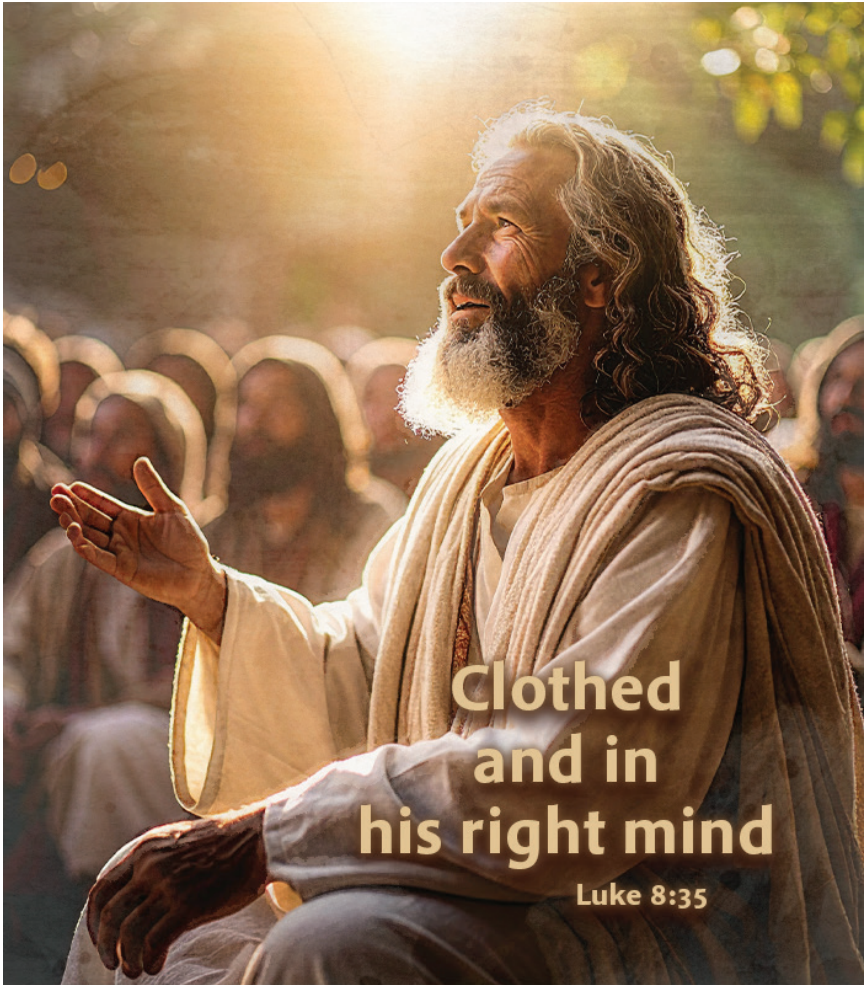




Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025 • 10:30AM

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This Week's Memory Verse

I lay down and slept;
I woke again,
for the Lord sustained me.
Psalm 3:5



Memory Verse Aid

ILDAS;
IWA,
FTLSM.
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Father, We Praise Thee”

Wilbur Held

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

The Ten Commandments

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.

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn: “Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

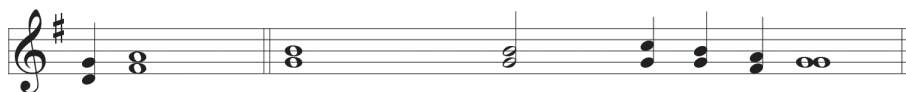


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire—through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."

⁸Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 3

¹LORD, how many adversa- | ries I have!

how many there are who rise up | against me!

²**How many there are who | say of me,**

"There is no help for him | in his God."

³But you, O LORD, are a shield | about me;

you are my glory, the one who lifts | up my head.

⁴**I call aloud up- | on the LORD,**

and he answers me from his | holy hill;

⁵I lie down and | go to sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD | sustains me.

**⁶I do not fear the multitudes | of people
who set themselves against me | all around.**

⁷Rise up, O LORD; set me free, | O my God;
surely, you will strike all my enemies across
the face, you will break the teeth of | the wicked.

**⁸Deliverance belongs | to the LORD.
Your blessing be upon | your people!**

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23–4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

The word of the Lord.

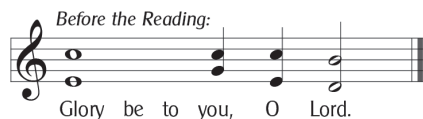
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Anthem



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

**Gospel:** Luke 8:26–39

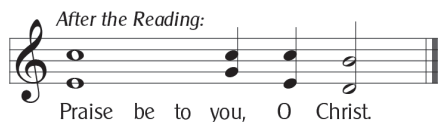
²⁶[Jesus and his disciples] sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding

country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

We confess our faith using the Apostles Creed.

**¹I believe in God, the Father, the 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**

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Clothed”

Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”

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Prayers of the Church

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

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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.

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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and 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**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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

Distribution of 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.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant depart | in | peace,
ac- | cording | to | your | word.
For my eyes have seen | your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face | of | all | people:
A light to lighten | the | Gentiles
and the | glory | of your | people | Israel.
Glory be | to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it was in | the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:



Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Give To Our God Immortal Praise"

Wilbur Held

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.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



*We extend our love and sympathy to Zach Brown
on the death of his father, Michael Brown.*

Mr. Brown died June 2, 2025.

Please keep Zach's family in your prayers.



Water Sports Event and Cookout

Friday, June 27th, 6pm-8pm

Join us for our Youth and Family Water Sports Event. We will be doing water **games staring at 6pm, followed by food at 7pm**, and ending with a Fire Truck! Please fill out the form so we can plan food accordingly and get volunteers to help run some of the water games. We look forward to seeing you there! <https://forms.office.com/r/2ATiNzDsJj>



Support for the Wilhelms

If you plan to support **Mark and Julia Wilhelm's mission trip** with Spiritual Orphans Network (SON), you may donate through the church offering by making **checks payable to St. Paul's**. We will send one check from the church to SON.

You may also donate online to <https://sonetwork.org> and click "2025 Team Member Support."

Church Cookout—Saturday, July 5, 4–7pm

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided in the picnic shelter. Please bring your favorite side dish (or two) to share with others. Memories will be shared about previous building programs, so bring your favorite story.

Birthday Party—Saturday, July 19 at the Parsonage, 4–7pm

NC BBQ will be served at 5pm; ice cream and cake at 6pm. This party celebrates the birthdays of the twins, Alice Davis and Pastor Ryman, both born on the 23rd. It's Pastor Ryman's 70th. No gifts, please; just come for the fellowship.

Events in the Coming Months

- **Ice Cream Social**, Sunday, August 31, 4pm, shelter
- **Fish Fry**, Saturday, September 20, 6pm, shelter
- **Old Timey Stew**, Saturday, November 1, 4pm, shelter

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, June 22

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- VBS kids meet at 10:15 in the music room
- VBS lunch and activities continue after worship
- VBS participants and families, ice cream social, 3pm
- College ministry with Pastor Brian, 4pm
- No Vespers tonight

Monday, June 23

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 24

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, June 25

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- No Choir practice this week

Thursday, June 26

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Friday, June 27

- Morning Prayer, 8:30am, chapel
- Homeschool Dance Class, 2pm
- Youth & Family water games and cookout, 6–8pm

Sunday, June 29

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Vespers, 6pm

Concert at Faith Lutheran Church

The annual patriotic concert at Faith Lutheran Church will be on **Sunday, June 29th**. The **Rowan Big Band** will begin playing at **3:30pm**, followed by an intermission. The **chorus will sing** at **5pm**. Everyone is invited to attend this concert of patriotic music in celebration of our Independence Day.

Reminder for Sunday Morning Worship

Please remember to write your name in the red friendship pads located on the back of each pew, and check the box if you commune. Be sure the names of your family members in attendance are also listed. Please put the sheet in the book, allowing it to stick up from the book slightly so that the ushers will see it at the end of service. This helps us to know how many people we have worshipping each week.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – home; recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Family of Zack Brown on the death of his father Michael Brown
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – Liberty Commons
- Karen Deal – recovering from surgery
- Jan Dolan –health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Tommy Huffman – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Alan Lyerly – recovering from surgery
- Betty Niedens – recovering at home
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Susie Page – health concerns
- Susan Page (Susie's daughter-in-law) – health concerns
- Jane Wilhem – health concerns; home

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.

**Heal me, O Lord,
and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for you are my praise.**

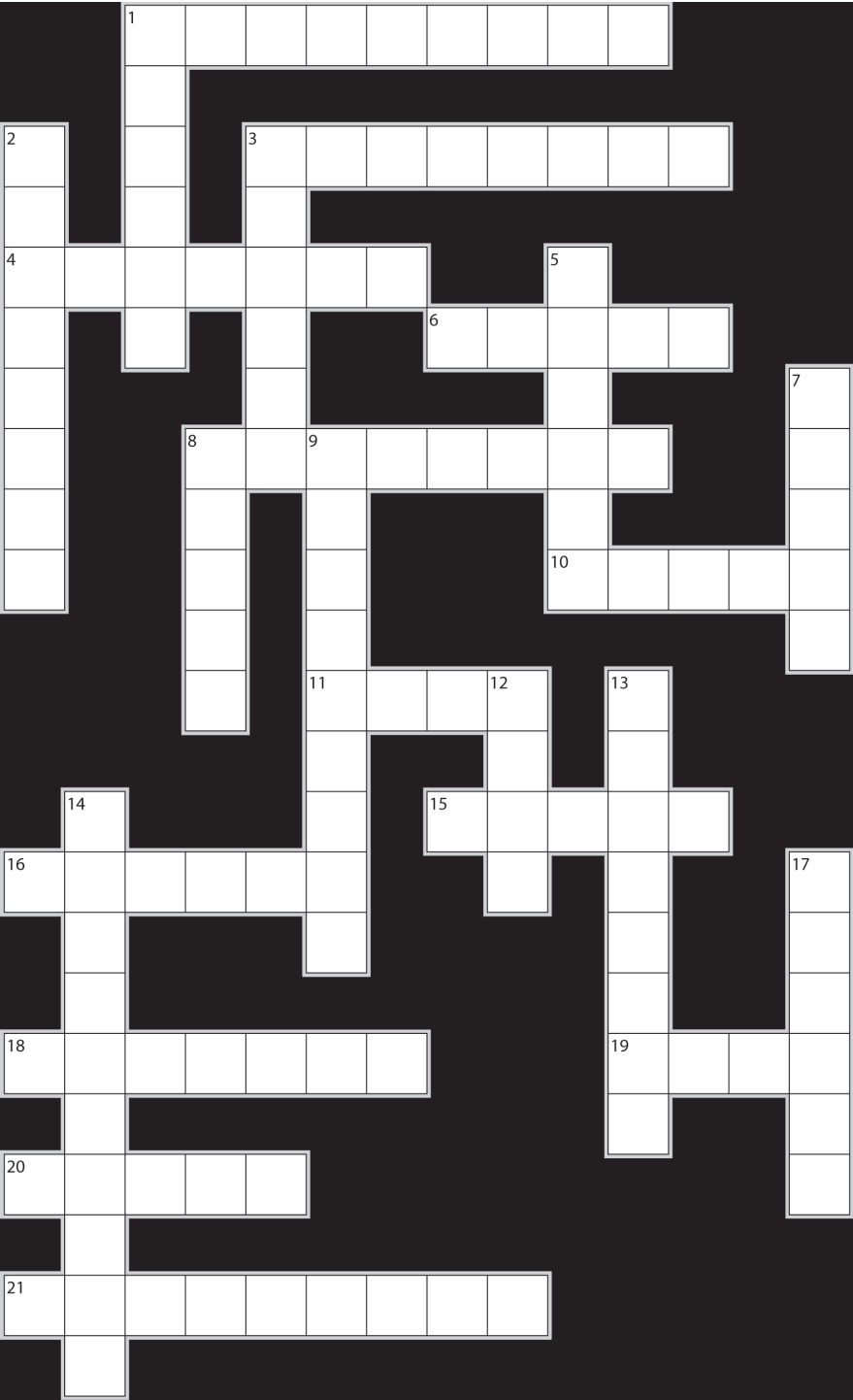
Jeremiah 17:14

O Lord, Save Me!

Find the 31 bold words from Psalm 3 KJV.

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

LORD, How are they **increased** that **trouble** me! Many are they that rise up **against** me. Many there be which say of my **soul**, there is no **help** for him in **God**. But thou, O **LORD**, art a **shield** for me; my **glory**, and the lifter up of mine **head**. I **cried** unto the **LORD** with my **voice**, and he **heard** me out of his **holy** hill. I laid me down and **slept**; I awaked; for the **LORD** **sustained** me. I will not be **afraid** of ten **thousands** of **people**, that have set themselves against me round about. **Arise**, O **LORD**; save me, O my God: for thou hast **smitten** all mine **enemies** upon the **cheek bone**; Thou hast **broken** the **teeth** of the **ungodly**. **Salvation** **belongeth** unto the **LORD**: Thy **blessing** is upon thy **people**.



Pentecost 2C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 3; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. The psalmist proclaims that this belongs to the Lord.
3. The demoniac was bound with chains and...
4. If you are Christ's then you are heirs of this.
6. The Lord strikes the psalmist's enemies there.
8. God sent forth his Son so that we might receive this family connection to his Father.
10. The psalmist lay down and...
11. A large herd in today's gospel lesson
15. The Lord will do this with both our iniquities and those of our fathers.
16. The demoniac's name
18. The demoniac did not wear any.
19. God sent forth his Spirit into our hearts, crying this.
20. They insult God there.
21. The psalmist woke again because the Lord did this for him.

DOWN

1. It will become a pasture for flocks.
2. You put on (or were clothed with) Christ when you were...
3. The Lord was this around the psalmist.
5. The man Jesus met in today's gospel reading had these.
7. Because this has come, we are no longer under the law as guardian.
8. The demons begged Jesus not to command them to depart there.
9. The Lord will bring them forth from Jacob.
12. God is ready to be found by those who do not...
13. Until Christ came, the law was our...
14. God spread out his hands all day to this people.
17. In fleeing from Absalom, David declared he would not be...

Stats

General Fund Offering (6/15).....	\$10,502
Other Offering (6/15)	\$58,728
Sunday School Attendance (6/15)	68
Worship Attendance (6/15)	173

Children's Change Collection

Last Sunday: \$172.00 Total \$1,723.50

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$19,150.12 for missions.

During the second quarter of 2025, the children's change
collections which will benefit The Table Ministry.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of the year was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901



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Next weeks lessons: 1 Kings 19:9b-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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