



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
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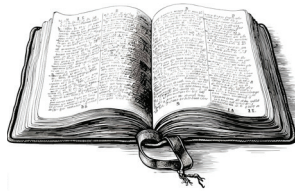
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This Week's Memory Verse

For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
(Psalm 30:5)



Memory Verse Aid

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(P305)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost” Buxtehude

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: "Glories of Your Name Are Spoken"

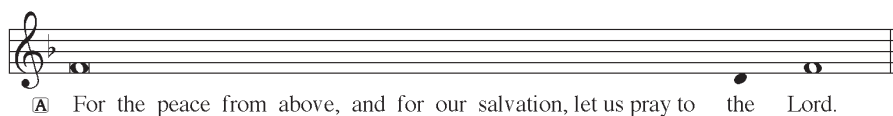
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Greeting

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.

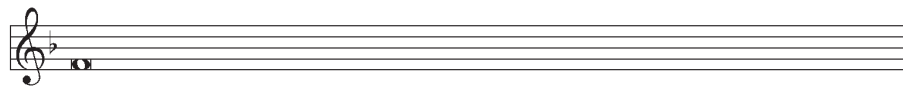
The Kyrie

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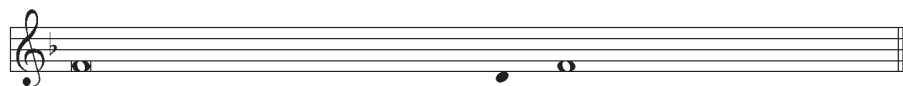




☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



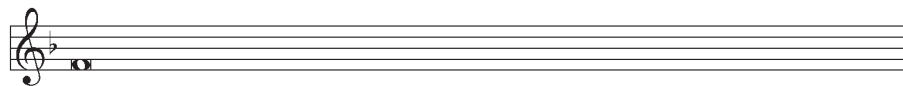
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



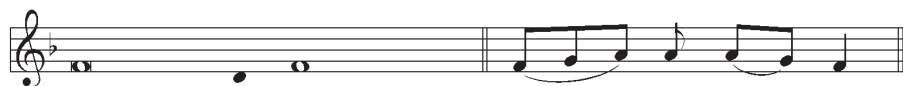
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ 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



O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that

he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixth chapter.

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Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and

spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “The Two Ways”

Hymn: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

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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.**

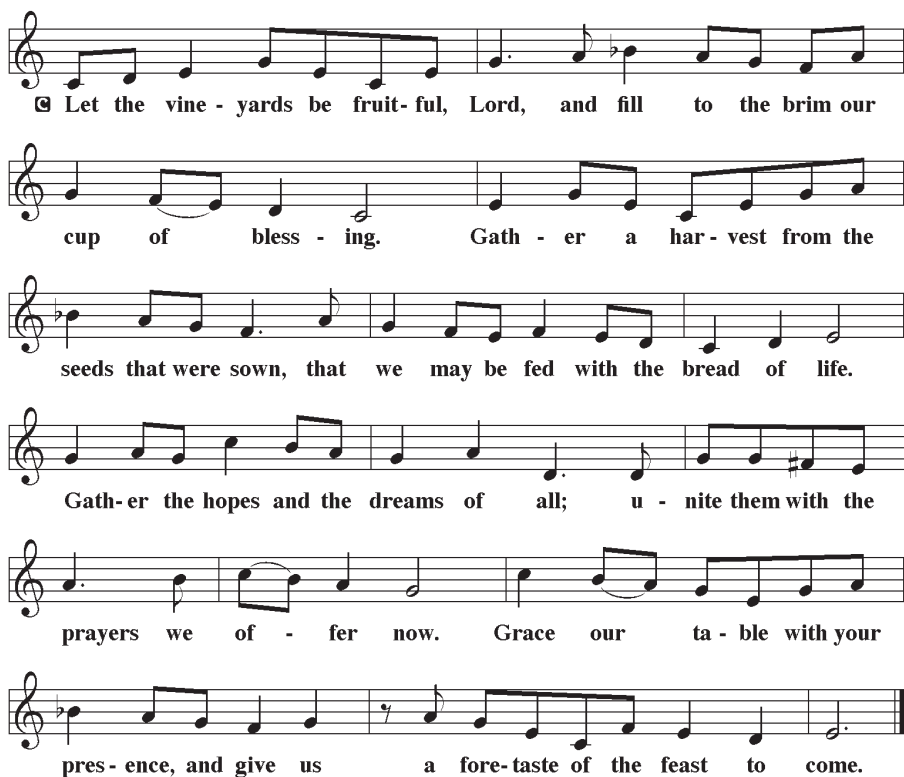
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Offering

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Anthem: "Lamb of God"

Stan McConnell

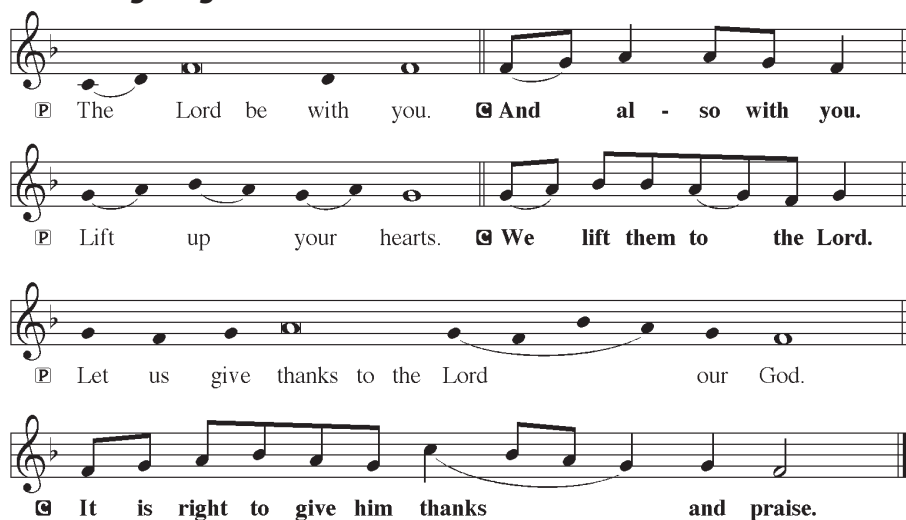


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

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

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his—through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Postlude: “O God Beyond All Praising”

Anna Laura Page

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



Family Game Night – Mario Kart Tournament **Friday, February 21, 6:30pm–9pm**

Join us for Family Game Night featuring a Mario Kart Tournament! Pizza will be served for dinner while the games commence! Mario Kart on the big screens, and board games for those who are not in the tournament. Fun for the whole family! Invite a friend! Please RSVP by February 19th using the following link or QR code.
<https://forms.office.com/r/Sdisim5x7h>



Blood Drive Tomorrow – Please Give

The first blood drive for 2025 at St. Paul’s is **Monday, February 17th**, from 1:30pm – 6:00pm. The church needs more donors in order to reach our goal of 30 units. To schedule an appointment, contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com or 704-855-4930, and indicate an appointment time (2:45 pm is the earliest available). Walk-ins are always welcome.

Outreach for Western North Carolina

If you were unable to bring items on Saturday to help with disaster relief in Western NC, the truck is still here today (February 16th). Items will be taken to Valley Hope Church, which is in Swannanoa. 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 would rather give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to St. Paul’s, and mark your envelope **Outreach WNC**. The Outreach Committee will match up to \$500 out of the Outreach treasury for the total of your donations.

General Fund Offering (2/9).....	\$6,071
Other Offering (2/9)	\$6,817
Sunday School Attendance (2/9)	66
Worship Attendance (2/9)	183

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$143.50 Total so far: \$767.50
During the first quarter of 2025, the children’s change collections will benefit Lutherans for Life.

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

- Blood Drive, 1:30–6pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm
- Articles for the March newsletter are due this week.

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Friendship Club, 10:30am

Friday, February 21

- Family Game Night, 6:30pm

Sunday, February 23

- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

New Member's Class

As no one signed up for the New Members classes in February, we will offer the class again in March. If you are interested in joining St. Paul's, please call the church office so we may prepare the necessary number of handouts.

**Noon–12:45 pm
March 2nd, 9th, and 16th**

Recent Prayer Needs

- Edna Chapman – Pine Acres Center for Rehab, Lexington
- Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Mitch Drew, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Shiela Barringer – health concerns
- Zack Lemmon, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Andrea Lyerly – health concerns
- Kay Moody – recovering from surgery
- Stan Parnell, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – Liberty Commons Rehab

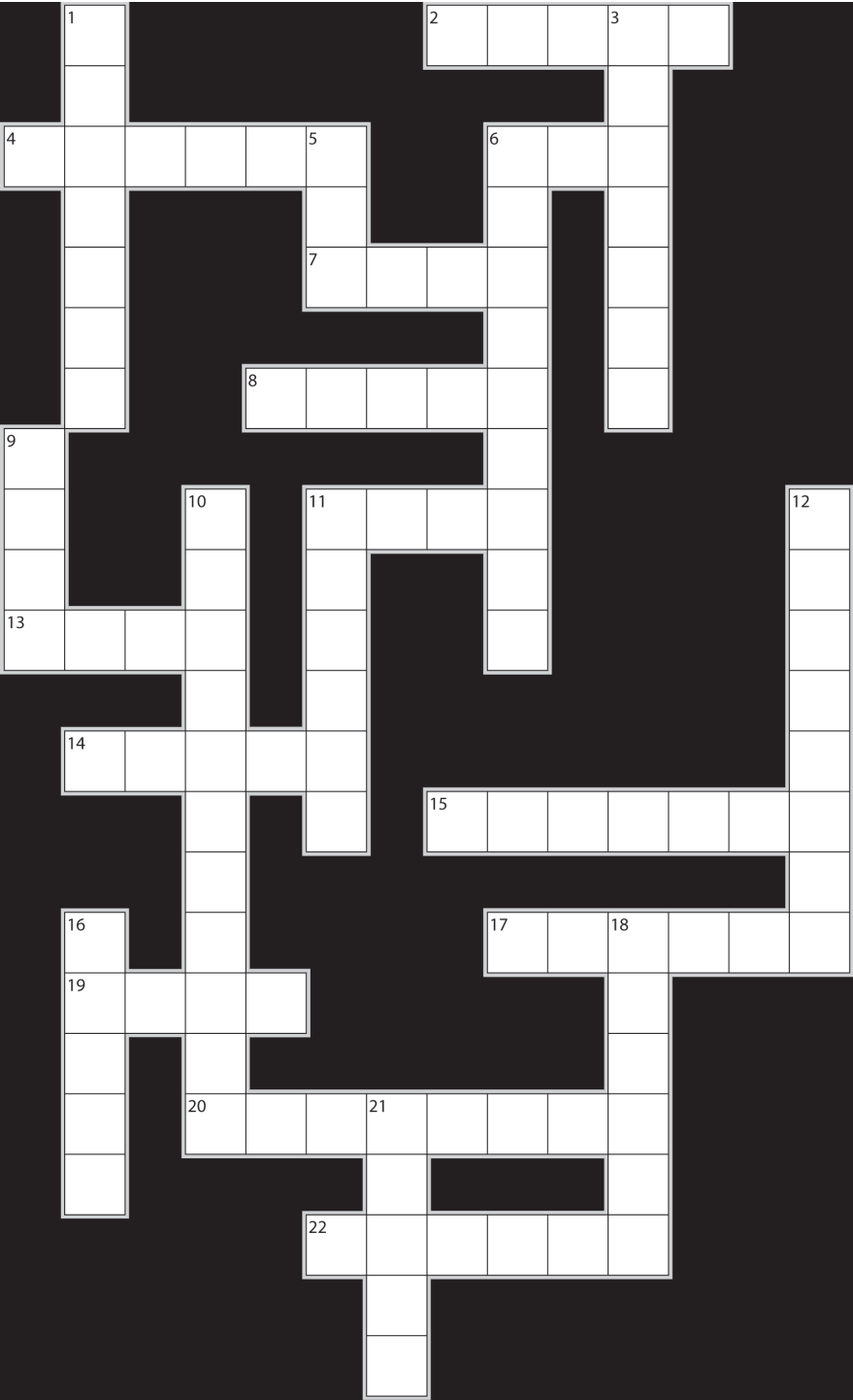
For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.



Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser

Andrew Baker is working on his **Eagle Scout project** at Union Lutheran. He is planning to build and install a free little library, and cleaning up their playground. He is doing an all-you-can-eat spaghetti lunch at Union Lutheran Church as a fundraiser, and is **inviting the members of St. Paul's** to the lunch. The lunch will be **Sunday, March 2**, following worship in the Dutch Meeting Hall at Union Lutheran Church. Minor alternatives will be provided for any dietary concerns. Drinks will be provided.

All proceeds will go towards the Eagle Scout Project (Boy Scout Troop 315). A suggested donation of \$10 or any monetary amount of your choosing is greatly appreciated.



Epiphany 6C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Jeremiah 17:5–8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:1–20; Luke 6:17–26.*

The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.

ACROSS

2. Cursed is the man who makes this his strength.
4. Paul reminded the church in Corinth of this news.
6. Cursed is the one who trusts in him.
7. One is saved if they hold fast to the gospel—to the _____ that Paul preached to them.
8. Blessed is the person who places this in the Lord.
11. The trusting tree does not fear when this comes.
13. Theirs is the kingdom of God.
14. The person who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by this.
15. When you are poor, hungry, weeping, and hated, you should do this.
17. Of first importance, Paul delivered the word that he died for our sins.
19. Blessed is the one whose name is spurned as _____.
20. The blessed man doesn't sit in their seat.
22. The blessed man does not walk in their counsel.

DOWN

1. The man who sends his faith roots out by the stream is not anxious in this time.
3. The blessed man does not stand in their way.
5. Think: If the psalmist calls the blessed man a tree planted by a stream, what does the psalmist consider the "water"?
6. What the blessed man does this in the law day and night
9. Those who do this, shall laugh.
10. In terms of those who have fallen asleep, or died, Christ is this.
11. They shall be satisfied.
12. The wicked will not stand in this.
16. The so-called Sermon on the Plain was delivered in this kind of place.
18. Paul passed on the word that Jesus died, was buried, and was _____.
21. If Christ has not been raised then this is in vain.

The Sermon on the Plain

Find the 30 bold words from Luke 6:20–26 KJV.

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

And he lifted up his eyes on his **disciples**, and said, “**Blessed** be ye **poor**: for yours is the **kingdom** of **God**. Blessed are ye that **hunger** now: for ye shall be **filled**. Blessed are ye that **weep** now: for ye shall **laugh**. Blessed are ye, when men shall **hate** you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall **reproach** you, and **cast out your name** as **evil**, for the **Son** of **man’s sake**. **Rejoice** ye in that day, and **leap** for **joy**: for, behold, your **reward** is **great** in **heaven**: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are **rich**! for ye have received your consolation. **Woe** unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their **fathers** to the **false prophets**.”



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Next weeks lessons: Genesis 45:3-15; Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

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