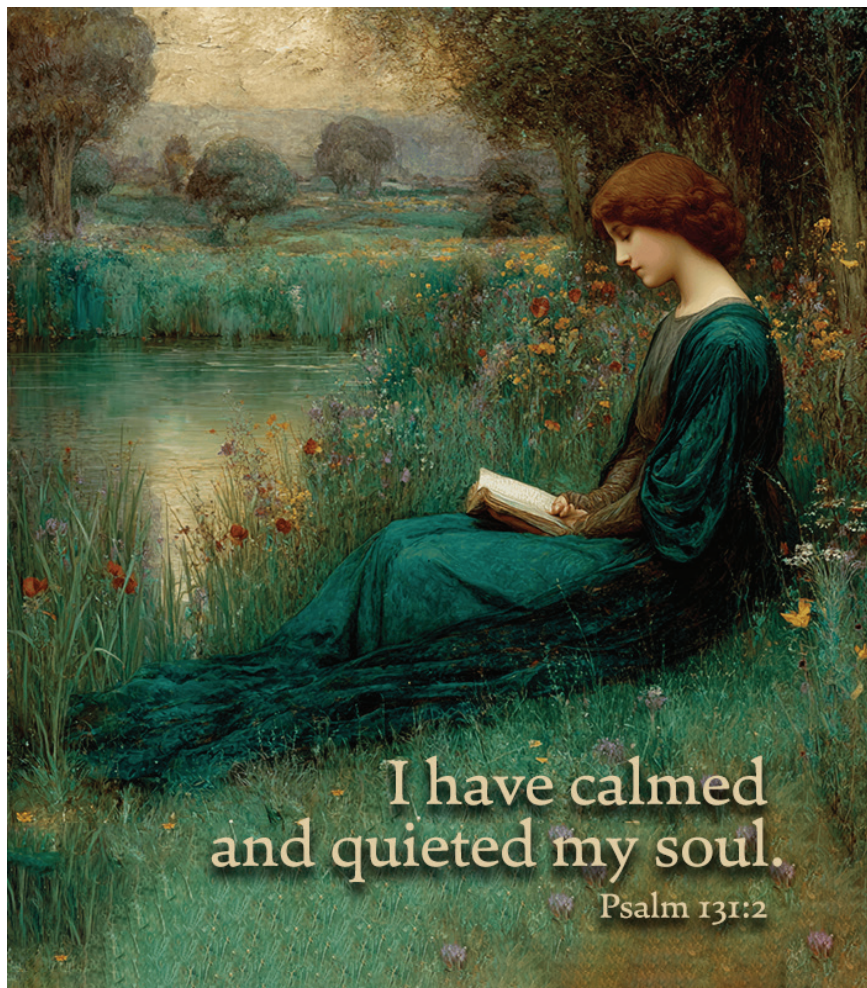




Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

Jesus Christ
is the same yesterday
and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Processional of Joy”

Hal Hopson

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: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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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

O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church.
Since she cannot stand firmly without
your power, govern her always by your
grace—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: Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings
is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth
for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the

dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;
5take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his
throne will be established in righteousness. 6Do not put yourself
forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
7for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in
the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen 8do not hastily
bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your
neighbor puts you to shame? 9Argue your case with your neighbor
himself, and do not reveal another's secret, 10lest he who hears you
bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

The word of the Lord.

Psalms 131

1O LORD, I | am not proud;
I have no | haughty looks.

2**I do not occupy myself | with great matters,
or with things that are too | hard for me.**

3But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a
child upon its | mother's breast;
my soul is quiet- | ed within me.

4**O Israel, wait up- | on the LORD,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-17

1Let brotherly love continue. 2Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels
unawares. 3Remember those who are in prison, as though in
prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also
are in the body.

4Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage
bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and
adulterous.

5Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with
what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake
you." 6So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will
not fear; what can man do to me?" 7Remember your leaders, those
who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of

their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.
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: “Offertory”

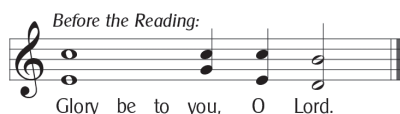
Laura Brock

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to the fourteenth chapter of Luke.



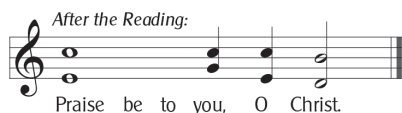
Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God with 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: "A Calm and Quiet Soul"

Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

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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

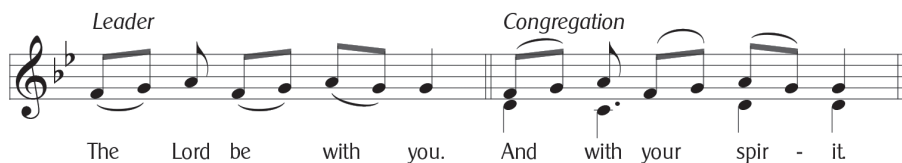
Exhortation

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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



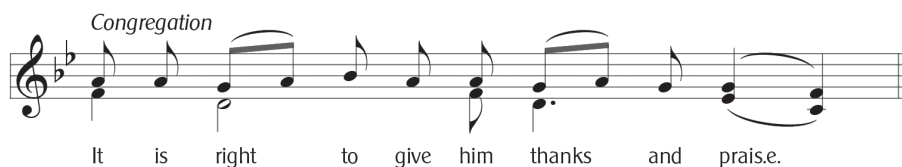
We lift them to the Lord.

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 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:

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;**

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 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,



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

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

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is now, and ever shall be, | world with- | out | end. A- | men

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Postlude: “Processional in C”

Hal Hopson

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.



Youth & Family Night—September 12

Youth & Family night will meet Friday, September 12th, to clean the pews for Homecoming Sunday. We will have pizza for supper. The evening begins at **6pm**.

Homecoming 2025

Homecoming Sunday at St. Paul's is September 14th. We will have food and fellowship at a covered-dish luncheon in the picnic shelter after our worship service. Bring your favorite foods to share. Everyone is invited. Invite friends and family to worship and join us for lunch.

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, August 31

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- College Ministry, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

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

Monday, September 1

- Labor Day—Church office is closed
- Facility Accessibility Committee, 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 2

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Wednesday, September 3

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation Class, 7pm

Thursday, September 4

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Sunday, September 7

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 11:45 in the parlor
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Youth & Family Committee, 2pm
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Confirmation Update

New classes begin on Wednesday, **September 10**. Classes are held weekly, 7pm–8pm. **Those in 7th grade or older** are welcome. A parent must attend as well. Call the church office to register.

Brotherly Love

Find the 24 bold words from Hebrews 13:1-8 KJV.

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

Let **brotherly** love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain **strangers**: for thereby some have **entertained angels unawares**. Remember them that are in bonds, as **bound** with them; and them which **suffer adversity**, as being yourselves also in the body. **Marriage** is honourable in all, and the bed **undefiled**: but whoremongers and **adulterers** God will **judge**. Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be **content** with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will **never leave** thee, nor **forsake** thee. So that we may **boldly** say, The **Lord** is my **helper**, and I will not **fear** what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose **faith** follow, considering the end of their conversation. **Jesus** Christ the same yesterday, and **today**, and **forever**.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Eric Barringer – recovering from surgery at home
- Gina Barringer – health concerns
- Marvin Burnett, father of Allen Burnett – Hospice care
- Betty Camerlin – home; health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Don McKnight, Julie Johnson's father – Hospice, VA Hospital
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – Davie Nursing and Rehab
- Lexi Norris – health concerns
- Eddie Peeler – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – 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.

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 may 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.

Humble Thyself

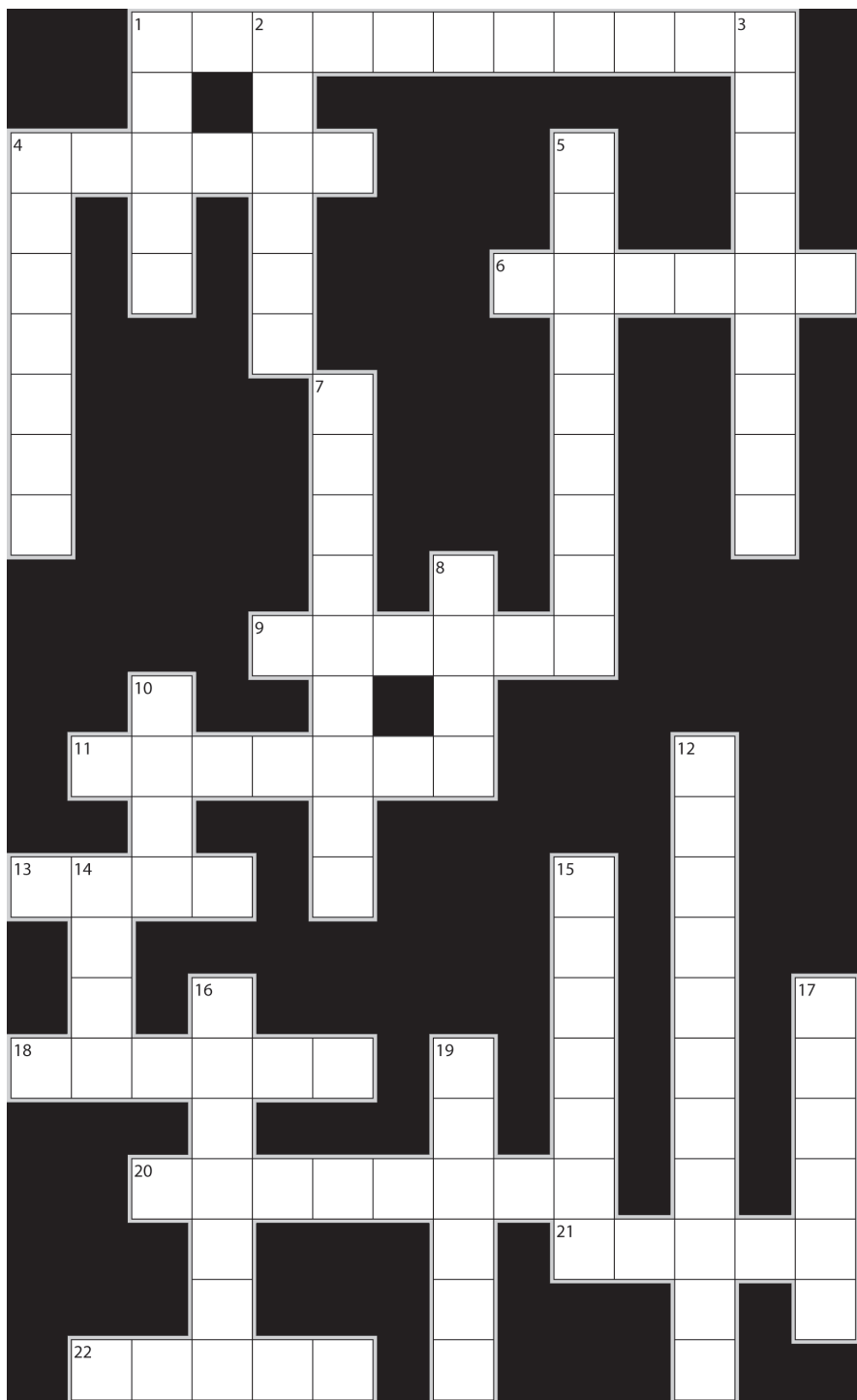
Find the 24 bold words from Proverbs 22:5–10 KJV.

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

Take away the **wicked** from before the **king**, And his **throne** shall be **established** in **righteousness**. Put not forth thyself in the **presence** of the king, And **stand** not in the place of great men: For better it is that it be said unto **thee**, Come up **hither**; Than that thou **shouldest** be put **lower** in the presence of the **prince** Whom **thine** eyes have seen. Go not forth **hastily** to **strive**, Lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, When thy **neighbour** hath put thee to shame. **Debate** thy cause with thy neighbour **himself**; And **discover** not a **secret** to another: Lest he that **heareth** it put thee to **shame**, And **thine infamy** turn not away.

Unscramble the verse.

sseju rstich si eth mase strdeyeay nda dytoa dna rvoerfe.



Pentecost 12C

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

1. Do not neglect to show it.
4. The glory of kings is to...
6. Take them away from the presence of the king.
9. Being kind to strangers, some people have entertained these messengers of God.
11. The glory of God is to...
13. You will pull him out if your son or ox falls into this.
18. They should hope in the Lord.
20. Let it be held in honor by all.
21. Take it away from the silver.
22. Do not stand in their place.

DOWN

1. It is not lifted up.
2. Do not reveal another's...
3. Jesus Christ is the same forever, today, and...
4. Jesus went to dinner at a Pharisee's house on this day.
5. Remember them.
7. You should show hospitality to them.
8. Is it lawful to do this on the Sabbath?
10. The psalmist calmed and quieted it.
12. How long should one hope?
14. They are not raised too high.
15. Everyone who exalts himself will be...
16. Jesus told this kind of story about a wedding feast.
17. A man at the Pharisee's dinner suffered from this condition.
19. One should be as calm as this kind of child.

Stats

General Fund Offering (8/24)	\$6,905
Other Offering (8/24).....	\$11,704
Sunday School Attendance reported (8/24)	94
Worship Attendance (8/24).....	197

Children's Change Collection

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

Last Sunday: \$160.50 Total so far: \$1,379.50

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$20,803.12 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: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35

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