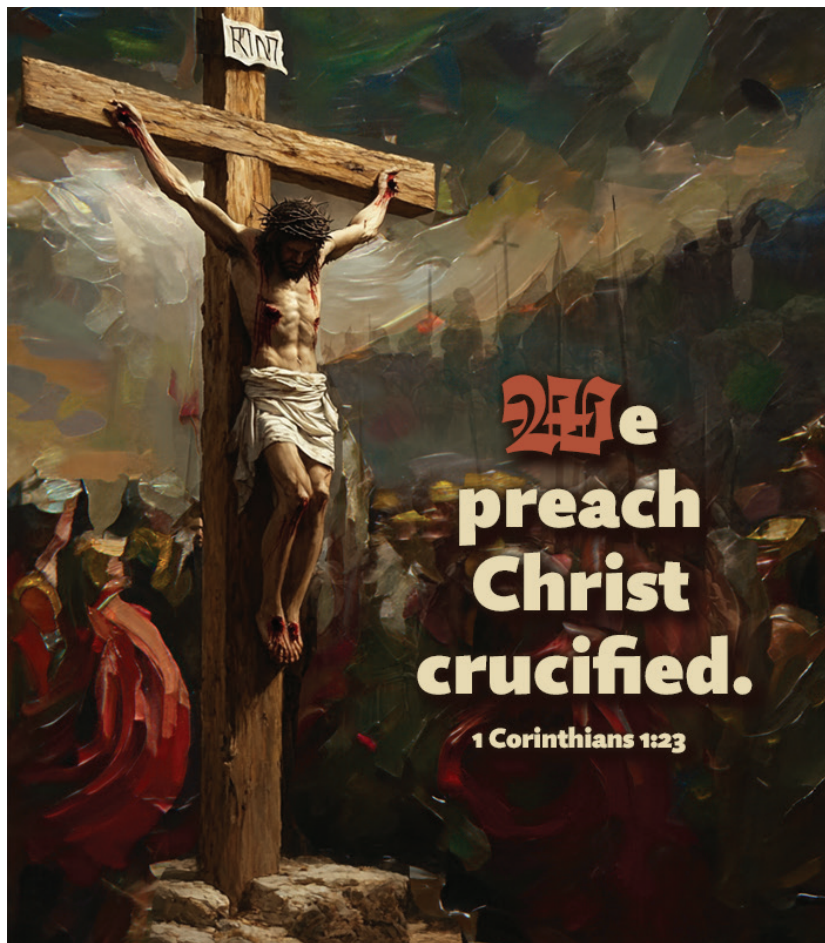




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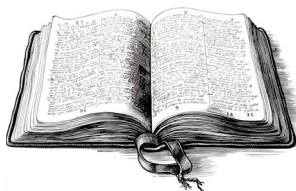
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This Week's Memory Verse

So that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
(Philippians 2:10-11)



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Variations on an American Hymn Tune” G. Young

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand* 56

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: "Rise, Shine, You People"

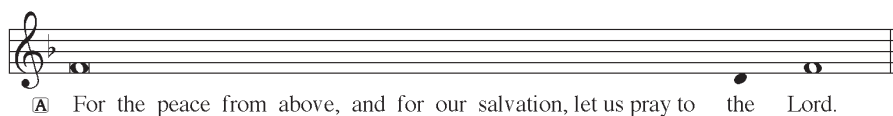
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Greeting

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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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.

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

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. [C] A - men

Hymn of Praise

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. [1] Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

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





Prayer of the Day



O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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: Jeremiah 1:4–10, 17–19

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, LORD God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

¹⁷“But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and

the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.” The word of the Lord.

Psalm 71:1–11

¹In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never | be ashamed.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, | O LORD God,
my confidence since | I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother’s womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

⁷I have become a por- | tent to many;
but you are my refuge | and my strength.

⁸**Let my mouth be full | of your praise
and your glory all | the day long.**

⁹Do not cast me off in | my old age;
forsake me not when | my strength fails.

¹⁰**For my enemies are talk- | ing against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life
take coun- | sel together.**

¹¹They say, “God has forsaken him; go after | him and seize him;
because there is none | who will save.”

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

^{31b}I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I

deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter

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Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have

you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house.

Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children’s Chat

Sermon: “The Word of Authority”

Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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: "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness"

Men's Choir



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.

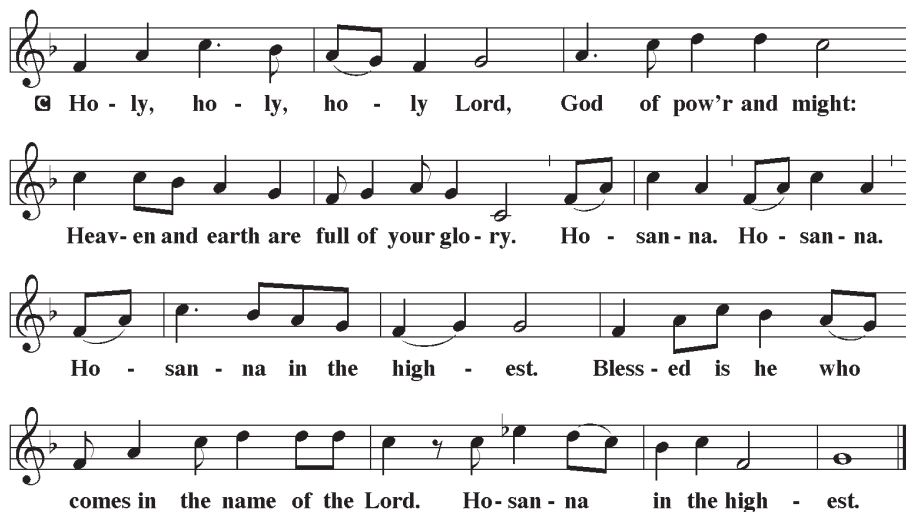
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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,

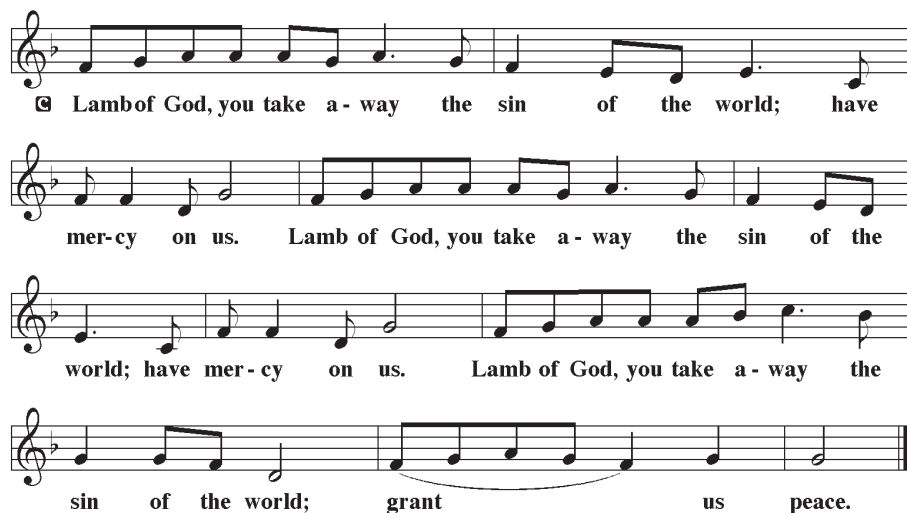
Our Father, who art in heaven,
¹hallowed be thy name,
²thy kingdom come,

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

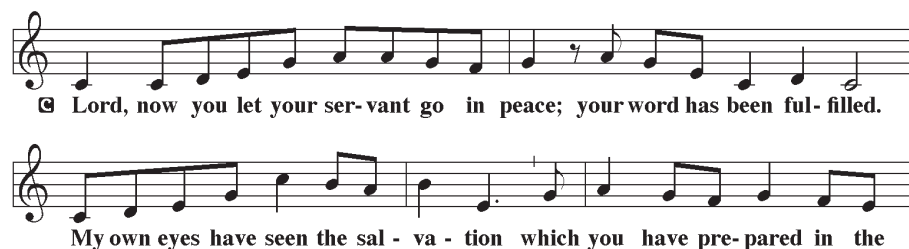
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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

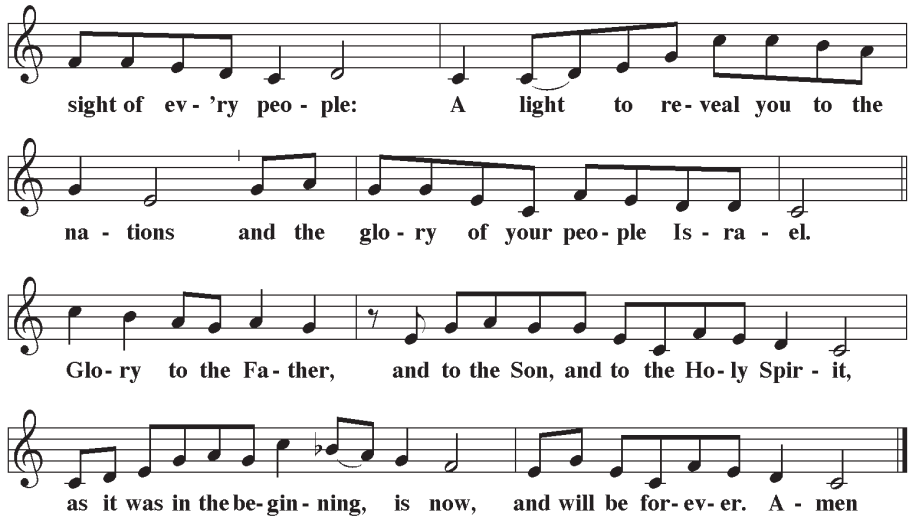


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

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



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: “Trumpet Voluntary”

Gordon Young

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

W

We extend our love and sympathy to Spencer Newsome and family on the death of Spencer's grandmother, Betty Cathey Newsome. Betty died Saturday, Janaury 25, 2025. Please keep Spencer and his family in your prayers.

New Member’s Class

We appreciate all of our visitors, especially those who keep on coming. 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

Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – home
- Edna Chapman – Pine Acres Center for Rehab, Lexington
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Matt Holland – health concerns
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – 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
- Steve Yost – health concerns

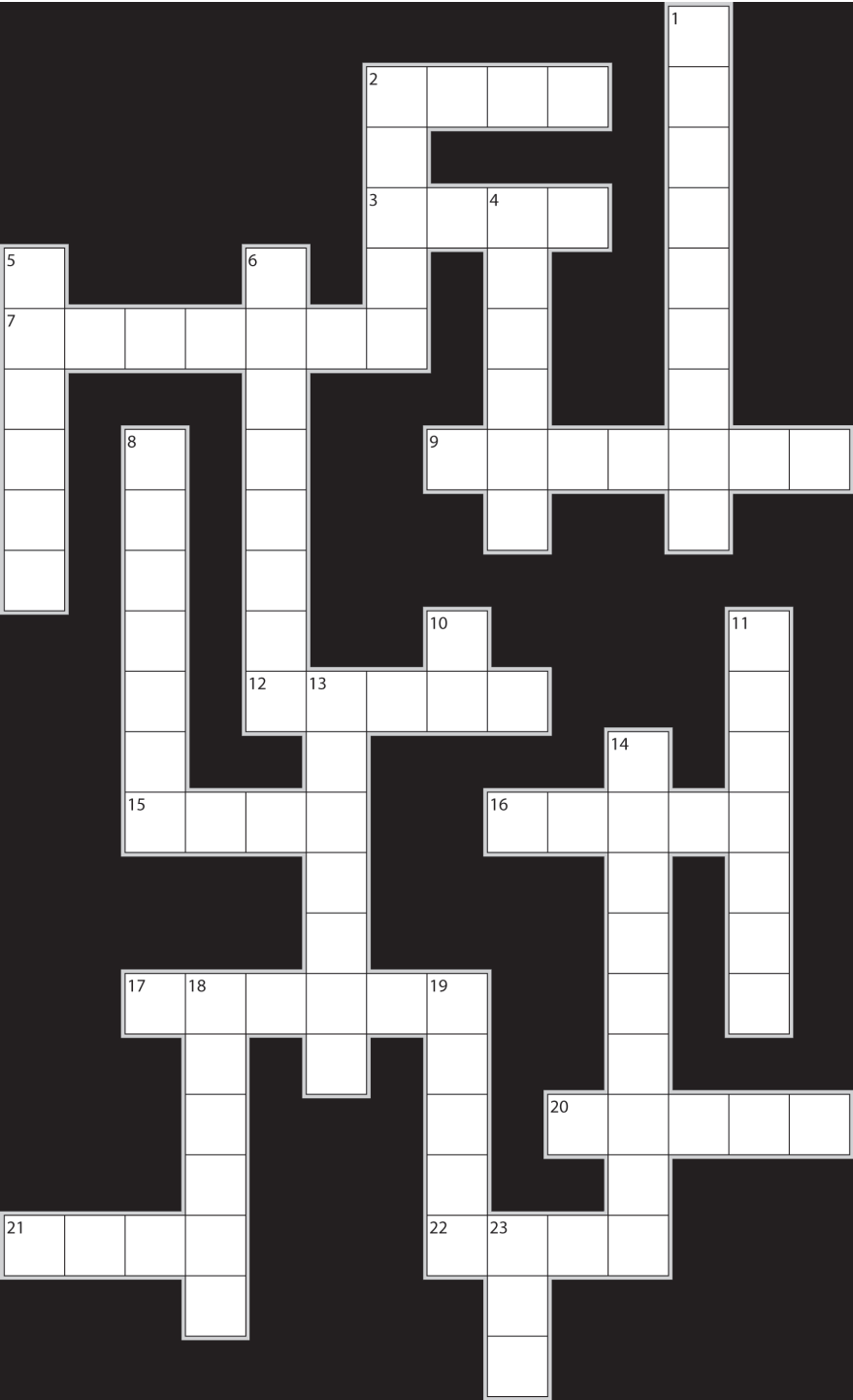
For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

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General Fund Offering (1/26)	\$9,600
Other Offering (1/26).....	\$1,218
Sunday School Attendance (1/26).....	69
Worship Attendance (1/26).....	186

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$138.00 Total so far: \$435.50
During the first quarter of 2025, the children’s change collections will benefit Lutherans for Life.



Epiphany 4C

Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19; Psalm 71:1-6, 7-11;

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44.

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

2. God knew Jeremiah before he formed him there.
3. The psalmist asked the Lord to be this kind of refuge.
7. The psalmist said they consulted together.
9. Love is kind and...
12. God told Jeremiah to do this with whatever he commanded.
15. O Lord, you are my...
16. The Lord was the psalmist's trust since his...
17. The demons knew Jesus was him.
20. Jesus healed his mother-in-law.
21. It endures all things.
22. The demon called Jesus this one of God.

DOWN

1. God made Jeremiah to be this kind of city.
2. God put these in Jeremiah's mouth.
4. If you don't have love, you're a clanging...
5. The psalmist took this in the Lord.
6. God set Jeremiah over nations and...
8. Jesus was teaching on the...
10. What the man with the unclean spirit cried
11. If you give away all you have, including your life, and do it without love, you gain this.
13. God told Jeremiah that they would be against him but not...
14. Jesus' word possessed this.
18. Desire these gifts.
19. Love rejoices with this.
23. The psalmist asked God not to cast him off in this age.

Sunday, February 2

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Handbell Choir, 5pm
- No Vespers tonight

Monday, February 3

- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation, 7pm

Thursday, February 6

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Shag lessons in the fellowship hall, 6pm

Saturday, February 8

- Middle/High School youth, snow-tubing

Sunday, February 9

- Scott Licht with Lutherans for Life guest preacher
- Membership class, Noon
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship & Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Kathy Ketchie circle, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Shag Dance Lessons

In preparation for the February 15th dinner and dance, Sandy and Tim Canup are offering **Shag lessons** on Thursday, February 6th, and 13th, at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Invite friends to join us for fun and fellowship with some dance steps!

Beach/SOS Dinner Night

The Outreach Committee has made final plans for the Beach/SOS Dinner Night on Saturday, **February 15th, at 5:00**. To help with the program we are asking church members to give a **high school photo** to Gina Barringer for a slide show, or email her a photo at ginabarringer@yahoo.com.

The meal will be catered by Rockwell Café and consist of barbecue, baked beans, slaw, buns, and cherry cobbler. **Tickets** will be on sale after service in the Ladies Parlor on Sundays, February 2nd and 9th. Adult tickets are \$10.00, ages 4-10-\$7.00, and ages 3 and under are free.

We will provide shag music for dancing after the meal along with limbo and hula-hoop contests, and a slide show to guess who members of the church are. Come dressed to impress for the Beach Night! Prizes will be awarded for best dressed.

We want to use this night to help with relief efforts in Western North Carolina. We will have a truck parked at the event to collect items to take to Valley Hope Church. This church is in Swannanoa and is helping with relief efforts. Below are the only items they are collecting now:

- **Paper Products—paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex**
- **Cleaning Supplies—dish soap, sponges, hand soap, laundry detergent**
- **Trash bags—kitchen and contractor black bags**
- **Hispanic food**
- **Baby squeeze pouches and unsweetened applesauce**
- **Size 5, 6, 7 diapers and pull ups**
- **NEW coats, NEW shoes, NEW socks, NEW underwear for all ages & sizes**

If you are unable to bring items on Saturday, the truck will be available after service on Sunday, February 16th.

If you would rather give a monetary donation, we will be accepting those at the dinner also. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's, and mark it **Outreach WNC**. The Outreach Committee will match up to \$500 out of our treasury for the total of your donations.

Preaching Glad Tidings

Find the 27 bold words from Luke 4:40–44 ERV.

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

And when the **sun** was **setting**, all they that had any **sick** with **divers diseases** brought them unto him; and he **laid his hands** on every one of them, and **healed** them. And **devils** also came out from many, **crying** out, and saying, Thou art the **Son of God**. And **rebuking** them, he **suffered** them **not** to **speak**, because they knew that he was the **Christ**. And when it was day, he came out and went into a **desert** place: and the **multitudes sought** after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that he should not go from them. But he said unto them, I must **preach** the **good tidings** of the **kingdom** of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent. And he was preaching in the **synagogues** of **Galilee**.



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

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