



Our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3:20

Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025 • 10:30AM

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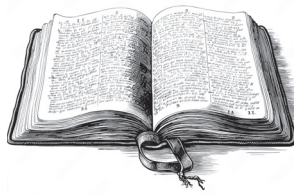
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This Week's Memory Verse

But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3:20



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Pastorale on ‘In the Cross’”

Janet Linker

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: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

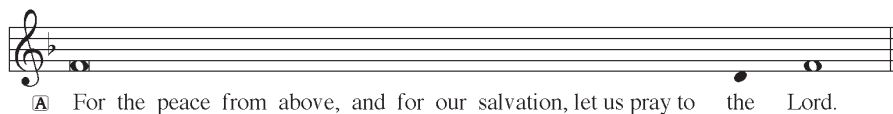
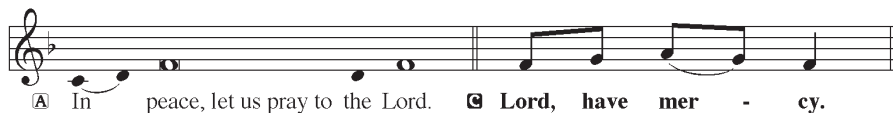
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Greeting

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.

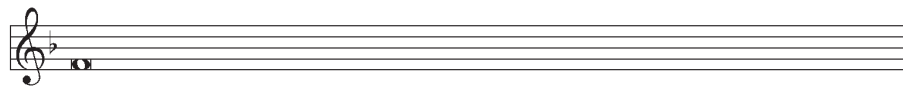
The Kyrie

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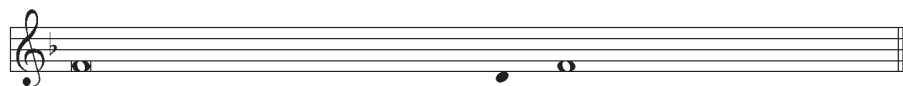




C Lord, have mer - cy.



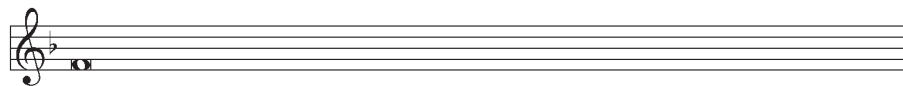
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Almighty God, look upon the heartfelt desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Amen

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy
on me and | hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and
run af- | ter false gods?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

**⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

**⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices
 and put your trust | in the LORD.**

**⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.**

**⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
 more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.**

**⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;
 for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.**

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

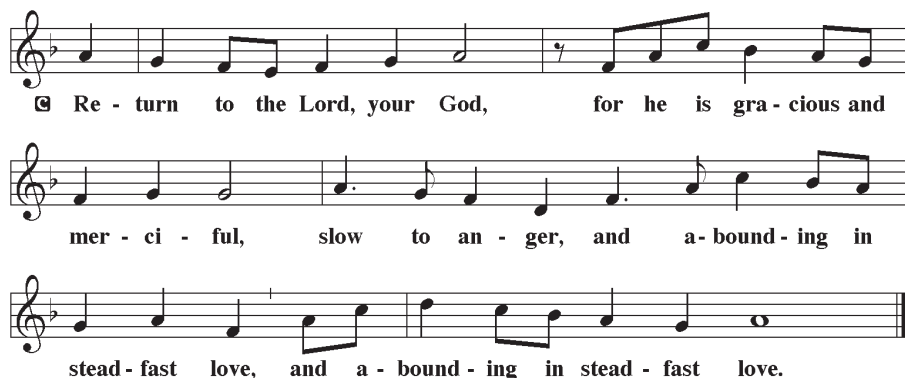
¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

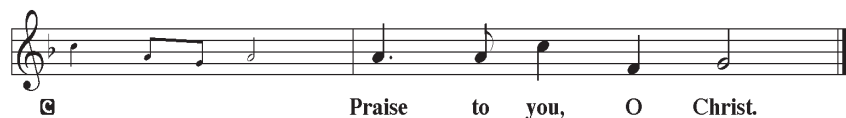
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Gospel:** Luke 13:31–35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’

³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children’s Chat

Angela Breidenbach

Sermon: “What Scares You?”

Rev. David Breidenbach

*We are grateful to have Rev. David and Angela Breidenbach
worshiping and sharing with us today.*

David is the Executive Director of Spiritual Orphans Network (SON).

Hymn: “Glory Be to Jesus”

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: “Lord, You Have Searched Me”

Andrew Baker
Elizabeth Baker
Laura and John Brock

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. 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:



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,

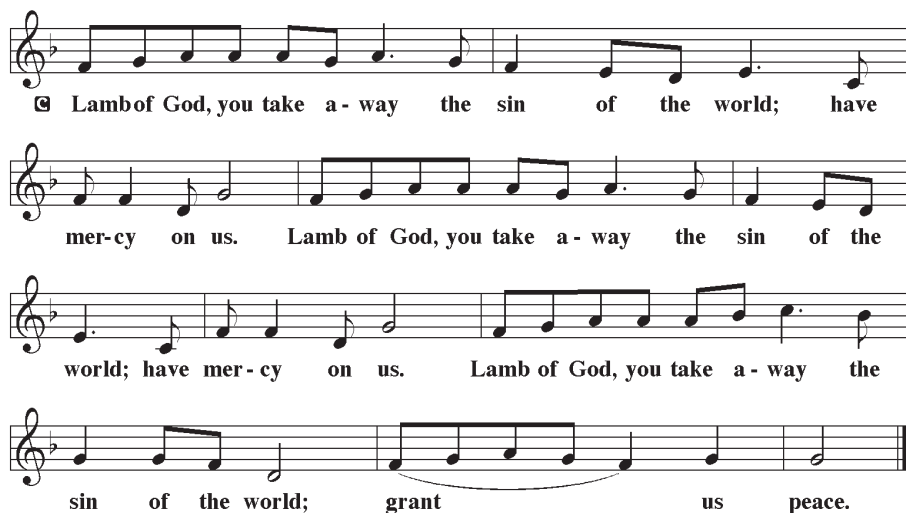
and the power, and the glory,

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: “Trumpet Tune in A Minor”

David Lasky

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

*We extend our love and sympathy to the family of
Wesley Page who passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2025.
Please keep his wife Susie and all the Page family in your prayers.*



Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

- April Newsletter articles are due this week.
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 18

- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm
- Bible Study classes will not meet during Lent.

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

- Gospel Plowboys, fellowship hall—concert starts at 7pm

Saturday, March 22

- Youth & Family game day, Stars & Strikes bowling, 12:30pm

Sunday, March 23

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

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 Meal Schedule

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

Flowers for Easter

Order forms for Easter flowers are available in the narthex. Each plant will be **\$14.50**. The deadline to order is **April 6th**. We will order Geraniums and Impatiens. However, we do not know how many of each they will send us, so we cannot guarantee that you will receive a specific flower.



The Gospel Plowboys
— In Concert —
March 21, 2025
7:00PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
205 Saint Paul Church Road
Salisbury, NC

Love Offering



Recent Prayer Needs

- Glen Amos – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Shiela Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Edna Chapman – Bermuda Commons Nursing/Rehab
- Jean Deal – health concerns
- Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Barbara Deese – health concerns
- Mitch Drew, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Grady Earnhardt – Glenn Kiser Hospice
- Patti Horinka – recovering from surgery
- Della Jenkins – Terra Bella Assisted Living
- Randy Johnson – recovering from surgery
- Zack Lemmon, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Stan Parnell, family of Jimmy and Mary Lee Earnhardt – health concerns
- Rex Phelps – recovering from surgery
- 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.

General Fund Offering (3/9).....	\$10,158
Other Offering (3/9)	\$16,541
Sunday School Attendance (3/9)	50
Worship Attendance (3/9)	156

Children’s Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$171.00 Total so far: \$1,459.50
During the first quarter of 2025, the children’s change collections will benefit Lutherans for Life.



Lent 2C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Jeremiah 26:8–15; Psalm 4; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 13:31–35.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. Christ Jesus will do this with our lowly bodies.
4. Many walk as enemies of this.
7. Where our citizenship is
9. The psalmist complained this was turned into shame.
12. The unbeliever's god is his what?
14. The Lord sent Jeremiah to do this.
17. Jesus said he would finish his course on this day.
18. The psalmist will lie down in peace and do what?
19. The state of he who comes in the name of the Lord
21. Who wanted to kill Jesus?
22. God has put more joy into the heart of the psalmist than those who have an abundance of grain and this.
23. Be angry but don't do this.

DOWN

2. What the psalmist wanted from God
3. Stand in the Lord this way.
5. Whom we await
6. Her house is forsaken.
8. The Lord has set them apart for himself.
10. The people gathered around him in the temple (house).
11. The priests and prophets threatened Jeremiah with this.
13. What Jesus called Herod
14. They warned Jesus of a death threat.
15. Jeremiah prophesied that the house (temple) would be like this one.
16. Judah's officials heard the case against Jeremiah in this gate.
20. Jeremiah told the people to mend them.

Stand Fast in the Lord

Find the 36 bold words from Philippians 3:17–4:1 KJV.

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

Brethren, be **followers** together of me, and **mark** them which walk so as ye have us for an **ensample**. (For many **walk**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even **weeping**, that they are the **enemies** of the **cross** of **Christ**: whose **end** is **destruction**, whose **God** is their **belly**, and whose **glory** is in their **shame**, who **mind earthly things**.) For our **conversation** is in **heaven**; from whence also we **look** for the **Saviour**, the **Lord Jesus Christ**: who shall **change our vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his **glorious** body, according to the working whereby he is able even to **subdue all things** unto himself. Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my **joy** and **crown**, so stand **fast** in the **Lord**, my dearly beloved.

Unscramble the verse:

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Next weeks lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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