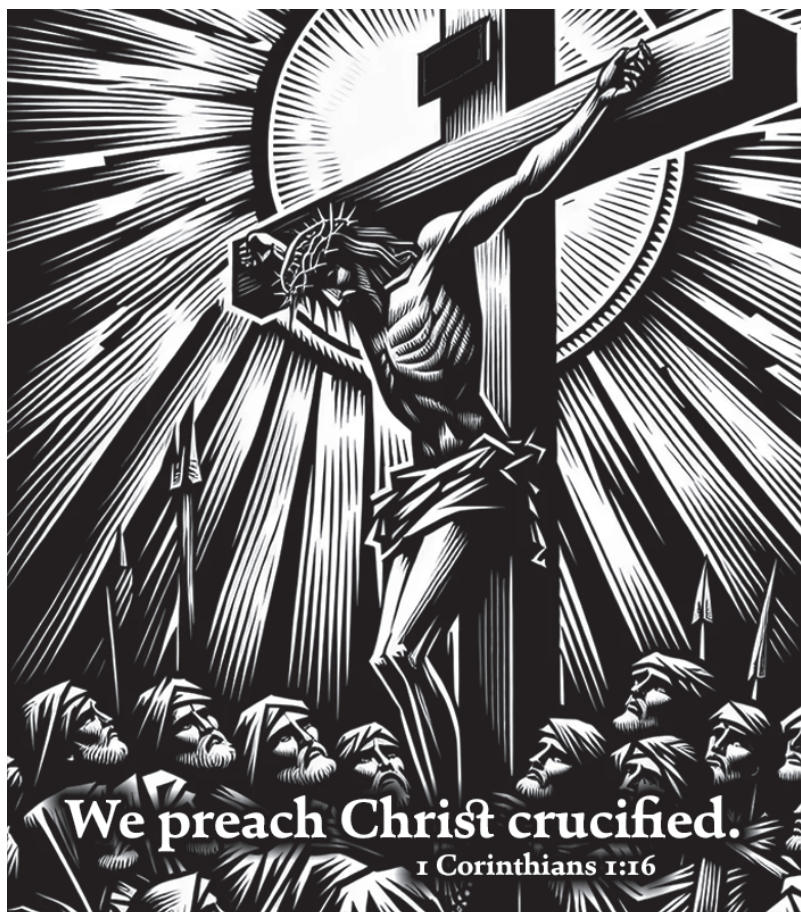




Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

Handbell Choir

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: "Be Thou My Vision"

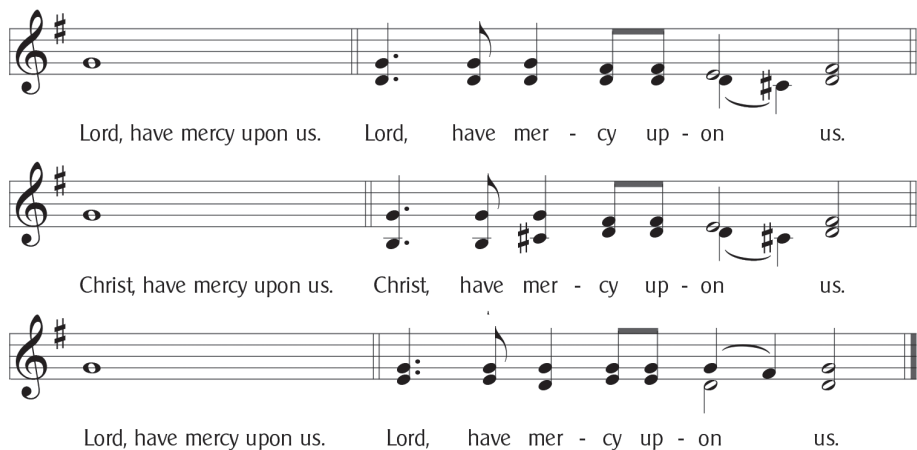
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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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

Holy Father, you made it clear to your chosen people that you are the one true God who is worthy of our worship. Grant us grace and boldness to cast aside all pursuits that can so easily become our idols, and keep us faithful in our worship of you—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,
and their message to the ends | of the world.**

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives
wisdom | to the innocent.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and
gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more
than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can tell how often | he offends?
cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent
of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is

written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Jesus, Gentle Lamb”

Men’s Choir

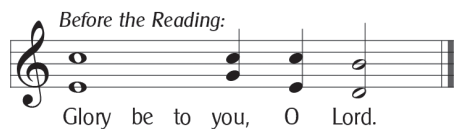
Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of John.

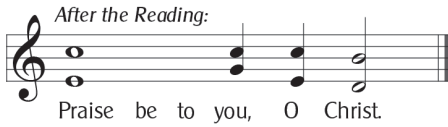


Gospel: John 2:13-25

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. ²³Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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

Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder

Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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,
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 section is presented in two staves. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a single note (G4) followed by a whole rest. The Congregation's part consists of a half note (G4) followed by a whole note (G4). The second staff also has two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a half note (G4) followed by a whole note (G4). The Congregation's part consists of a half note (G4) followed by a whole note (G4). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Throned Upon the Awful Tree” Lyndell Leatherman

*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.*

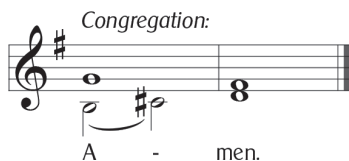
Benediction

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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.



Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder for joining us as our guest preacher today. Rev. Dr. Yoder is Director of Lutheran Studies at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Charlotte campus.

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.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Meals

March suppers during Lent will be provided by the following:

March 6

Bonnie Bost Circle—soup and salad

March 13

Friendship Club—soup and grilled 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.*

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.

2024 Cemetery Sweep

On **Saturday, March 16th**, St. Paul's cemetery will be swept clean. The clean-up will be led by the Cemetery Committee. If you would like to help, please be here at 9am to get started.

Everything that is not permanently attached will be discarded—no exceptions. If you have flowers or other items in the cemetery that you wish to keep, those should be removed from the cemetery **before the morning of March 16th**. You may replace your items after the clean-up.

Please help spread the word. If you know of someone who does not attend St. Paul's and should know about the clean-up, please call them right away so they will have time to gather items they may want to keep. Thank you for helping to keep our cemetery neat and clean.

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. The event will be April 27th.

The next meeting of the Cruise 'n Steering Committee will be Monday, March 11th.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (2/25)	\$7,589
Other Offering (2/25)	\$1,569
Sunday School Attendance (2/25)	70
Worship Attendance (2/25)	175

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: \$100.50 First quarter so far: \$1,114.50

Sunday, March 3

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Rev Dr. Nathan Yoder, Director, Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell, Charlotte, guest preacher
- 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

Monday, March 4

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1pm-3pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, March 5

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Extension Club, 1pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, March 6

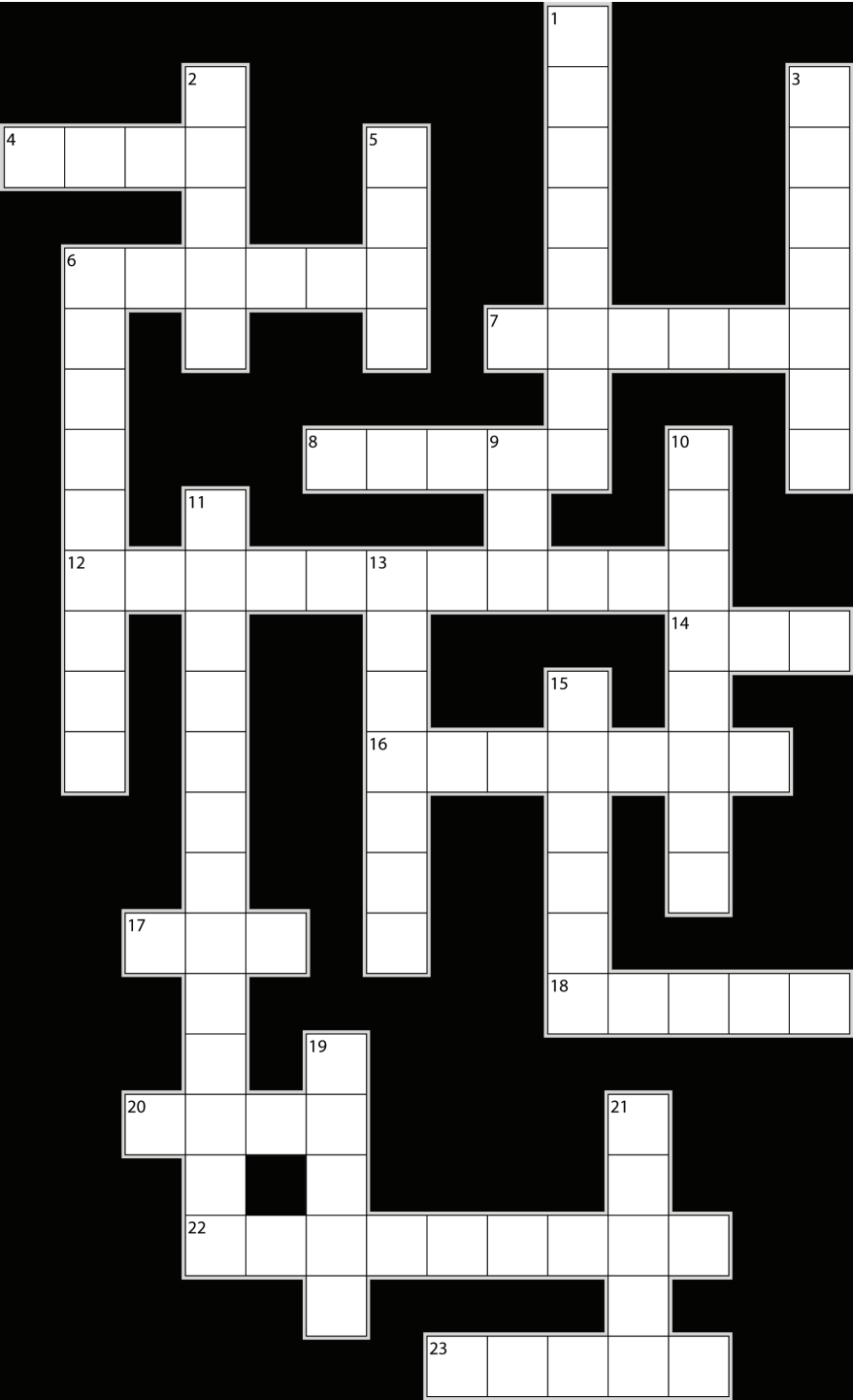
- Homeschool group, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm

Saturday, March 9

- Daylight savings time begins overnight. Turn clocks forward an hour before going to bed so you won't be late for church.

Sunday, March 10

- Girl Scout Sunday
- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm



Third 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

4. Do not take this in vain.
6. You shall not make for yourself this kind of image.
7. Destroy it and Jesus would raise it up.
8. This word is folly to the perishing.
12. God's what is wiser than men?
14. You shall labor this many days.
16. It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who...
17. It is perfect.
18. May the words of my _____ be acceptable in God's sight.
20. It consumed Jesus.
22. Jesus' disciples came to believe them.
23. They are to be desired more than gold.

DOWN

1. God's what is stronger than men?
2. May the meditation of my _____ be acceptable in God's sight.
3. The Lord brought us out of this house.
5. You shall have no other...
6. We preach Christ...
9. It comes out each day like a bridegroom.
10. This festival was at hand in today's gospel lesson.
11. Jesus drove them out of the temple.
13. Remember this day.
15. The crucified Christ is the power and _____ of God.
19. The heavens declare God's...
21. Number of days to raise up the temple



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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