



Do whatever he tells you.

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025 • 10:30AM

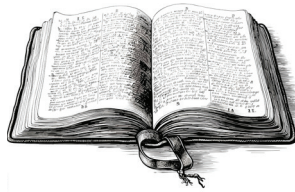
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This Week's Memory Verse

...so that you are not lacking in any gift,
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who will sustain you to the end,
guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 1:7-8)



Memory Verse Aid

...STYANLIAG,
AYWFTROOLJC,
WWSYTTE,
GITDOOLJC.
(1C 1:7-8)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Brightest and Best”

Robert Hobby

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand*

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If 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: "All Praise to You, O Lord"

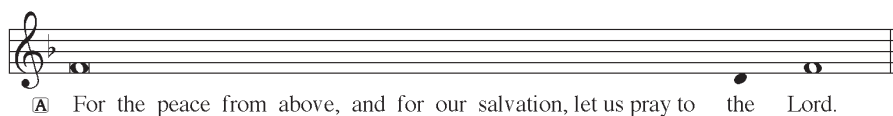
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Greeting

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.

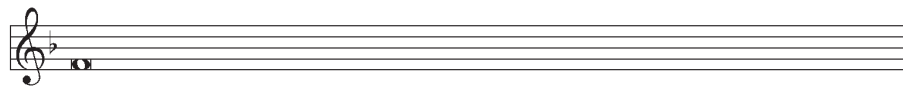
The Kyrie

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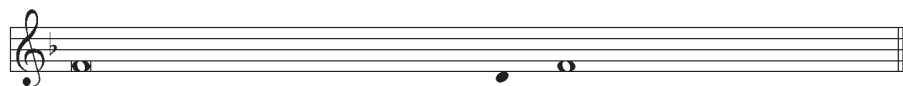




☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



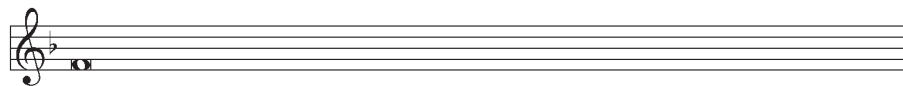
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



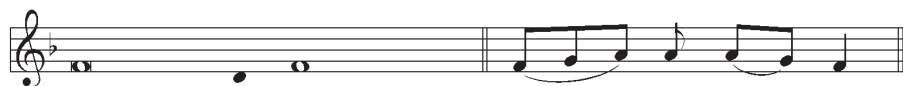
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ 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



Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 128

¹Happy are they all who | fear the LORD,
and who follow | in his ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit | of your labor;**
happiness and prosperity | shall be yours.

³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house,
your children like olive shoots round | about your table.

⁴**The man who | fears the LORD
shall thus in- | deed be blessed.**

⁵The LORD bless | you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days | of your life.

⁶**May you live to see your | children's children;
may peace be | upon Israel.**

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter. 63



Gospel: John 2:I-II

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Signs of the Savior”

Hymn: “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

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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.

**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**

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 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:



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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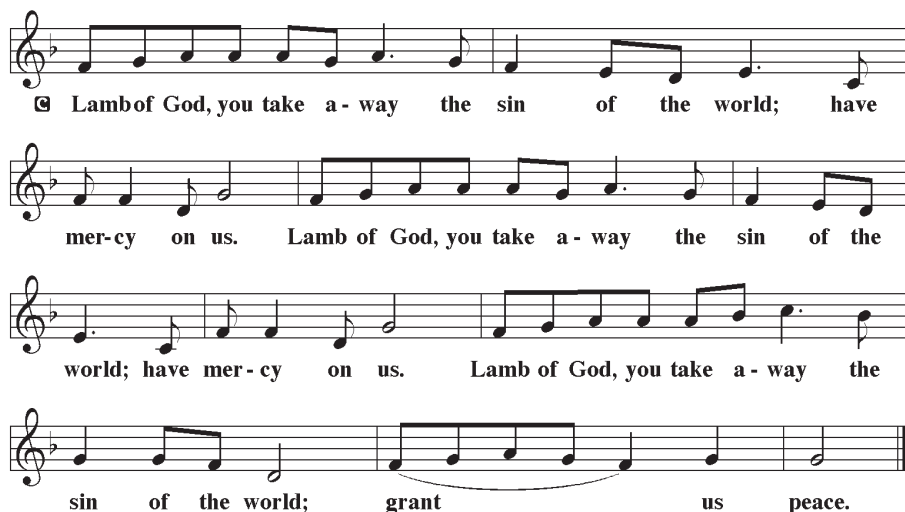
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
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

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,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

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: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Janet Linker

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.

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

*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.

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 you may do so 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.

General Fund Offering (1/12).....	\$4,151
Other Offering (1/12)	\$547
*Sunday School Attendance (1/12).....	-0-
*Worship Attendance (1/12).....	-0-

**All activities were canceled on the 12th because of ice.*

Acolyte and Crucifer Training

Acolyte and Crucifer training will be held **next Sunday, January 26th, at 3 pm** 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 19

- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, January 20

- February newsletter articles due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 21

- Bible Study class, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 25

- Girl Scout cookie pick-up, fellowship hall, 3pm–5pm
- Young adult meet & greet at Mean Mug, 5pm

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.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – hospitalized
- Edna Chapman – High Point Regional hospital, room 628
- 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
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Andrea Lyerly – health concerns
- Phyllis Lynch, mother of Sherry Barringer – health concerns
- Michelle Orbison – health concerns
- 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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Answer Your Phone

Mary Lee Earnhardt has graciously taken on the ministry of scheduling shut-in visits with our pastors. It has come to our attention that some of our members do not answer their telephones. This is likely due to not knowing who is calling. If you are a shut-in and have not heard from Mary Lee, know that she is trying. Please call her (704-636-0822) so that she may schedule visits from our pastors.

2025 Cruise'n Barbecue Planning

The new year means it's time for the Cruise 'n Barbecue steering committee to begin planning for the big day on April 26th. Volunteer signup sheets will be distributed beginning next Sunday. Thank you for making St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue one of the area's favorite and most enjoyable events!

Lutheran Men — January 27

The first 2025 meeting of St. Paul's Men will be on Monday, January 27th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will include a program by well-known cyclist and runner, David Freeze.

Rather than the always interesting programs about his cross-country bicycling trips, documented each year in the Salisbury Post, David will share about the serious farm accident he incurred in May of last year—one that threatened to end his bicycling and running careers.

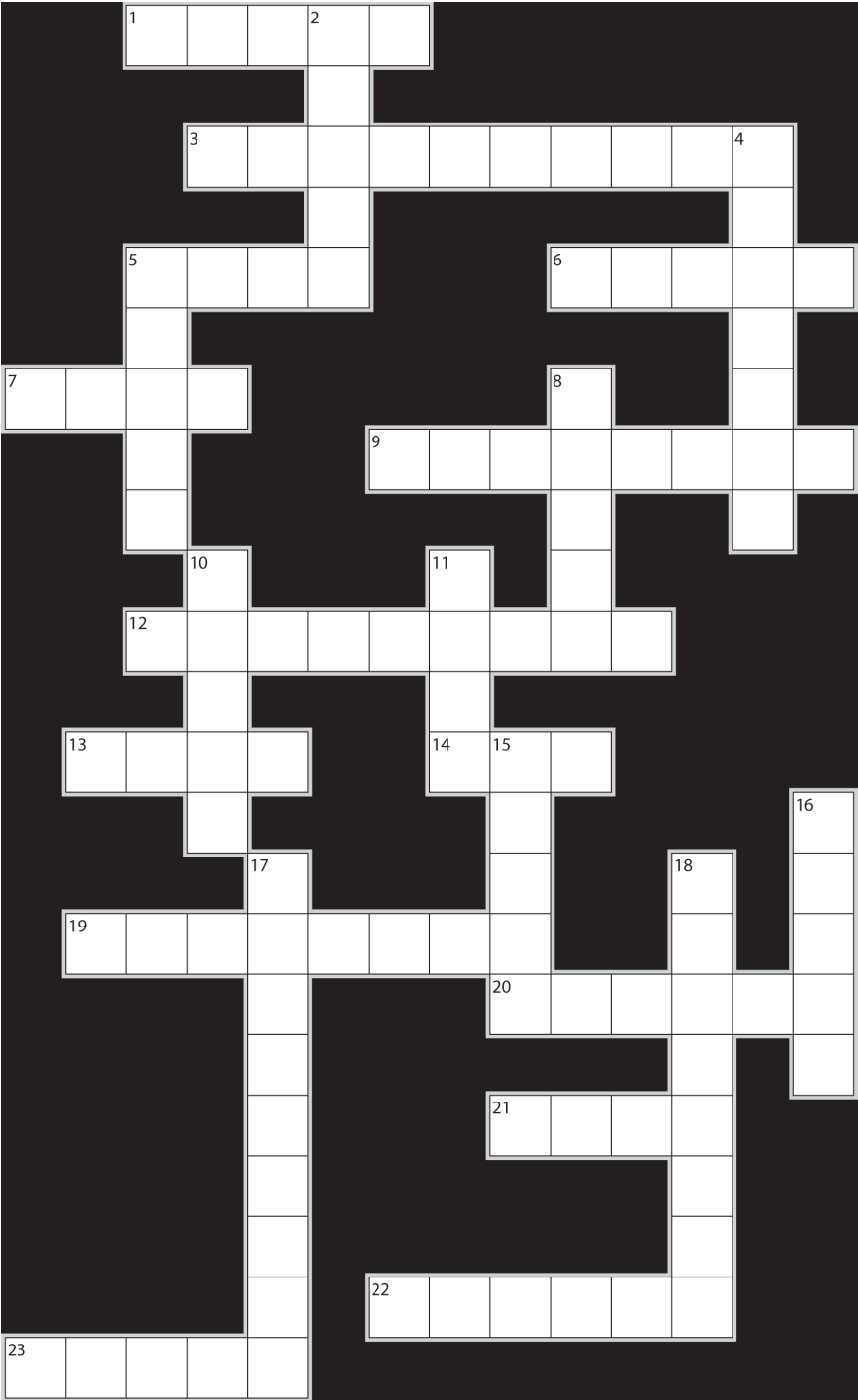
We hope you'll join us as we kick off 2025 with this inspirational story of overcoming adversity, and the need for being prepared for unexpected twists and turns that life brings us.

New Member's Class

We appreciate all of our visitors, especially those who keep on coming. But it's time to be a member.

A new members class will be taught by Pastor Ryman in the chapel for three consecutive Sundays. Please call the church office to let us know you will be in attendance so that the correct number of handouts will be available.

Noon–12:45 pm
February 9th, 16th, and 23rd



Epiphany 2C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. There are varieties of them.
3. He rejoices over the bride.
5. The master of the feast thought the bridegroom had kept this wine until last.
6. Blessed is everyone who behaves toward God this way.
7. The Lord will not keep silent for her sake.
9. May you see your children's what?
12. For her sake the Lord will not be quiet.
13. Who in the church is given gifts of the Spirit?
14. There were these many water jars at the feast.
19. The wife of him who fears the Lord will be this kind of vine.
20. He apportions spiritual gifts.
21. Where was the wedding held?
22. Gifts are given for this good.
23. They will see the glory of God's people.

DOWN

2. There was a wedding on this day.
4. The name of the land of God's people.
5. When Jesus did his first miracle, he manifested this.
8. Your children will be like these shoots.
10. May this be upon Israel.
11. Blessed is everyone who walks in these.
15. When the Corinthians were pagans, they were led astray by these.
16. Wisdom, speaking knowledge, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, and interpretation are manifestations of the Spirit. But so is this gift.
17. Besides Jesus and his mother, who were other guests?
18. God's people will no longer be known by this term.

Do What He Says

Find the 28 bold words from John 2:1–8 ERV.

Z C M A X Z T G C S R B R E W
S I X X P C U E T C S E T M A
D A O J Z D M N Y T H W H O T
E G A I R R A M O T Q W I C E
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And the **third day** there was a **marriage** in **Cana** of **Galilee**; and the **mother** of Jesus was there: and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when the **wine failed**, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus saith unto her, “Woman, what have I to do with thee? **Mine hour is not yet come.**” His mother saith unto the **servants**, “Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.” Now there were **six waterpots** of **stone** set there after the Jews’ manner of **purifying**, containing two or three **firkins** apiece. **Jesus** saith unto them, “Fill the **waterpots** with **water.**” And they filled them up to the **brim**. And he saith unto them, “**Draw** out now, and **bear** unto the **ruler** of the **feast.**” And they **bare** it.



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Next weeks lessons: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:1-14; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:16-30

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