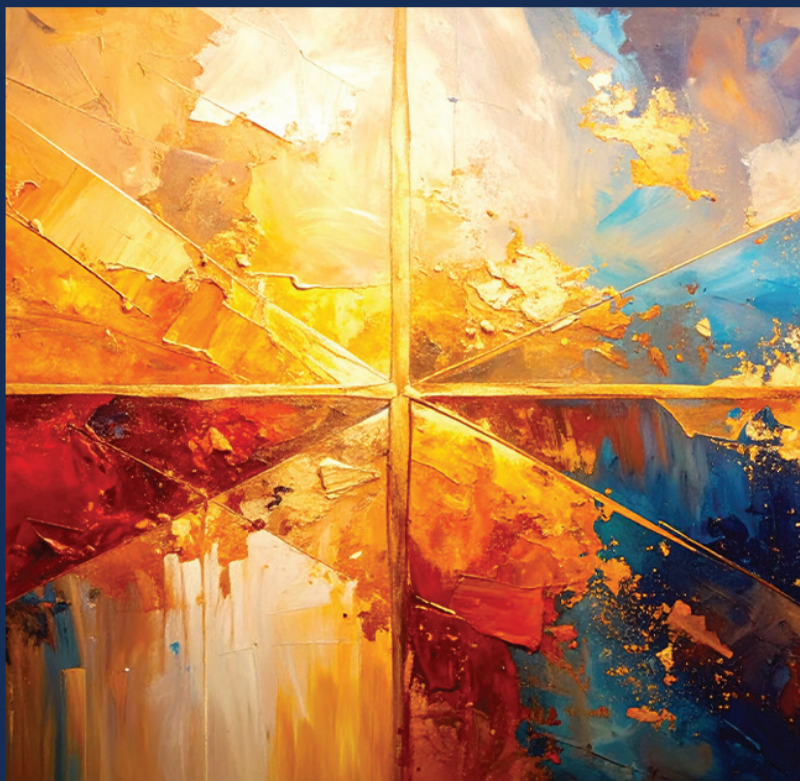




I will set a sign among them.

Isaiah 66:19

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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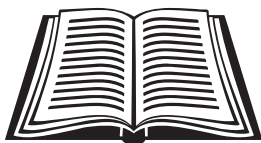
Acolyte: Rebecca Lombard • Crucifer: Andrew Baker

Cantor: Heather Canup • Lector: Alyssa McCraven

Communion Assistants: Bonnie Hinson & Grace Walker

This Week's Memory Verse

Call upon me in
the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee,
and thou shalt glorify me.
Psalm 50:15



Memory Verse Aid

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P5015

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Aria”

Noel Rawsthorne

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: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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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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Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18–23

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And

from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 50:1–15

¹The LORD, the God of | gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of
the sun | to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,
God reveals him- | self in glory.**

³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round
about him a | raging storm.

⁴**He calls the heavens and the earth | from above
to witness the judgment | of his people.**

⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed | it with sacrifice.”

⁶**Let the heavens declare the rightness | of his cause;
for God him- | self is judge.**

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel,
I will bear wit- | ness against you;
for I am | God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;
your offerings are al- | ways before me.**

⁹I will take no bull calf | from your stalls,
nor he-goats out | of your pens;
¹⁰**For all the beasts of the for- | est are mine,
the herds in their thousands up- | on the hills.**
¹¹I know every bird | in the sky,
and the creatures of the fields are | in my sight.
¹²**If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.**
¹³Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,
or drink the | blood of goats?
¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to | the Most High.**
¹⁵Call upon me in the | day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.”

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:4–29

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will

see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”

²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

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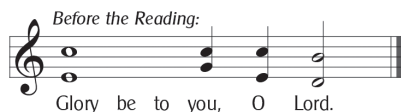


Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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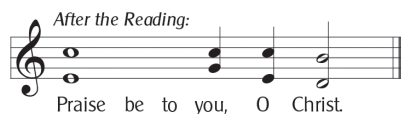
The Holy Gospel according to the thirteenth chapter of Luke.

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22–30

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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: "The Sign of the Cross"

Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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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.



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

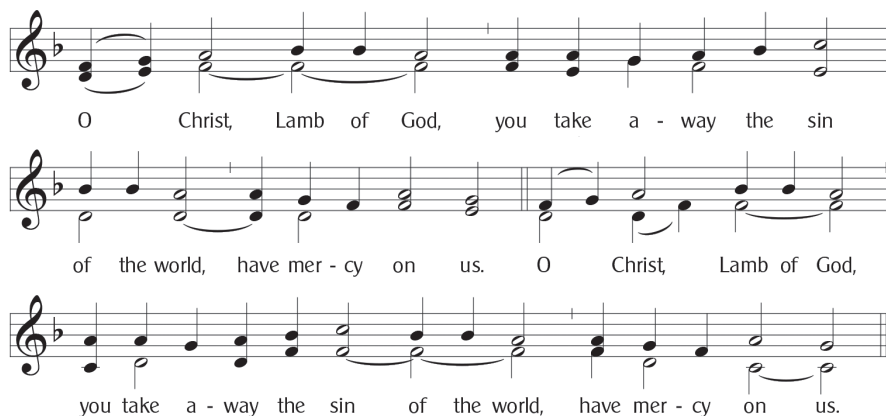
Words of Institution

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.



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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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” arr. C.Christensen

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.

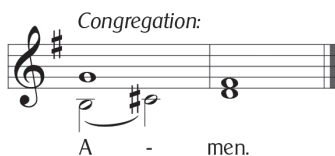
Benediction

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.



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. Call the church office to register.

Homecoming 2025

Homecoming Sunday is September 14. Invite friends and family to worship, followed by fellowship and food at the covered-dish luncheon in the shelter.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, August 24

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

Monday–Friday, we meet for morning prayer in the chapel at 8:30am.

Monday, August 25

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 26

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, August 27

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Thursday, August 28

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, August 31

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- College Ministry with Pastor Lord, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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 if you'd like. We will assemble the kits on September 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bernhardt.

Discipline and Reverence

Find the 19 bold words from Hebrews 12:4–10 KJV.

D R E B U K E D G S V S R Z P
R E L J C P W E N T E T E N A
G E A B B T H S I R T I V N R
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Ye have not yet **resisted** unto blood, **striving against** sin. And ye have **forgotten** the **exhortation** which speaketh unto you as unto **children**, My son, **despise** not thou the **chastening** of the Lord, nor faint when thou art **rebuked** of him: For whom the Lord **loveth** he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye **endure** chastening, God **dealeth** with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the **father** chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are **partakers**, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which **corrected** us, and we gave them **reverence**: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of **spirits**, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own **pleasure**; but he for our **profit**, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

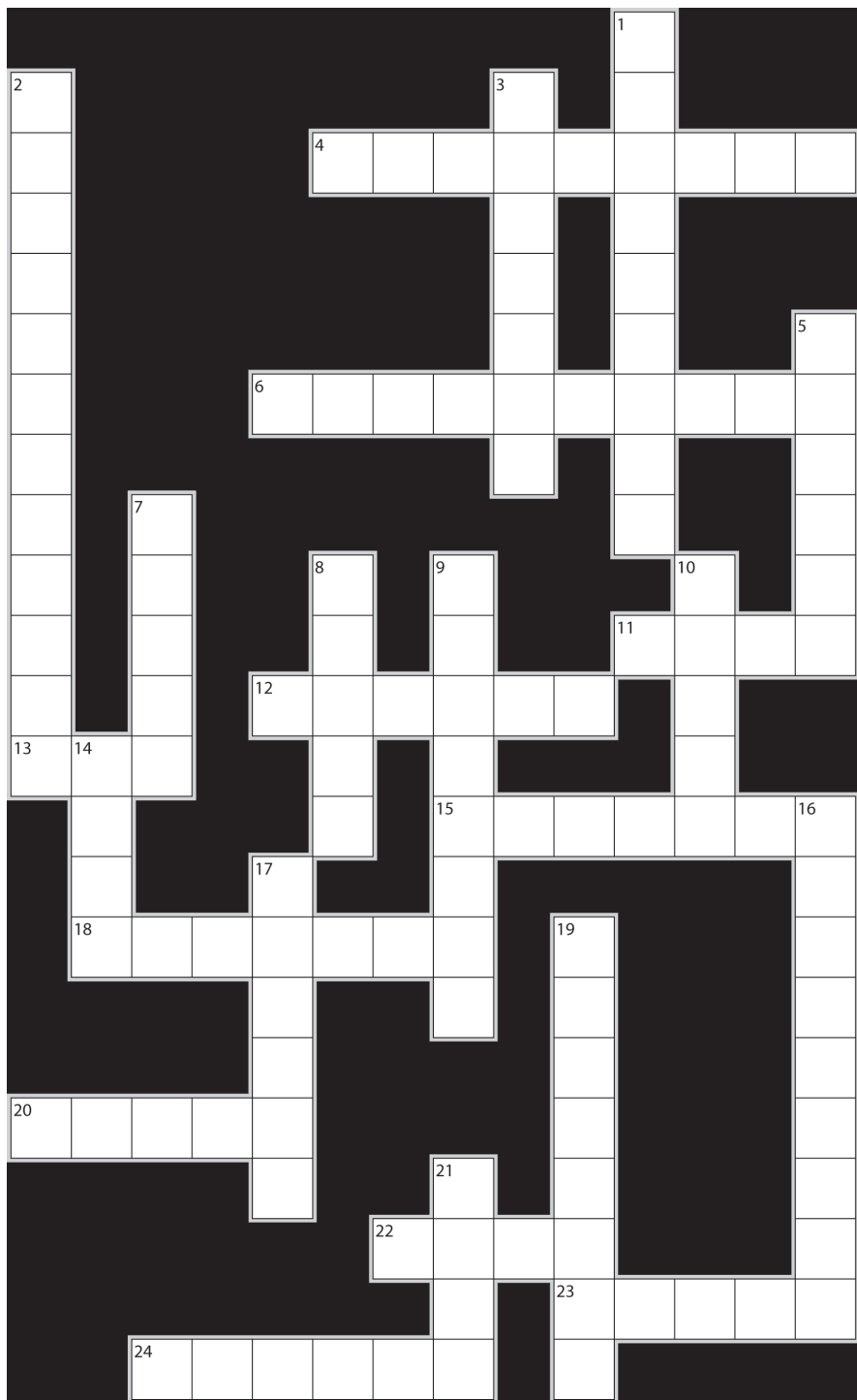
Recent Prayer Needs

- Eric Barringer – recovering from surgery
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – health concerns
- Cory Orbison – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – health concerns
- Miriam Ryman Vines – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – 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.

**Strive to enter
through the narrow door.
For many, I tell you,
will seek to enter
and will not be able.**

Luke 13:24



Pentecost 11C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 66:18–23; Psalm 50:1–15; Hebrews 12:4–29; Luke 13:22–30.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. Before God is this kind of fire.
6. Do not regard lightly the Lord's _____.
11. Some who are first will be...
12. Strive to enter through this door.
13. He shines forth.
15. They declare God's righteousness.
18. The Lord would send his messengers to declare God's glory to them.
20. Some who are last will be...
22. The perfection of beauty
23. The Lord disciplines those whom he _____.
24. Let us be grateful for a kingdom that cannot be _____.

DOWN

1. The holy mountain
2. Offer God this sacrifice.
3. From Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh will come to do this.
5. The master will say this to the knockers once the door is shut.
7. In your struggle against sin you have not shed this.
8. Strive for this with everyone.
9. God would send his messengers to Pul, Lud, Tubal, Javan...and where else?
10. People will come from all over to recline there in the kingdom of God.
14. When the master shuts the door, many will knock and say this.
16. The Lord would send them to the nations.
17. Around God is this kind of tempest.
19. The Hebrews reading speaks of this Jerusalem.
21. Isaiah said the Lord would set something among the nations.
What was it?

Stats

General Fund Offering (8/17).....	\$8,511
Other Offering (8/17)	\$2,969
Sunday School Attendance reported (8/17).....	68
Worship Attendance (8/17)	193

Children's Change Collection

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

Last Sunday: \$215.50 Total so far: \$1,219.00

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$20,642.62 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



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Next weeks lessons: Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

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