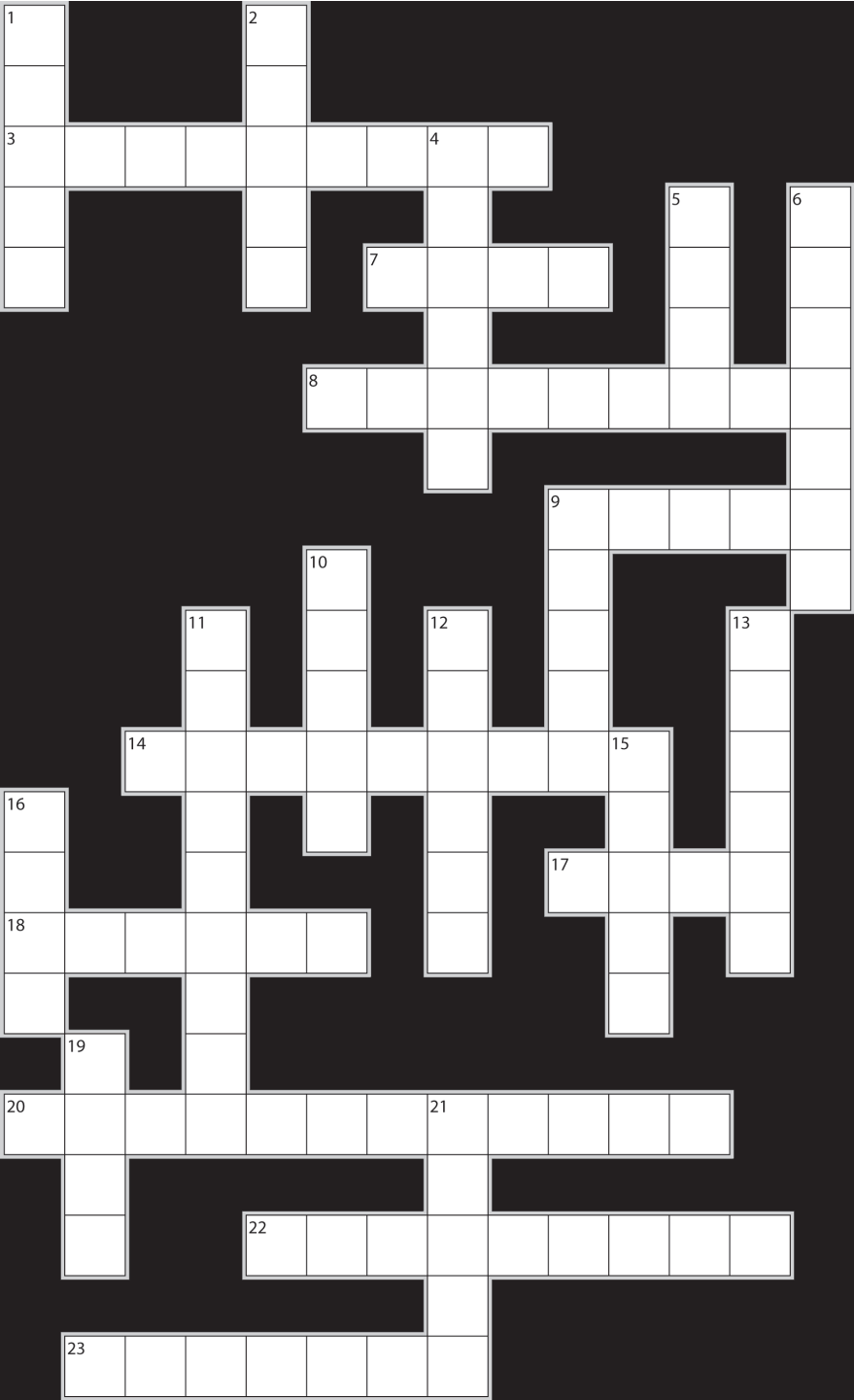
Kitchen Refrigerator Use

If you use the kitchen, **please do not leave food** from your event in the kitchen refrigerator. Please remove items that do not require refrigeration (bottled water, soft drinks, etc.) so there's room for the next group using the kitchen.

If food items need to be stored for more than a day before or after your event, please use the refrigerators in the picnic shelter.

**And whatever you do,
in word or deed,
do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to
God the Father through him.**

Colossians 3:17



Second Sunday in Lent

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

3. They shall eat and be satisfied.
7. Set this on the things of God.
8. Walk before me, and be...
9. Her name before she was called Sarah
14. God made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah and their...
17. Abram fell on his...
18. May these live forever.
20. The psalmist offers praise in the great...
22. Endurance produces this.
23. Abram was given this name because he would become the Father of a multitude of nations.

DOWN

1. Because we have been justified, we have...
2. We have been justified by...
4. Others said Jesus was...
5. We rejoice in this.
6. All the families of the nations will do this before the Lord.
9. What Jesus called Peter when he rebuked him
10. If you would follow Jesus, you must do so while carrying this.
11. It produces endurance.
12. Who did Peter say Jesus is?
13. Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of...
15. We have obtained access into God's...
16. Some of the people said Jesus was...
19. He has done it.
21. The Lord appeared to him when he was 99 years old.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25