



The Word is near you.
Romans 10:8

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025 • 10:30AM

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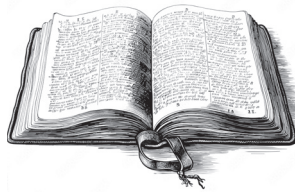
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This Week's Memory Verse

If you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

Romans 10:9



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Michael Burkhardt

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

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: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

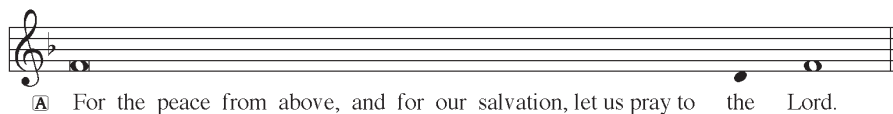
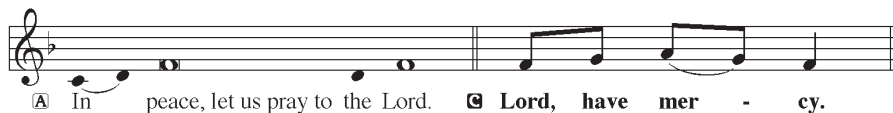
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Greeting

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.

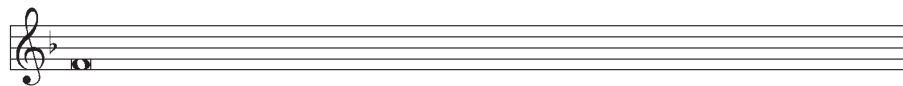
The Kyrie

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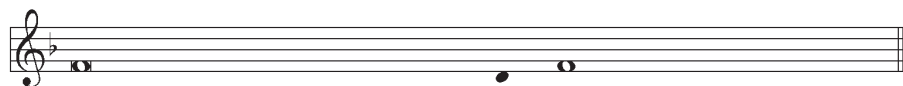




C Lord, have mer - cy.



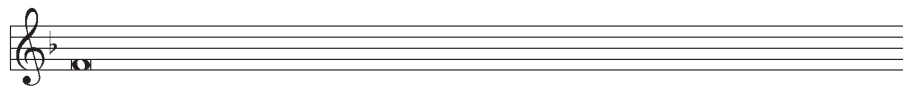
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Hymn of Praise

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

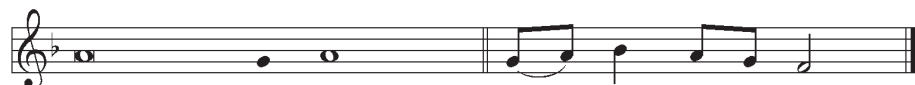


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Prayer of the Day



☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And al - so with you.

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹[Moses said to the Israelites,] “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”
The word of the Lord.

Psalm 91:1-13

¹He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

²**He shall say to the LORD, “You are my
refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**

³He shall deliver you from the snare | of the hunter
and from the | deadly pestilence.

⁴**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall
find refuge un- | der his wings;**

his faithfulness shall be a | shield and buckler.

⁵You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night,
nor of the arrow that | flies by day;

⁶**Of the plague that stalks | in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays | waste at midday.**

⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten
thousand at | your right hand,
but it shall | not come near you.

⁸**Your eyes have only | to behold
to see the reward | of the wicked.**

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**There shall no evil hap- | pen to you,
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**

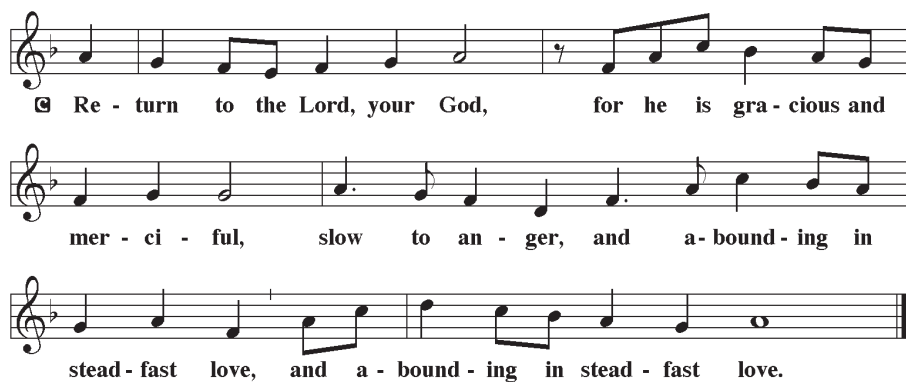
¹¹For he shall give his angels charge | over you,
to keep you in | all your ways.

¹²**They shall bear you | in their hands,
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

¹³You shall tread upon the li- | on and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the
serpent un- | der your feet.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”
that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; ⁹because, if you
confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For
with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth
one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone
who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no
distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of
all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
The word of the Lord.



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

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Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the LORD your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon

Naomi's Heart Mission

Hymn: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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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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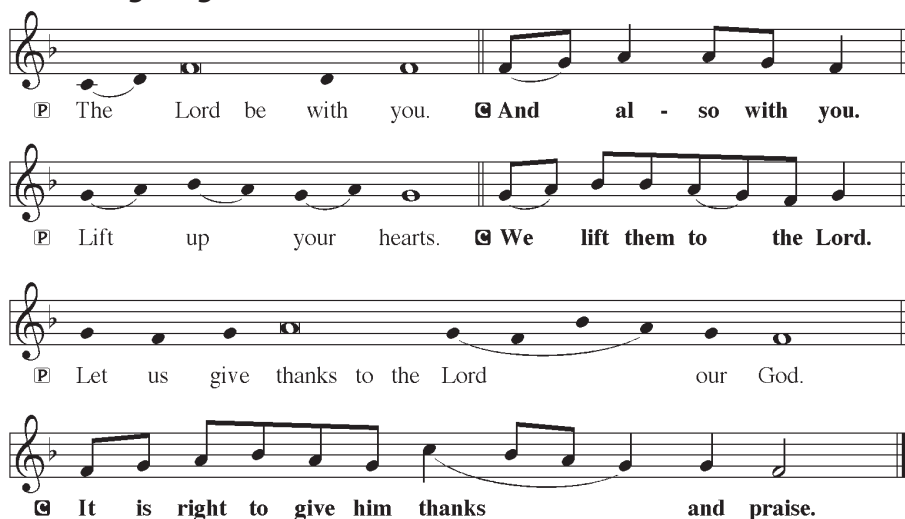
Anthem: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” Adult Choir

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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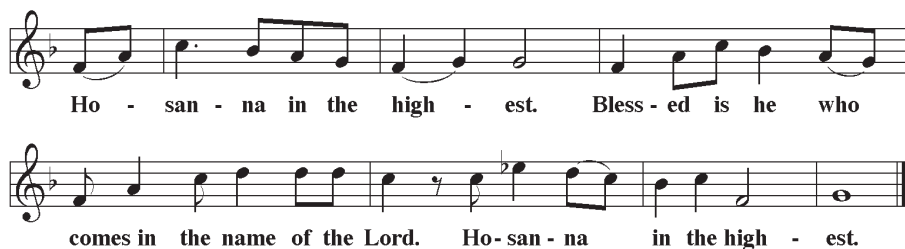


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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.



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

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food—through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: “The Glory of These Forty Days” Lyndell Leatherman

*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



**...if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.**

Romans 10:9

March Youth & Family Game Day

The Youth & Family Committee are having a youth outing event March 22, 2025, at 12:30pm at **Stars & Strikes in Concord**. Youth and their families are encouraged to join us for bowling and games. Please use the following URL link or QR code to sign up for the event. Deadline is March 12, 2025.
<https://forms.office.com/r/Nt4WKRmUCx>



Clean Sweep Day for the Cemetery

St. Paul’s Cemetery Committee will clean away **everything** from the cemetery on March 29th. This includes **all** flowers, ornaments, etc. If you have a flower in the cemetery that you wish to keep, you should remove it **before March 29th**, or it will be thrown away. You may return your flowers to the cemetery after the clean-up. Please spread the word.

Lenten Suppers and Services

This Wednesday, March 12, is the first of six Lenten suppers and services. Supper will be each Wednesday at 6pm in the fellowship hall. The services will be in the sanctuary at 7pm.

March 12

Youth & Family Committee

Baked potato and salad

March 19

Ketchie/Ridenhour Circles

Soup and Salad

March 26

Bonnie Bost Circle

Baked potato and salad

April 2

St. Paul’s Council

Soup and Sandwiches

April 9

Melissa Lura Circle

Baked potato and Salad

April 16

Hama Lingle Circle

Baked Potato and Salad

Recent Prayer Needs

- Glen Amos – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Edna Chapman – Bermuda Commons Nursing/Rehab
- Jean Deal – health concerns
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Mitch Drew, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Patti Horinka – recovering from surgery
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Shiela Barringer – health concerns
- Zack Lemmon, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Kay Moody – recovering from surgery
- Wesley Page – Novant/Rowan Hospital
- Stan Parnell, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Rex Phelps – recovering from surgery
- Barbara Upright – Liberty Commons Rehab
- Greg Wilhelm – recovering from surgery

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.

General Fund Offering (3/2).....	\$7,640
Other Offering (3/2)	\$7,814
Sunday School Attendance (3/2)	74
Worship Attendance (3/2)	159

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$237.50 Total so far: \$1,288.50
During the first quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Lutherans for Life.

Sunday, March 9

- Kristie and Danny Ward with Naomi's Heart Mission will be our guests during the 10:30 worship service.
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Worship and Music Committee, 2:30pm
- Executive Committee meeting, 2:45pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- College Ministry meeting with Pastor Lord, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, March 10

- Melissa Lura Circle, 6pm
- Finance Committee meeting, 6:30pm
- Outreach Committee meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 11

- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bonnie Bost Circle, 7pm
- Bible Study classes will not meet during Lent.

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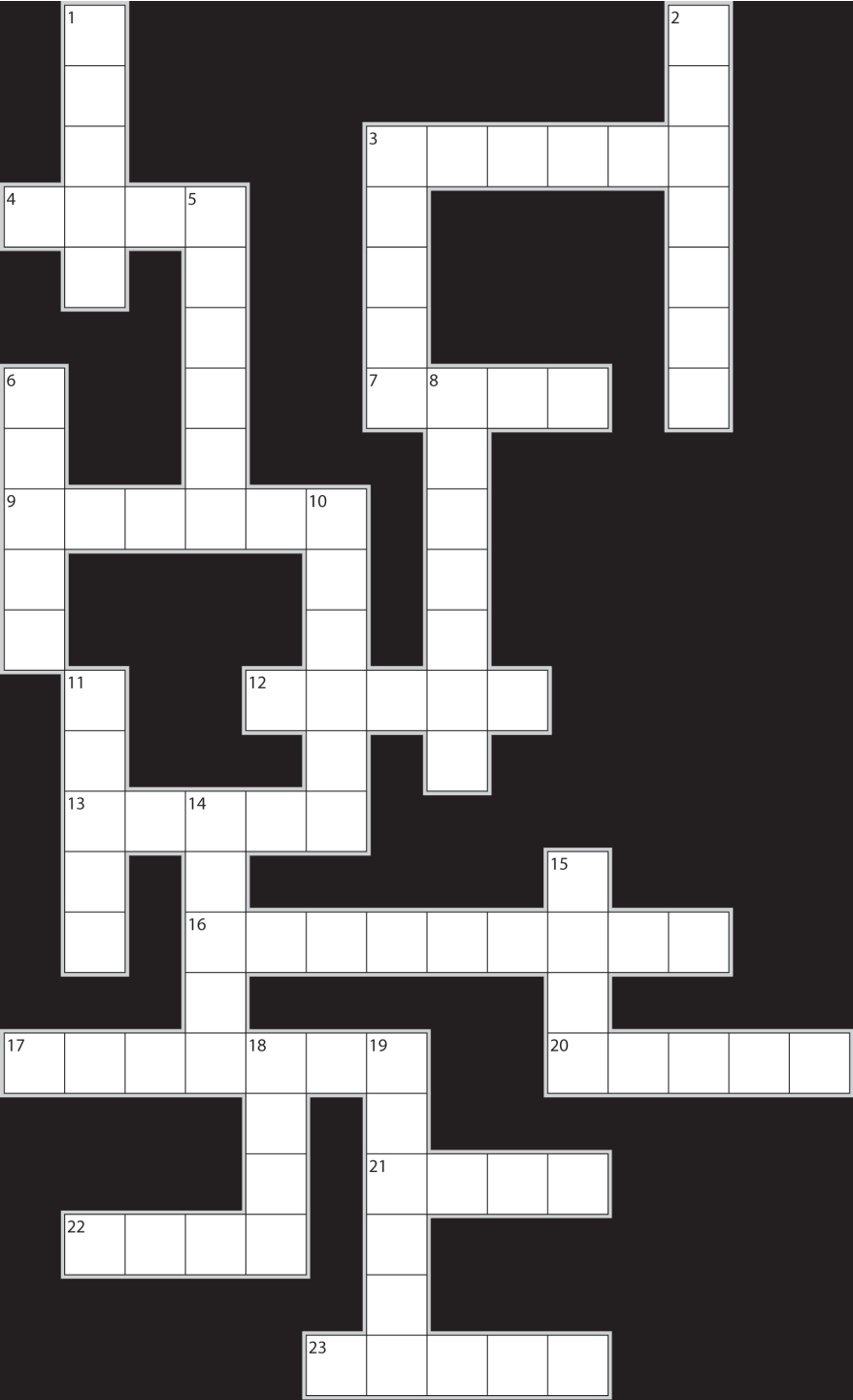
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, after the worship service
- Youth Confirmation classes will not meet during Lent.

Thursday, March 13

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm

Sunday, March 16

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



Lent 1C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

3. The Lord will deliver you from his trap.
4. Do not put the Lord your God to the...
7. The Lord brought the people out with a mighty...
9. They will guard you in all your ways.
12. Jesus said man doesn't live by this alone.
13. Do not fear its terror.
16. They treated the people harshly.
17. The Lord's faithfulness is this round shield for you.
20. The Lord brought the people out from there.
21. The angels would bear up the Messiah lest he strike this on a stone.
22. It is near you.
23. He tempted Jesus in the wilderness.

DOWN

1. If you believe and confess, you will be...
2. The people were to bring the first fruit of the land and do this before the Lord.
3. This word is in your mouth and heart.
5. The devil set Jesus on its pinnacle.
6. With this innermost part of a person, one believes and is justified.
8. The people's father, Jacob, was this brand of wanderer.
10. Jesus was led by him into the wilderness.
11. The land the Lord brought the people to was flowing with milk and...
14. In the gospel, there is no distinction between Jew and...
15. You will be saved if you call upon the Lord's...
18. Make him your dwelling place.
19. The Lord is a fortress and...

The Lord My Habitation

Find the 30 bold words from Psalm 91:2–12 KJV.

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

I will say of the **LORD**, “He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**: my **God**; in him will I **trust**.” Surely he shall **deliver** thee from the **snare** of the **fowler**, and from the noisome **pestilence**. He shall **cover** thee with his **feathers**, and under his **wings** shalt thou trust. His **truth** shall be thy **shield** and **buckler**. Thou shalt not be afraid for the **terror** by night; nor for the **arrow** that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in **darkness**; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come **nigh** thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou **behold** and see the **reward** of the **wicked**. Because thou hast made the **LORD**, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy **habitation**; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any **plague** come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his **angels** charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall **bear** thee up in their hands, **lest** thou **dash** thy **foot** against a **stone**.



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Next weeks lessons: Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17- 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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