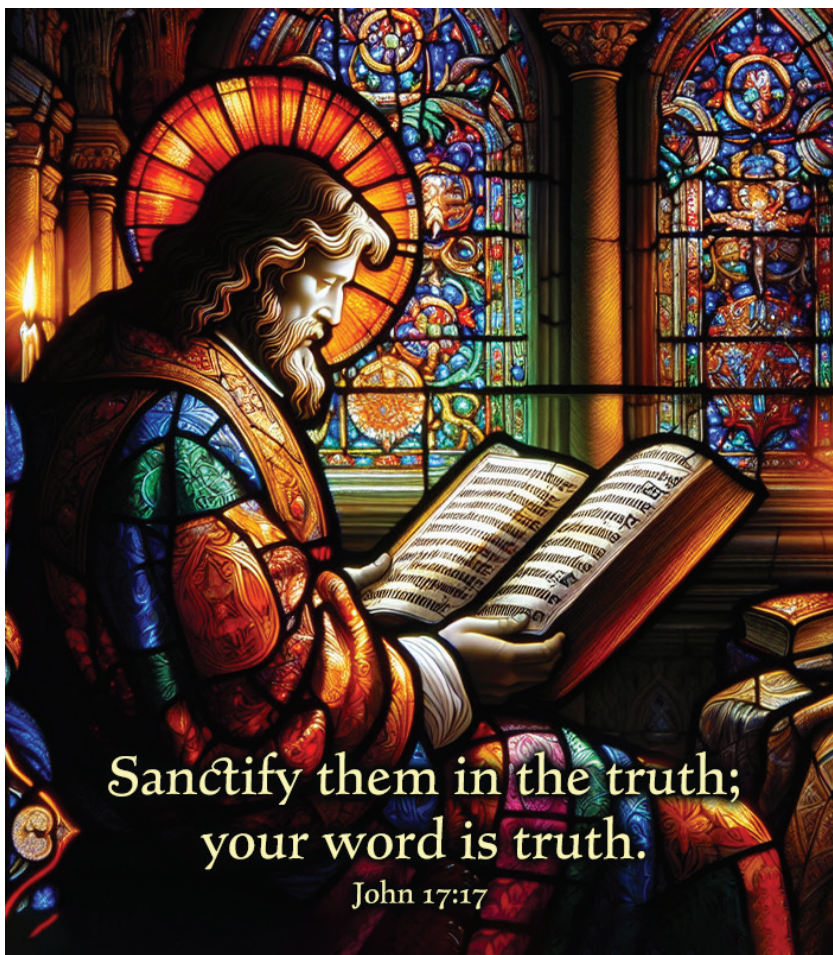




Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth.

John 17:17

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Mothers

Prelude: “Variations on ‘Slane’”

David Lasky

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

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.

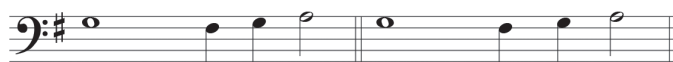


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

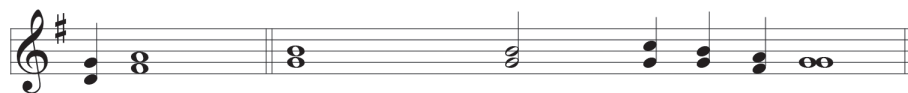


Glory be to God on high!

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 King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

¹²[The apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it”; and “Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the
seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law | day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in
due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed.**

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The word of the Lord.

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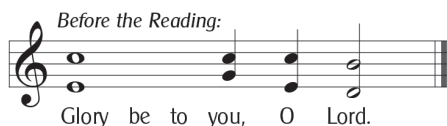
Sunday School Children

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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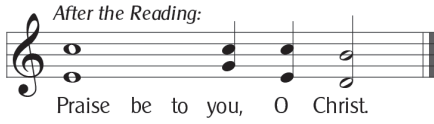
The Holy Gospel is written in the 17th chapter of John.



Gospel: John 17:11b-19

^{11b}[Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

We profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "A Saint's Delight"

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

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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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world—who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life.

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,



Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

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 Dimittis

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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: "Hyfrydol"

Charles Callahan

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

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.

Congregation:

A - men.

The altar flowers are given by Bonnie and Wayne Hinson to the glory of God, in memory and in honor of all mothers.

We extend our prayers, love, and sympathy to Karen Deal, Wanda Thomas, Dana Bost, and their families on the death of their aunt, Mrs. Myra Bost. Mrs. Bost died Monday, April 29, 2024. Her funeral service was held Thursday, May 2, at Grace Lutheran Church.



We extend our love and sympathy to Betty and Don Camerlin on the death of Betty's sister, Jane Mullins, of Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Mullins died Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

Blood Drive Tomorrow

The blood drive will be in the fellowship hall **1:30–6:00pm, tomorrow**. If you would like to make an appointment to donate, contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930.

SON Summer Mission Trip

Mark and Julia Wilhelm are planning another mission trip to Eastern Europe this summer with the Spiritual Orphans Network. If you would like to help cover the expenses involved with their trip, please mark SON on your envelope.

Youth & Family Game Night

Youth and Family Game Night is on **Friday, May 17th**, at **6:30pm**. This month we will meet at the picnic shelter. There will be food, games, and fellowship for the youth and families. All are welcome. Bring your favorite board game to share. If you have any questions, please call Amy Hoffner at 704-640-7165.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club **will not meet on Thursday, May 16th**. The bus trip to the Narrowway Christian Theater on May 18th, will take the place of the regular meeting. For those going on the bus trip, the bus will leave the church parking lot at **10:30am**.

Sunday, May 12—Mother’s Day

- Men’s Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, May 13

- Blood Drive, 1:30–6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Outreach Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Friday, May 17

- Family Game Night, picnic shelter (weather permitting) 6:30pm

Saturday, May 18

- Friendship Club trip; bus leaves church parking lot at 10:30am

Sunday, May 19—Confirmation and Youth Sunday

- Reception for Confirmands, 12pm
- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men’s Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

General Fund Offering (5/5)	\$6,597
Other Offering (5/5)	\$1,838
Sunday School Attendance (5/5)	75
Worship Attendance (5/5).....	207

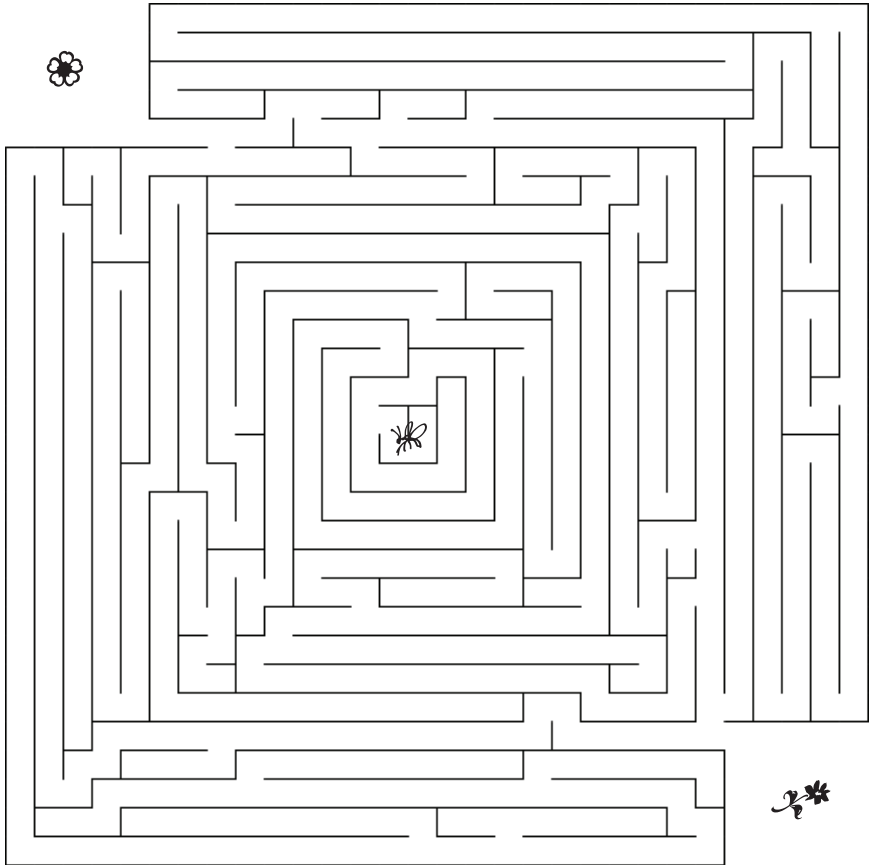
This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

Last Sunday: \$184 Total so far: \$789.50

VBS—THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL

VBS 2024 will be Friday, June 21st – Sunday, June 23rd. There will be classes and activities for Pre-K (3–4 yo), Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, and adult (this includes High School) on the life of the Apostle Paul. Scripture from the Book of Acts tells the story of a man named Saul who worked to silence Christianity—until the risen Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus and changed his life. With his new name, Paul, this one who had persecuted the Church, went on to become one of the greatest apostles.

Crafts, games, music, lunches, snacks, and lessons means we're going to see the light! Adults will also have instruction in calligraphy.



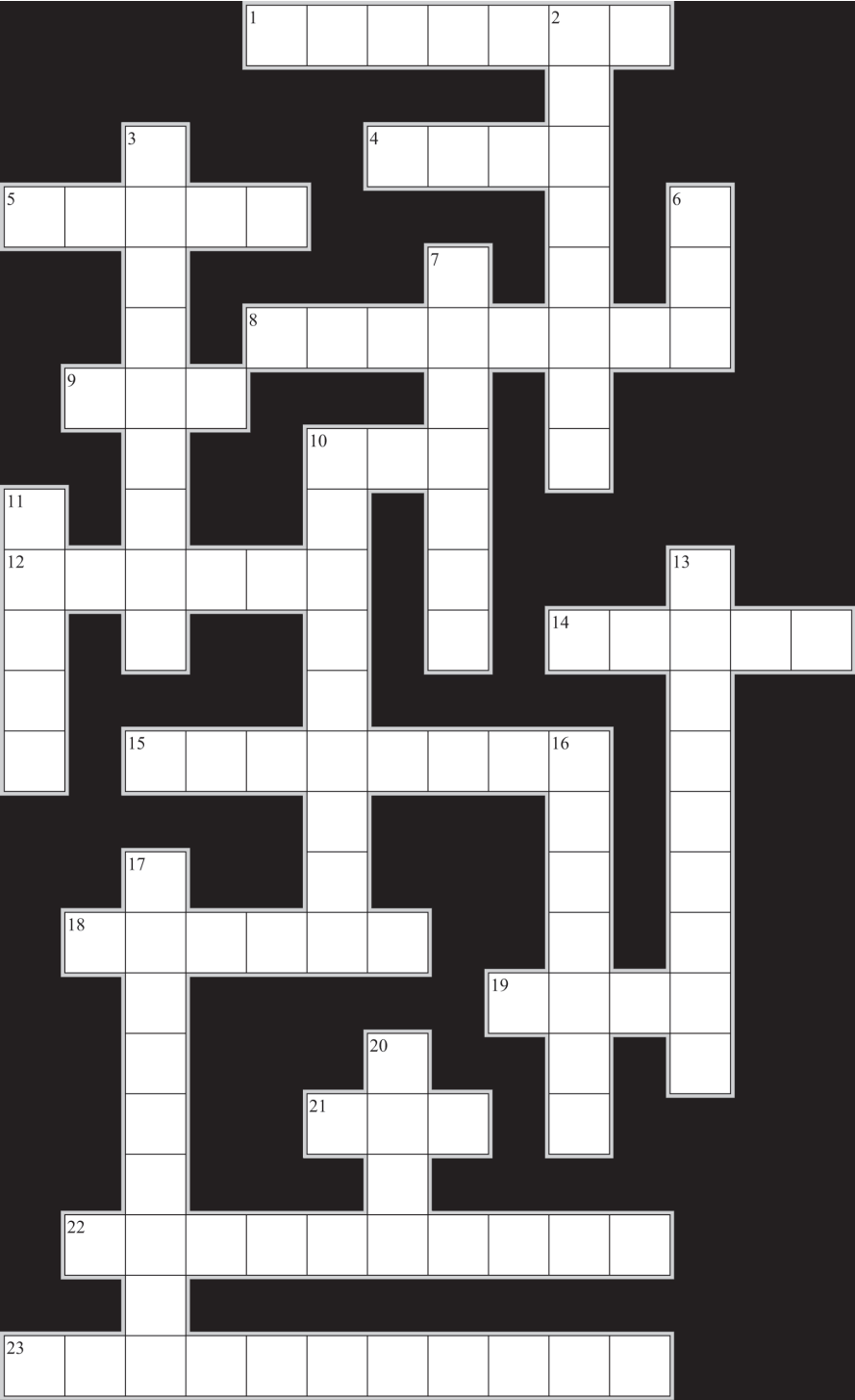
Cruise 'n Barbecue

Our 12th St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue is in the books — and what a great day it was. All glory to God for the perfect weather and the blessings of having this opportunity to show what a loving, caring, and cooperative congregation we have, as we dedicated this year's event to the memory of our friend, Jeff Powlas. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed to the record number of raffle prizes, or attended what most will agree was our best cruise-in yet. Many people will benefit from the \$25,000 that was raised for the Helping Hands Fund. And the follow-up meeting generated some outstanding suggestions as to how we can make next year's event even better for our attendees and volunteers. Mark your calendars now — always the last Saturday in April. Thanks again!

Recent Prayer Needs

- Linda Beaver – Hospice care
- Melissa Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Michael Goodman – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Mark Hunger, Pastor Ryman's brother-in-law – surgery
- Ray Kubitz – Trinity Oaks, room 206 A
- Rosemary Massey, friend of Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Mike Morris – health concerns
- Tommy Rabon – recovering from surgery
- Robin Smith, Mary Lee Earnhardt's cousin – surgery
- Wendy Stamper, friend of Greg Wilhelm – health concerns
- Barbara Whisnant – health concerns
- Ashley Young – health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs.



Seventh Sunday of Easter

*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. God gave us this life.
4. Whoever has the Son has this.
5. If we ask anything of God according to his will, he...
8. The blessed do this with the law day and night.
9. The blessed person takes delight in this.
10. Eternal life is in God's...
12. The apostles and others were devoting themselves to this.
14. Jesus asked that his followers be sanctified in this.
15. Chosen to replace Judas as an apostle
18. They will not stand in the judgment.
19. Jesus asked the Father to keep his followers in his...
21. His testimony is greater than men's.
22. John wrote his epistle so we might have this concerning eternal life.
23. This son was lost to Jesus.

DOWN

2. Field of Blood
3. He was also known as Joseph and Justus.
6. Jesus prayed that his followers would be...
7. There is no room for them in the congregation.
10. Peter proclaimed that it had to be fulfilled.
11. Disciples gathered in this room in the First Lesson.
13. Judas was lost that the Scripture might be...
16. The person who delights in the law of the Lord is like a tree planted by these.
17. The Lord knows their way or conduct.
20. Jesus gave us his Father's...



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Next weeks lessons: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 139:1-16; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15