



Hebrews 12:1

Let us run with endurance
the race that is set before us.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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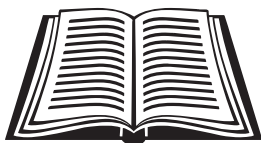
Acolyte: Talia Lord • Crucifer: Sara Barringer

Lector: Autumn Hill

Communion Assistants: Bonnie Hinson & Grace Walker

This Week's Memory Verse

In your steadfast love
give me life,
that I may keep the testimonies
of your mouth.
Psalm 119:88



Memory Verse Aid

IYSL
GML,
TIMKTT
OYM.
P11988

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Partita on St. Denio”

Austin Lovelace

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: “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

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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

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

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Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love. In order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. *Please be seated.*

A - men.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the

LORD.” ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’” ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”
The word of the Lord.

Psalms 119:81–88

⁸¹My soul has longed for | your salvation;
I have put my hope | in your word.

⁸²**My eyes have failed from watching | for your promise,
and I say, “When will you | comfort me?”**

⁸³I have become like a leather flask | in the smoke,
but I have not forgot- | ten your statutes.

⁸⁴**How much longer | must I wait?**
when will you give judgment against
those who per- | secute me?
⁸⁵The proud have dug | pits for me;
they do not | keep your law.
⁸⁶**All your command- | ments are true;**
help me, for they persecute | me with lies.
⁸⁷They had almost made an end of | me on earth,
but I have not forsaken | your commandments.
⁸⁸**In your lovingkind- | ness, revive me,**
that I may keep the decrees | of your mouth.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were

drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



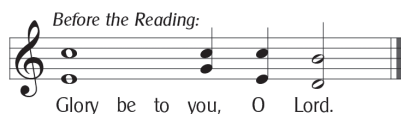
Anthem: “Keep A Joyful Song Ringing in Your Heart”

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to the twelfth chapter of Luke.



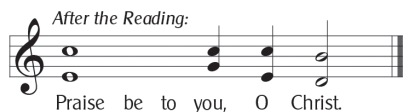
Gospel: Luke 12:49–56

⁴⁹[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one

house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son
 he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection from the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Peril and Promise"

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

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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



It is truly good, right, and good for us 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:





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

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 thenew 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: "Fantasy–Toccata"

Alice Jordan

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:

A - men.

August Blood Drive Tomorrow

The August blood drive will be tomorrow, **August 18**, from **1:30–6pm**. **Please help our church meet its goal of 35 units.** As of Wednesday, only 22 persons (11 from our church) have signed up for an appointment. This will be the **last blood drive at St. Paul's** until the addition on the back of the church is completed.

2025 Rally Sunday—August 24

Rally Sunday is the day we kick off the new Sunday School year at St. Paul's. **Breakfast is at 8:30am. Sunday School starts at 9:30am.** We will enjoy fellowship later at the **Congregational Ice Cream Supper in the picnic shelter at 5:30pm.** We encourage everyone to come to Sunday School each Sunday, and bring a friend. There are classes for all ages.

Cookbooks for Disaster Relief

The Outreach Committee is **collecting cookbooks** for kitchen kits **September 7–21**. They do not need to be new—gently used will do—and please, no larger than **6x9 inches** so they fit into a 2-gallon bag. A handwritten Bible verse or encouraging words could be added to the inside to personalize the book. We plan to pack fifty kits and will put a cookbook in each one.

Friendship Club this Week

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet **August 21, at 10:30am, in the church parking lot** to carpool to the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame. The address is 600 Dale Earnhardt Blvd., Kannapolis, NC. Our appointment is at 11:00am. After touring the Music Hall, we will gather at the Golden Corral for a buffet lunch. Hope you will join us on the 21st. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I can give the restaurant a head count. Thank you. (Helen, 704-636-5002)

Confirmation Classes

New classes begin on Wednesday, **September 3**. Classes are held from 7pm–8pm. **Those in 7th grade or older** are welcome. A parent must attend as well. Please call the church office to register.

Senior Project—Disaster Relief

Salem Lutheran church is making disaster relief buckets and asking for help. **Sheridan Drew** is taking this on as her senior year volunteer project. She and her mother Jamie will be volunteering at the **event this coming Saturday, August 23, from 10am–2pm**. Sheridan is asking for your help with item donations, and to volunteer to help pack the buckets. The following items are requested: **half-gallon bleach, dishwashing gloves, Comet/Pinesol, scrub brushes, paper towels and cotton rags**. A donation bin is in the narthex. **Donations will be picked up this Thursday, August 21**. Cash donations may also be made. Sheridan will purchase items needed with the money (mark envelope ‘buckets’). **Salem will provide lunch**.



The Calendar this Week

Sunday, August 17

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday–Friday, we meet for morning prayer in the chapel at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Monday, August 18

- Articles for September newsletter, turn in this week
- Blood Drive, 1:30pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 19

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm

Wednesday, August 20

- Classical Conversations school year starts, 8:30am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 21

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon
- Bucket donations to be picked up and taken to Salem Lutheran
- Friendship Club, meet by 10:30am in church parking lot to carpool to Kannapolis

Saturday, August 23

- Salem Lutheran Church disaster relief event, 10am–2pm

Sunday, August 24

- Rally Sunday, new Sunday School year starts
- Breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:30am
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- Ice Cream Social, 5:30pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Recent Prayer Needs

- Eric Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Frank Giambastiani, father of Lisa Lord – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – Forsyth Hospital
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – health concerns, home
- Miriam Ryman Vines – health concerns
- Kim Wilhelm – recovering from surgery

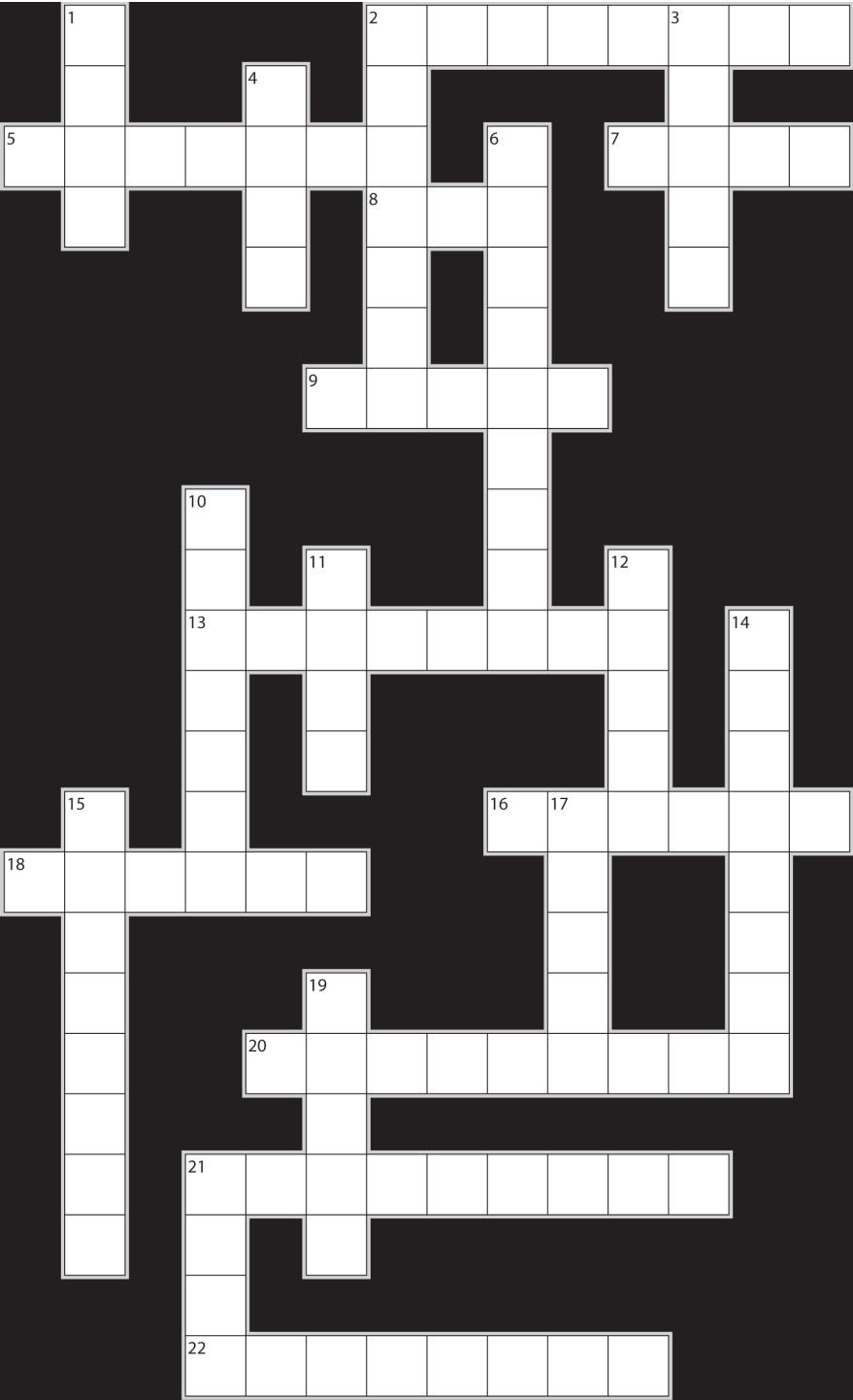
For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

A House Divided

Find the 27 bold words from Luke 12:49–56 KJV.

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

I am come to send **fire** on the **earth**; and what will I, if it be already **kindled**? But I have a **baptism** to be baptized with; and how am I **straitened** till it be **accomplished**! Suppose ye that I am come to give **peace** on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather **division**: For from **henceforth** there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided **against** the son, and the **son** against the **father**; the **mother** against the daughter, and the **daughter** against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And he said also to the **people**, When ye see a **cloud** rise out of the **west**, **straightway** ye say, There cometh a **shower**; and so it is. And when ye see the **south wind** blow, ye say, There will be **heat**; and it cometh to pass. Ye **hypocrites**, ye can **discern** the **face** of the **sky** and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this **time**?



Pentecost 10C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Jeremiah 23:16–29; Psalm 119:81–88; Hebrews 11:17–12:3; Luke 12:49–56.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

2. The psalmist has not forgotten these.
5. The psalmist's eyes longed for this.
7. There were prophets who tried to make people forget God's...
8. Moses chose to be mistreated rather than enjoy the fleeting pleasures of this.
9. Jeremiah said to behold this.
13. Some of them prophesied lies.
16. Can someone hide in these places and expect God not to find them?
18. God's word is like one of these that breaks the rock in pieces.
20. The psalmist's soul longed for it.
21. We are surrounded by this cloud.
22. Jesus came to give this on earth.

DOWN

1. God's commandments are certain or...
2. Do you not know how to interpret this time.
3. Jesus did not come to bring this on earth.
4. Jesus came to cast this to the earth.
6. Let us run with this.
10. Referring to the cross, Jesus needed to be baptized with this.
11. Do not listen to prophets unless they speak words that come from his mouth.
12. Abraham believed God was able to raise him from the dead.
14. The psalmist became like one of these in smoke.
15. Because of faith in Jesus, Luke says these will be divided.
17. Moses considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of this place.
19. How Abraham was able to offer up his only son
21. The psalmist hoped in this.

Stats

General Fund Offering (8/10).....	\$4,434
Other Offering (8/10)	\$1,817
Sunday School Attendance reported (8/10).....	85
Worship Attendance (8/10)	193

Children's Change Collection

During the third quarter of 2025, the children's change collections will benefit Friends of Madagascar Mission.

Last Sunday: \$168.00 Total so far: \$1,003.50

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$20,427.12 for missions.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 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



Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure you and your family have signed the friendship register.** This helps us know how many are worshipping today.



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 66:18–23; Psalm 50:1–15; Hebrews 12:4–29; Luke 13:22–30

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