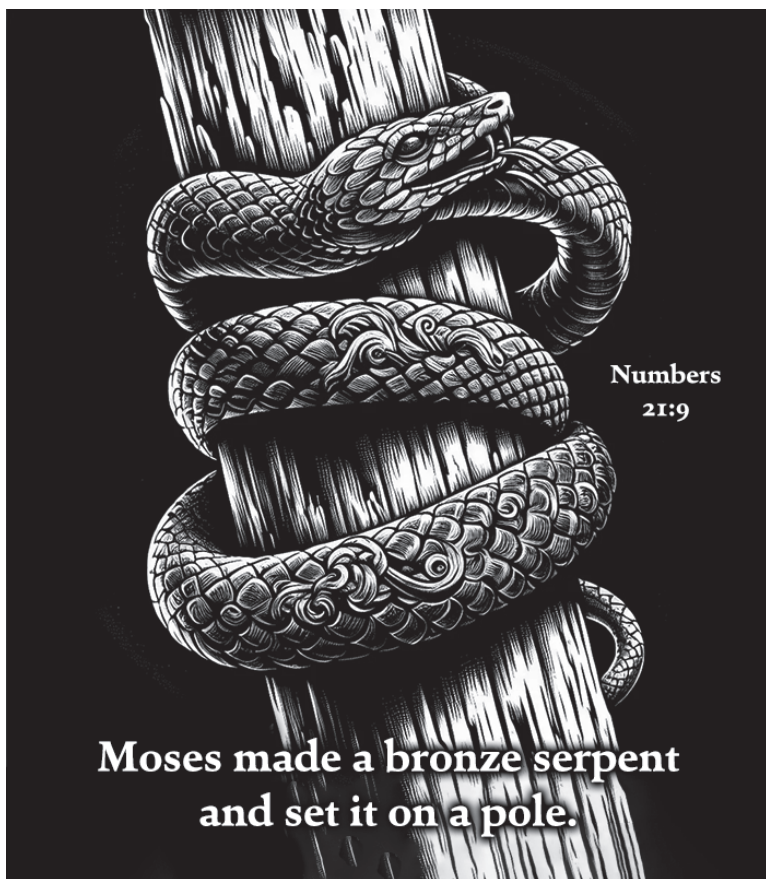




Numbers
21:9

**Moses made a bronze serpent
and set it on a pole.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Girl Scout Sunday
March 10, 2024 • 10:30AM

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Lov Villamil

Lilah Roberts

Lauren Ziegler

Daisy and Brownie Leaders

Karen Yousey

Chloe Lombard

Older Girls' Leaders

Amy Barringer

Alison Moore

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Robert Hobby

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: "Lift High the Cross"

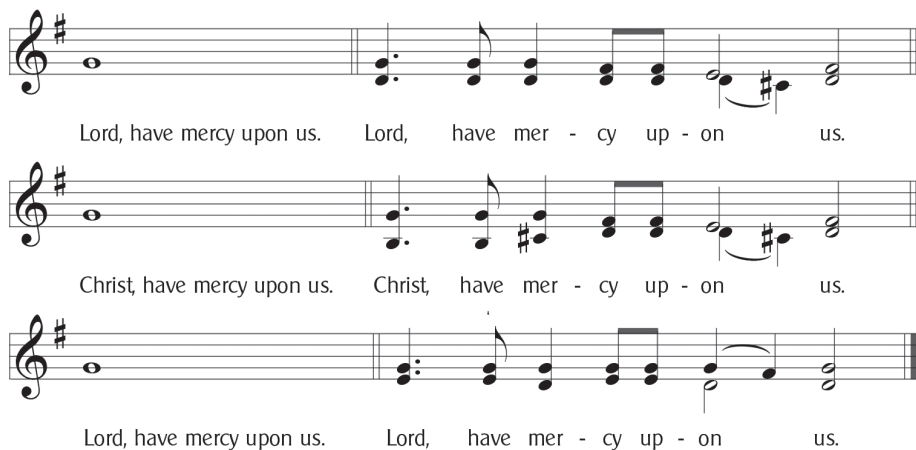
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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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

God of mercy, renew us daily in the gift of baptism and remind us of the promise we have through your Son's cross. Let us always look to the cross as the sure and certain sign of forgiveness of sins, hope and healing in this life, and the promise of eternal life—through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please be seated.

A - men.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,
and his mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let all those whom the LORD has re- | deemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand | of the foe.**

³He gathered them out | of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the
north and | from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in | desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where | they might dwell.**

⁵They were hun- | gry and thirsty;
their spirits lan- | guished within them.

⁶**Then they cried to the LORD | in their trouble,
and he delivered them from | their distress.**

⁷He put their feet on a | straight path
to go to a city where | they might dwell.

**⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD | for his mercy
and the wonders he does | for his children.**

⁹For he satis- | fies the thirsty
and fills the hungry | with good things.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Maddie Roberts

¹You were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The word of the Lord.

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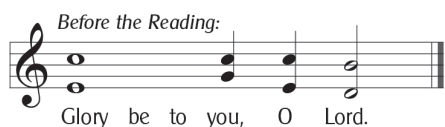
Anthem: “Lenten Meditation”

Elizabeth Baker
Laura Brock

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*



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



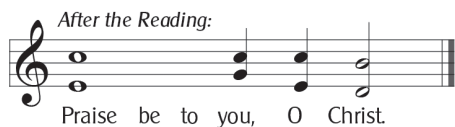
Gospel: John 3:14-21

Riley Herge

¹⁴[Jesus said to Nicodemus,] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

Alison Moore

Sermon

Riley Herge

Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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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

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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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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 measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The Congregation's part consists of two measures: the first measure has a half note G4 and a half note A4, and the second measure has a half note B4 and a half note A4. The second staff also has two parts: 'Leader:' and 'Congregation:'. The Leader's part consists of a single measure with a half note G4 and a half note A4. The Congregation's part consists of two measures: the first measure has a half note G4 and a half note A4, and the second measure has a half note B4 and a half note A4. 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: “O Lamb of God Most Holy”

Robert Lau

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

Gracelyn Ziegler

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.



*Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 743
and the scout leaders for assisting
in our worship service today.*



*The flower arrangement on the rail is given in memory
of the March 1st birthday of Lorraine Williams
by Joe Williams, Sheila Williams,
Mack Williams, and Brandon W. Vinson.*

Flowers for Easter—Final Day to Order

Today is the last day to purchase Easter flowers. Impatiens and Geraniums will be ordered this week to be placed around the altar for Easter. Please include payment with your order form. The cost is \$13.50 each. Forms are at each entrance of the sanctuary.

2024 Annual Cemetery Clean-Up

This coming Saturday, March 16th, St. Paul's cemetery will be swept clean. The clean-up will be led by the Cemetery Committee, and will start at 9am. **Everything not permanently attached will be discarded—no exceptions.** This includes arrangements that clamp onto the top of a headstone, and any items hanging or lying on a stone. If you have flowers or other items in the cemetery that you wish to keep, those should be removed from the cemetery before Saturday morning, March 16th. You may replace your items after the 16th.

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.

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.

March suppers during Lent will be provided by the following:

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.*

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.

Cruise ‘n Barbeque

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help this year. 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. The event will be April 27th.

The next meeting of the Cruise ‘n Steering Committee will be tomorrow, March 11th, at 7pm.

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.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (3/03)	\$14,590
Other Offering (3/03)	\$2,158
Sunday School Attendance (3/03)	77
Worship Attendance (3/03)	170

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: \$213 First quarter so far: \$1,327.50

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

Monday, March 11

- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Cruise 'n Barbecue Steering Committee, 7pm

Tuesday, March 12

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 16

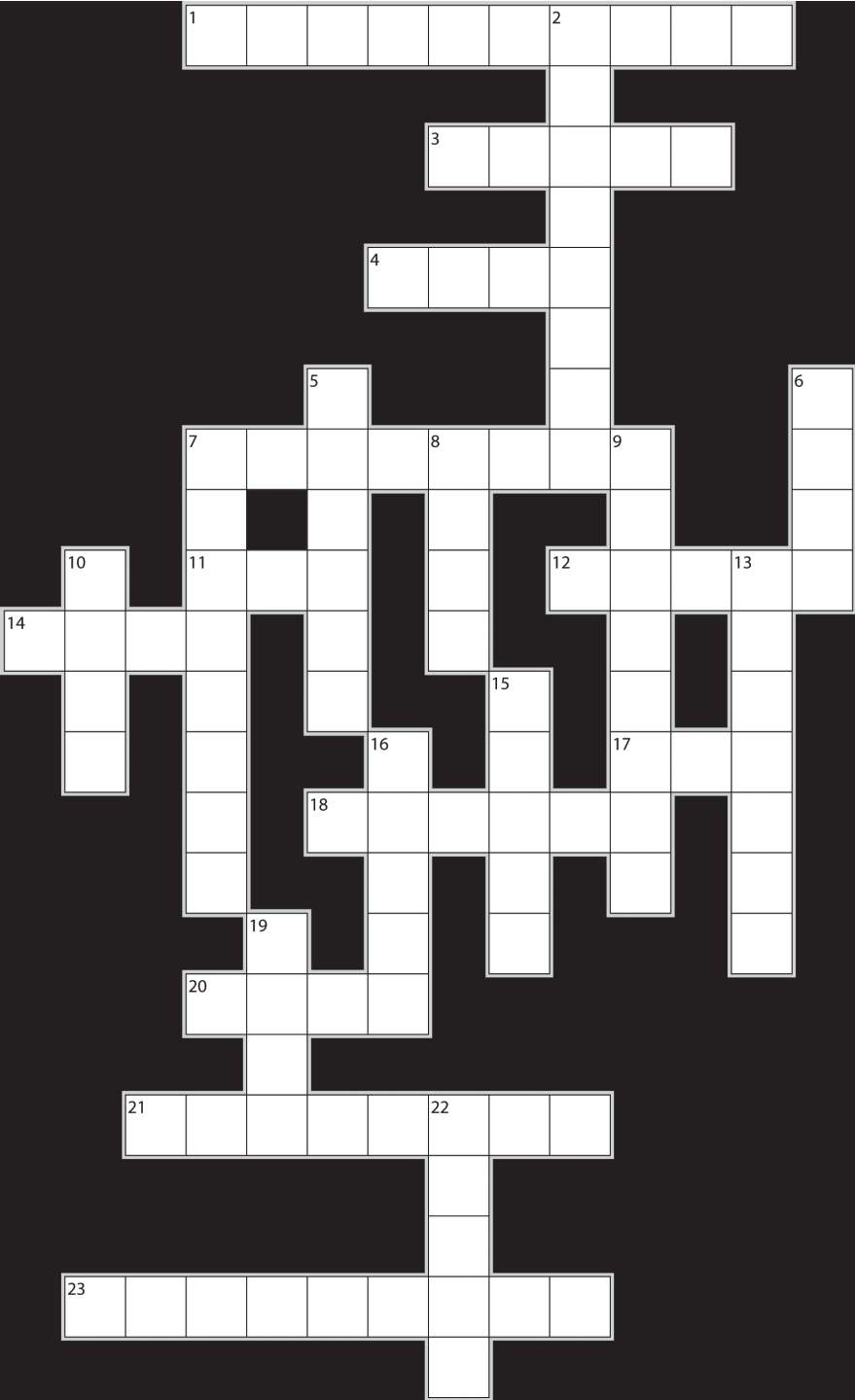
- Cemetery Clean-up—everything goes, 9am

Sunday, March 17

- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Breakfast Set-up and Egg Hunt

On March 30th, at 10:30am, the middle and high school youth will set up tables, chairs, and decorations for the Easter breakfast. They will also help with the egg hunt for the younger children, which starts at 1pm. Lunch will be served before the egg hunt. **Each youth's family should bring one dozen eggs that morning.**



Fourth 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

1. You were dead in these.
3. We are created in Christ for good...
4. If the people looked up to the serpent on the pole, they would...
7. The world loves this more than the light.
11. God loved the world so much that he gave his...
12. We are saved by this agency.
14. Salvation is not something you earn but instead a...
17. Our works are carried out in him.
18. God sent redemption to believers so they would not...
20. God satisfies the longing...
21. Let them say that the Lord is good.
23. What did the people call the manna God provided?

DOWN

2. Because of their complaining, God sent these to bite the biters.
5. What was Moses' serpent made of?
6. Moses placed a serpent on a...
7. God delivered the wanderers from their...
8. People are condemned because they do not believe in the...
9. The Lord led the people in this way.
10. The people wandered until they came to one of these to dwell in.
13. God did not send the Son to do this.
15. We are saved by grace through this.
16. Who is called the "prince of the power of the air"?
19. Give thanks to the Lord because he is...
22. On the way to the Red Sea, the people spoke against God and...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45

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