



The word of God is living and active.
Hebrews 4:12

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome

Announcements

Prelude: “Father, We Thank Thee”

Wilbur Held

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.**

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,

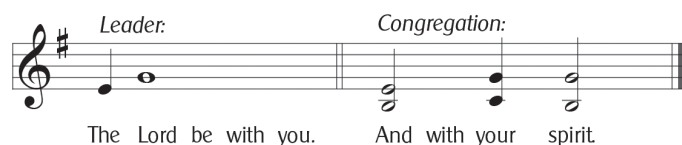
O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



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

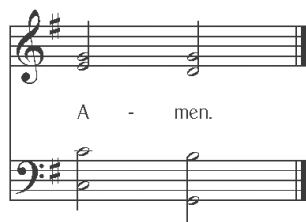
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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace—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: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil — this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:9–16

⁹How shall a young man | cleanse his way?

By keeping | to your words.

¹⁰**With my whole | heart I seek you;**

let me not stray from | your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise | in my heart,

that I may not | sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are | you, O LORD;**

instruct me | in your statutes.

¹³With my lips will | I recite

all the judgments | of your mouth.

¹⁴**I have taken greater delight in the way of | your decrees
than in all man- | ner of riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on | your commandments
and give attention | to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is | in your statutes;
I will not for- | get your word.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:I–16

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “Thy Holy Wings”

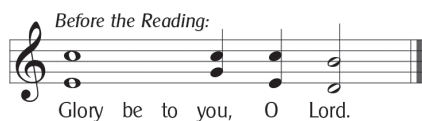
Adult Choir
Soloist, Clara Canup

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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

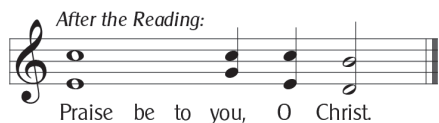


Gospel: Mark 10:23–31

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Confession of Faith

**¹I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

²I 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.

**³I 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: "It's Not a Lottery"

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, 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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but 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.

Exhortation

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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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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

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Just as you have nourished our bodies, you have met our spiritual needs, forgiving the iniquity of your people, and covering all our sin. Your salvation is near to those who fear you, and you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. We offer thanks that on this Lord's Day, you have again blessed us with the assurance of forgiveness through the blessed body and blood of that same Lord Jesus Christ. **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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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "A Grand Recessional"

Jacob Weber

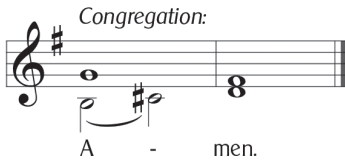
*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

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.



*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of
Teresa Casper Peeler who died Monday, October 14, 2024.
A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 11am
in St. Paul's cemetery. Please keep Teresa's family in your prayers.*



*The altar flowers are in honor of Madeline Mariah Pepper
and Jeremy Wayne Scott who will be married
today at the Barn at Cedar Hill.*

*Provided by Kimberly and Samuel Pepper,
the flowers are also in memory of
Oscar Lee Fesperman and Melvin Lee Pepper, Jr.,
who were both born on October 20.*



Teresa Casper Peeler

November 3, 1961

October 14, 2024

The Graveside service and Committal
will be at eleven o'clock AM.
at the Columbarium in
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

Clothing and Household Items for Binns-Counts

Gently used household items and clothing are being collected in this month for Binns-Counts area residents. John and Carolyn Canup will take these items to the community center after the end of this month. Collection boxes will be in the narthex and by the conference room.

Binns-Counts Toy Collection for Christmas

The Christmas toy collection (babies through teens) will continue **until November 24th**. A group of youth and parents will accompany John and Carolyn Canup the weekend after Thanksgiving to deliver the toys to the center.

The **toys should be new and unwrapped**. Cash donations are also accepted if you don't want to shop for toys. Boxes for collecting the toys will be in the narthex and by the conference room. Thank you for your support.

Wreaths Across America

All money for **Wreaths Across America** needs to be turned in to Nicole Amos by November 25. Each wreath is \$17.

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

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Scan the QR code to learn more or
make a donation online, or visit

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NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

PLEASE HELP - GIRL SCOUT TROOP 743 by
sponsoring a wreath today to be placed on
veterans grave this December at
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.



November Newsletter

Newsletter articles for the November Epistle are due this week. Please have your articles to the church office no later than Tuesday at Noon.

Sunday, October 20

- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Tuesday, October 22

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 23

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

Saturday, October 26

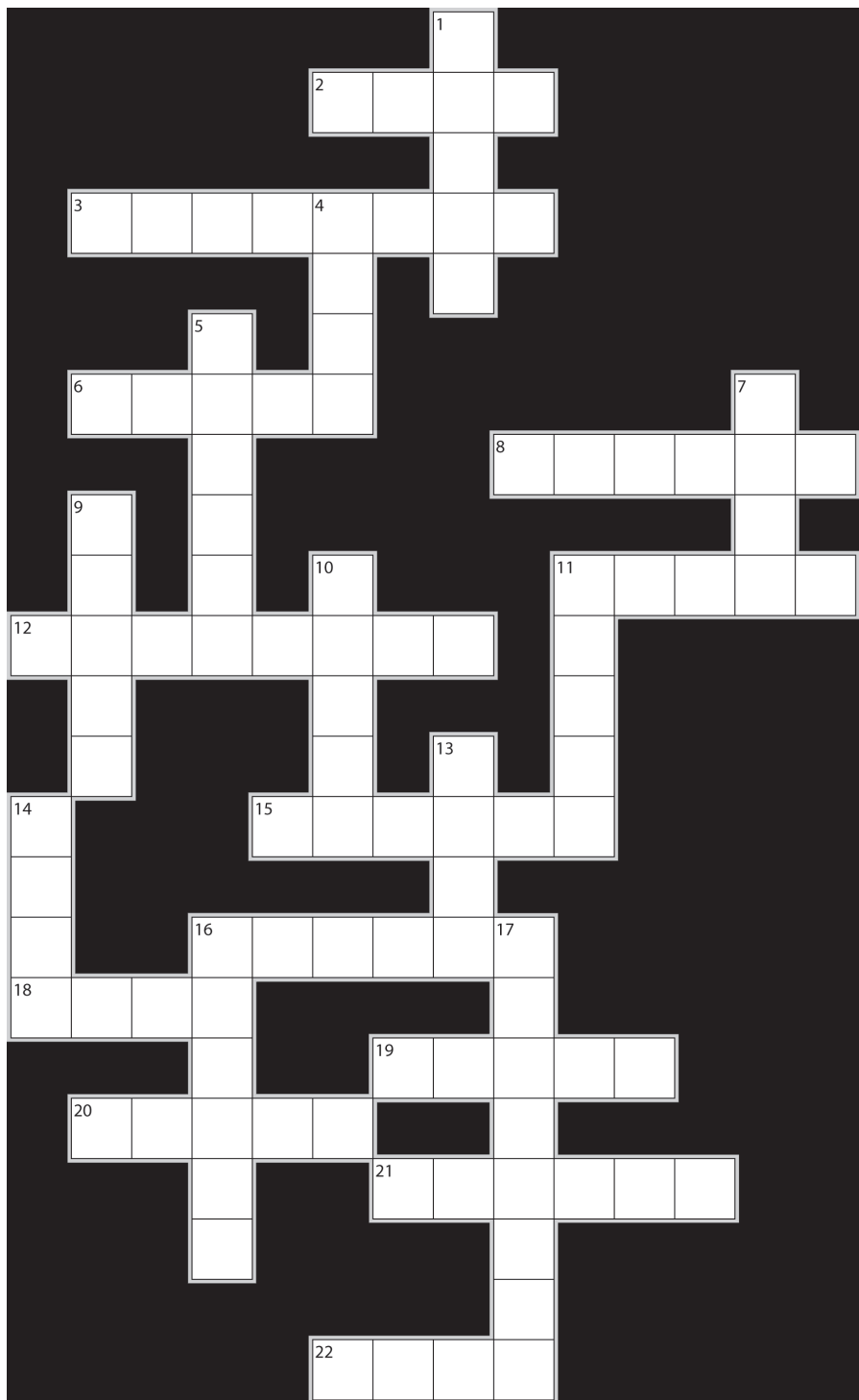
- Graveside Committal service for Teresa Peeler, 11am
- Trunk or Treat, 6:30pm–8pm

Sunday, October 27, Reformation Sunday

- Wear red for Reformation and photo to be taken after worship
- King's Kids music, K-5th grade, 9am
- Webb family reunion, fellowship hall, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Cemetery Committee meeting, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Handbell Practice

There will be no handbell practice in October. The next practice will be on November 3rd at 5pm.



Pentecost 21B

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 3:12-19; and Mark 10:17-22.

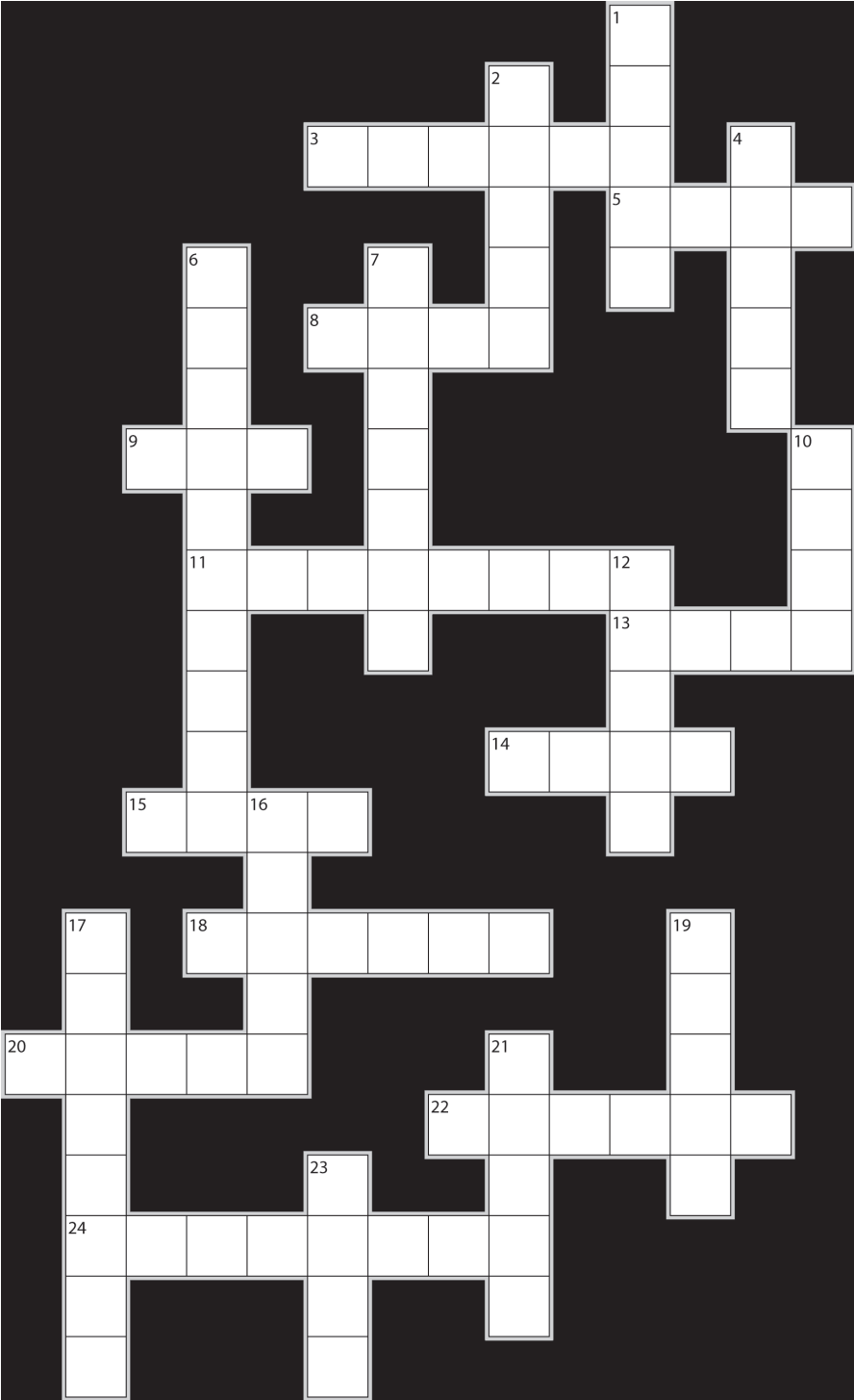
The puzzle, including the six questions from the Psalm, is built using the English Standard Version. It does not use the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

2. Jesus told the rich young man to sell his goods so he might give to them.
3. Entering the promised rest is barred by...
6. Do not harden your hearts when you hear God's...
8. Jesus told the rich young man to do this.
11. Lord, establish the work of our...
12. The unjust turn justice to this bitter plant.
15. We have come to share in him if we hold to him until the end.
16. The unjust will build them but not live in them.
18. Seek the Lord and...
19. God was provoked with the wilderness sinners this many years.
20. Let this regard of God be upon us.
21. If you have this, it will be difficult to enter the kingdom.
22. Teach us to number them.

DOWN

1. The rebels who missed out on the promised land had been led by him.
4. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast...
5. When we learn how few our days are, we may gain a heart of...
7. Seek this so that you may live.
9. No one is good except God...
10. The rich young man told Jesus he had kept the commandments since his...
11. Take care that you don't have an evil one.
13. The unrighteous will plant vineyards but not drink...
14. Seek good, not...
16. Jesus encouraged the rich young man to gain treasure there.
17. Lord, have pity on your...



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from Ecclesiastes 5:10–20;

Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 4:1–16; Mark 10:23–31.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

3. The Word of God is living and...
5. Fix these on God's ways.
8. Many who are first will be...
9. We will not remember the tough days because God will keep us occupied with this.
11. Delight in these.
13. What gain is there for those who toil for this?
14. A person keeps his way pure by guarding his way according to this.
15. This promise stands.
18. If you hear God's voice today, don't harden these.
20. We are to seek God with all of this.
22. What we should not do with God's Word
24. With God, all things are...

DOWN

1. The full stomach of the rich will not let him...
2. Many who are last will be...
4. Who said, "See, we have left everything and followed you"?
6. With man, many things are...
7. There remains this kind of rest.
10. This kind of news has come to us.
12. The Word of God is sharper than any two-edged...
16. The sleep of a laborer is...
17. Meditate on these.
19. It's easier for one to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God.
21. If you love money, this will not satisfy you.
23. Wealth and possessions and power are a _____ from God.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Michael Corley, Sandy's son – health concerns
- Karen Deal – health concerns
- Dan Dolan – recovering from surgery
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Doris Hilliard – upcoming surgery
- Wayne Hinson – upcoming surgery
- Stamie Joyner, friend of Perry Bernhardt – Hospice at home
- Ruth Julian – recovering from surgery
- Tammy Leazer – recovering from surgery
- Brynne Lippard, sister of Kara Burnett – recovering at home
- Lindsay Lowman – recovering from surgery
- Bob McCanless – health concerns
- Barbara Miller, mother of Amy Hoffner – health concerns
- Griffin Morneau, 13-year-old family friend of Amy Barringer – health concerns
- Mita Powlas – recovering from surgery
- Franda Raymer – health concerns
- Ashton Smith, family member of Susan Ryman – health concerns
- Dottie Stancil – health concerns
- Wanda Thomas, sister of Dana Bost and Karen Deal – recovering from surgery

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.**

**With this in mind, be alert
and always keep on praying
for all the Lord's people.**

Ephesians 6:18

Trunk or Treat—Saturday, October 26th, 6:30–8pm

The Youth and Family Committee are sponsoring the annual Trunk or Treat event on October 26th. If you plan to attend as a guest, or as a volunteer, please visit this link and submit online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tvYZANK185>

New Bible Study

We have begun a new Bible study on Tuesdays at 10am and 6pm, learning about the Scriptures used in the Lutheran liturgy. Many do not know that our services are built using Scripture. This Bible study seeks to make us aware of what those Scriptures are and what they mean.

Reformation Sunday

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. We ask that everyone please wear red and meet on the front steps after worship for a group photo.

Extra Puzzle?

The shadow pastor let Pastor Ryman know that last Sunday's puzzle was incorrect. In his effort to get on the road to Ohio, he forgot to change the grid. It is corrected for your puzzlement and pleasure in this bulletin along with this week's as well.

General Fund Offering (10/13)	\$7,185
Other Offering (10/13)	\$6,348
Sunday School Attendance (10/13)	70
Worship Attendance (10/13)	185

Total Last Sunday: \$143 Total so far: \$285

The children's change collections this quarter will benefit

Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries (LMVFM).

LMVFM representatives, including Patrick Dooley, will be with us on December 8th for worship.



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Next weeks lessons: Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36