



We were buried with him by baptism into death.

Romans 6:4

Baptism of Our Lord
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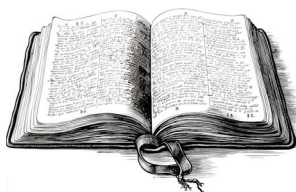
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Cantor: Heather Canup • Lector: Andrew Baker

Communion Assistants: Travis Alligood & Autumn Hill

This Week's Memory Verse

We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.
(Romans 6:4)



Memory Verse Aid

WWBTWH
BBID,
IOT,
JACWRFTD
BTGOTF,
WTMWINOL.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” J. Schop

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand* 56

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection and self-examination

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.**

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. By Christ's authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Hymn: "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

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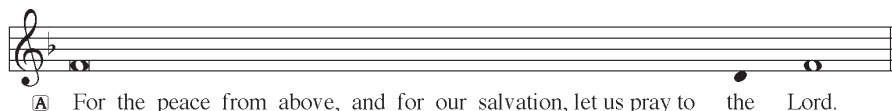
Greeting

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.

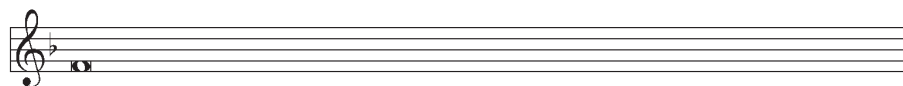
The Kyrie

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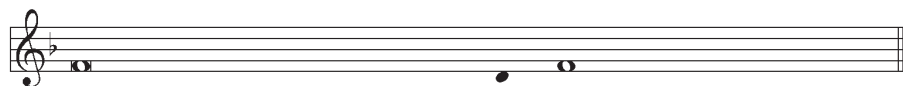




☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



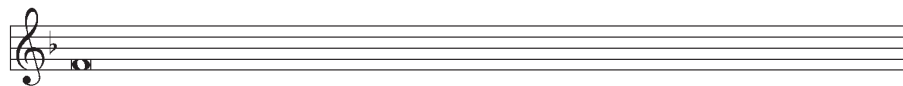
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



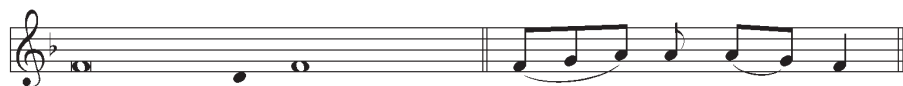
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☐ A - men

Hymn of Praise

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☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.





Prayer of the Day



Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1–7

¹Now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the
God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the
voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple | of the LORD
all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as | King forevermore.**

¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We

know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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Gospel: Luke 3:15–22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprov- ed by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The New Life"

Hymn: "The Only Son from Heaven"

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Confession of Faith

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Let us profess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**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.

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

The Prayers of the Church

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

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

Offering

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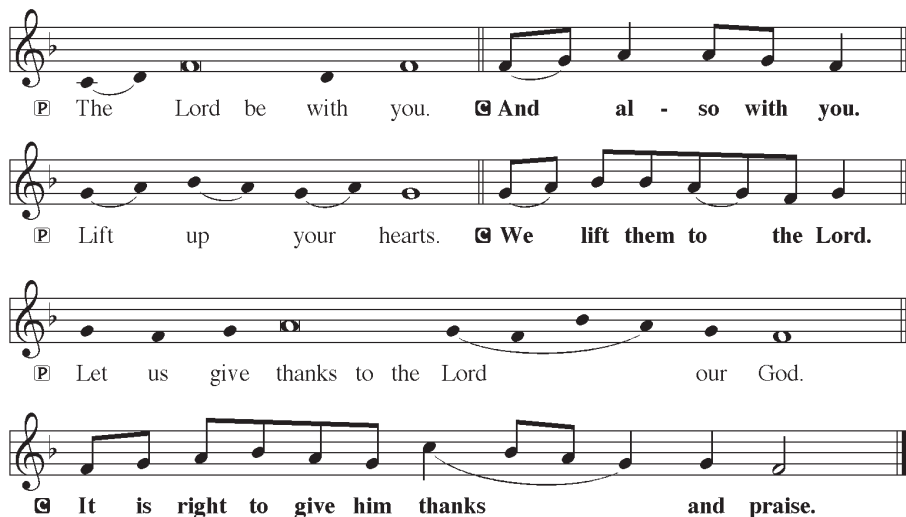
Anthem: “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” Adult Choir

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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,

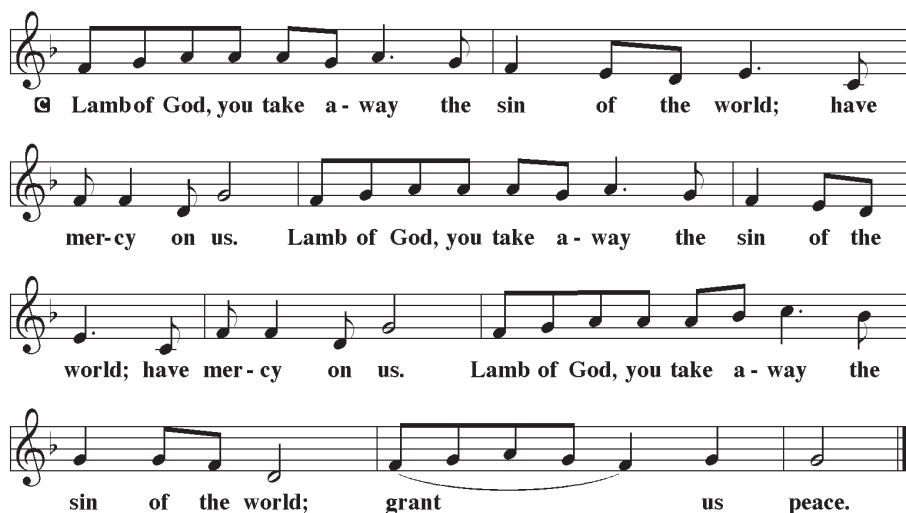
forever and ever. Amen



Distribution of Holy Communion

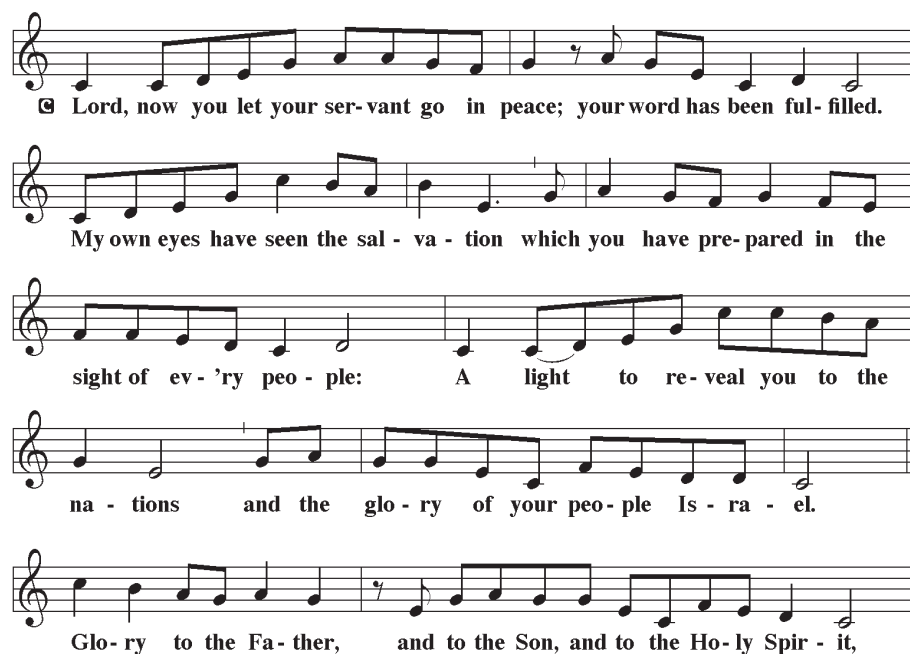
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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life—and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Philip Nicolai

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

The Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our congregation
by Louise Eller, Betty Niedens,
and Linda Shirley, who also arranged the flowers.*

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Winter Weather Policy

Monday through Friday, if schools are closed, activities at St. Paul's are cancelled. For Sundays, consult the church website, WBTV, WCCB, WCNC, or WSOC.

Acolyte and Crucifer Training

Acolyte and Crucifer training will be held on **Sunday, January 26th, at 3pm** in the sanctuary. This training is for any youth 4th grade or higher. Please contact Bethany Whisnant if your child plans to attend, or if you have any questions. You may text or call Bethany @ 704-640-2402.

Sunday, January 12

- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, January 13

- Ridenhour & Lingle Circles, supper at Blue Bay, 6pm
- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Finance Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 14

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm

Wednesday, January 15

- Deadline for 2025 yearbook information
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation, 7pm

Thursday, January 16

- Friendship Club, 10:30am

Sunday, January 19

- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – health concerns
- Nancy Crapster, friend of Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Helen Gordon – recovering from surgery
- Wayne Hinson – recovering from surgery
- Matt Holland – health concerns
- Della Jenkins – health concerns, Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Andrea Lyerly – health concerns
- Phyllis Lynch, mother of Sherry Barringer – health concerns
- Michelle Orbison – recovering from surgery
- Jenn Stringham, friend of the Lord family – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Liberty Commons Rehab
- Scott Watson, son of Larry & Leilani Watson – health concerns
- Rick Walker – health concerns
- Steve Yost – health concerns

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

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General Fund Offering (1/5)	\$13,230
Other Offering (1/5)	\$7,031
Sunday School Attendance (1/5)	76
Worship Attendance (1/5)	185

Last Sunday: \$149.50
During the first quarter of 2025,
the children's change collections
will benefit Lutherans for Life.

The Holy Ghost and Fire

Find the 29 bold words from Luke 3:15–18 ERV.

W H U Z U N G D I O P W P R E
F A O L A N N O M L H T E M S
F V T L T U I F O E I A Y B N
A L D E Y W I T A D S H L S A
H N O D R R S T I O T N P N E
C G H O E I U N N R R K A Y L
D H O O R M G E O U A I H M C
C O G H J S D W B A P T I Z E
O S C V W R E S D D M G I Y I
M T W D E M B O U G H B J G L
E D S T R A E H H T J U Z A T
T E H C T A L R I S N A F T O
H V S I T H R E S H I N G H N
R E N R A G R U N L O O S E E
P R E A C H E D W Q M N H R V

And as the people were in expectation, and all men **reasoned** in their **hearts** concerning **John**, whether **haply** he were the **Christ**; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed **baptize** you with **water**; but there **cometh** he that is **mightier** than I, the **latchet** of whose **shoes** I am **not worthy** to **unloose**: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost** and with **fire**: whose **fan** is in his hand, throughly to **cleanse** his **threshing-floor**, and to **gather** the **wheat** into his **garner**; but the **chaff** he will **burn** up with unquenchable fire. With many other exhortations therefore **preached** he **good tidings** unto the people.

Unscramble the verse:

Oyu are ym dvboeel ons ihwt you I ma llew pasdeel.

Collection for Koontz Elementary

Koontz Elementary School is in need of sweatpants and leggings (new please) for their students. The Lutheran Women have a bin in the Narthex to collect these items.

Sizes needed are Youth xs–2xl leggings or sweatpants for girls, and sweatpants for Youth boys small–2xl. We will collect these items through Sunday, January 26. Thank you for helping these students at Koontz.

Outreach Committee Needs Photos

In preparation for our Beach/SOS Dinner on Saturday, February 15th, at 5:00, we would like to collect photos of church members. Maybe a photo of you dancing, a prom picture or a picture of you in high school. Gina Barringer is going to make a slide show for our dinner. After the meal we will have a guessing game with the photos.

Either email the photo to Gina at ginabarringer@yahoo.com, or if you have a photo you want to give to her pass it on to her at church. Please put your name on the picture so we will know who it is and so we may return it to you. These need to be to Gina by January 26th, so she can put the slide show together.

Also, in preparation for our dinner Sandy and Tim Canup are offering Shag lessons on Thursday, February 6th and 13th. Come on out for some fun and fellowship, and get a few steps in too.

**The LORD shall give strength
to his people.
the LORD shall give his people
the blessing of peace.**

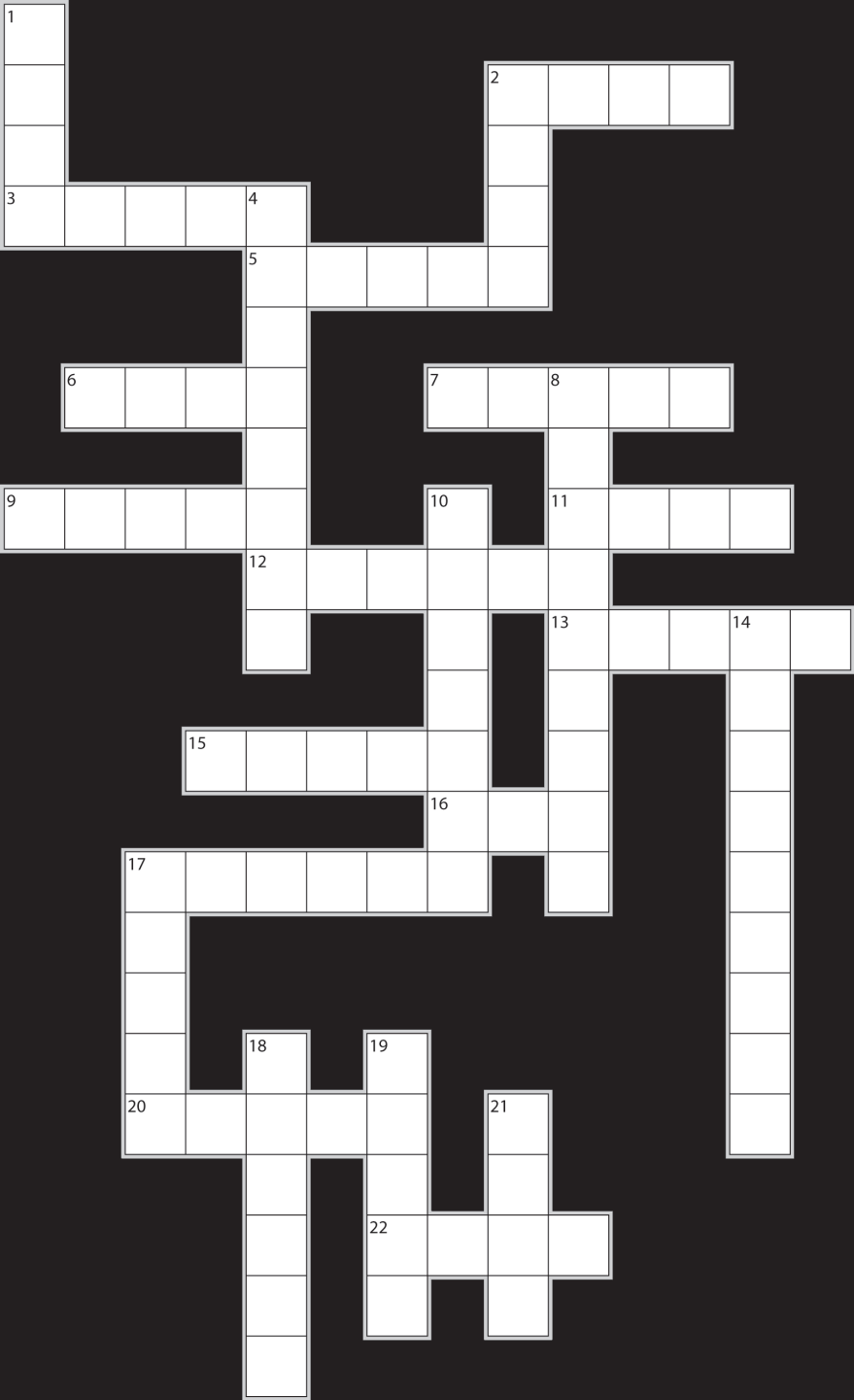
Psalm 29:11

Alive unto God

Find the 26 bold words from Romans 6:5–11 ERV.

C E H A E O L D W S H C I B D
R F G C M A W A Y S Z C O E P
U E N A H A E H T E I D A X W
C O D L D T N Q I N Y D C U N
I C E K I N A V J E E Z A O D
F X I C A V O E B K E M I E R
I Z D L I F E B D I A T I N A
E B E L I E V E H L C F L O I
D T S I R H C V I E I S I I S
T I U Y Z E Z V R T M U V N E
D E T I N U E R S I D S E I D
D E Z O P I U U M A V E T M Z
E B D Y U S J T U I A J H O S
G H X F E Z V N D B N I S D D
E Y V R D Y W I X G F Y G C A

For if we have become **united** with him by the likeness of his **death**, we shall be also by the **likeness** of his **resurrection**; knowing this, that our **old man** was **crucified** with him, that the **body** of **sin** might be **done away**, that so we should no longer be in **bondage** to sin; for he that hath **died** is **justified** from sin. But if we died with Christ, we **believe** that we shall also **live** with him; knowing that Christ being **raised** from the **dead dieth** no more; death no more hath **dominion** over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin **once**: but the **life** that he **liveth**, he liveth unto God. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but **alive** unto God in **Christ Jesus**.



The Baptism of Our Lord

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

2. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a...
3. Jacob's ransom
5. He locked up the baptist.
6. He preached good news in the gospel lesson.
7. Ascribe to the Lord this and strength.
9. It is over the waters.
11. Because the Lord has redeemed you, you should not do this.
12. These will not overwhelm you.
13. May the Lord bless his people with this.
15. We should consider ourselves this way toward God.
16. Should we continue in this so that grace might abound?
17. The voice of the Lord flashes forth these.
20. We have been baptized into Christ's what?
22. Jesus has this in his hand.

DOWN

1. God has called his people by this.
2. They are free from sin.
4. The God of glory...
8. God will bring him from the east. It is singular. See Galatians 3:16 for the reason.
10. We are to walk in this kind of life.
14. This happened to our old self in baptism.
17. The Lord sits enthroned over this.
18. The Lord will be with you when you pass through these.
19. Jesus will burn this with unquenchable fire.
21. Jesus will gather the wheat into this.



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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