

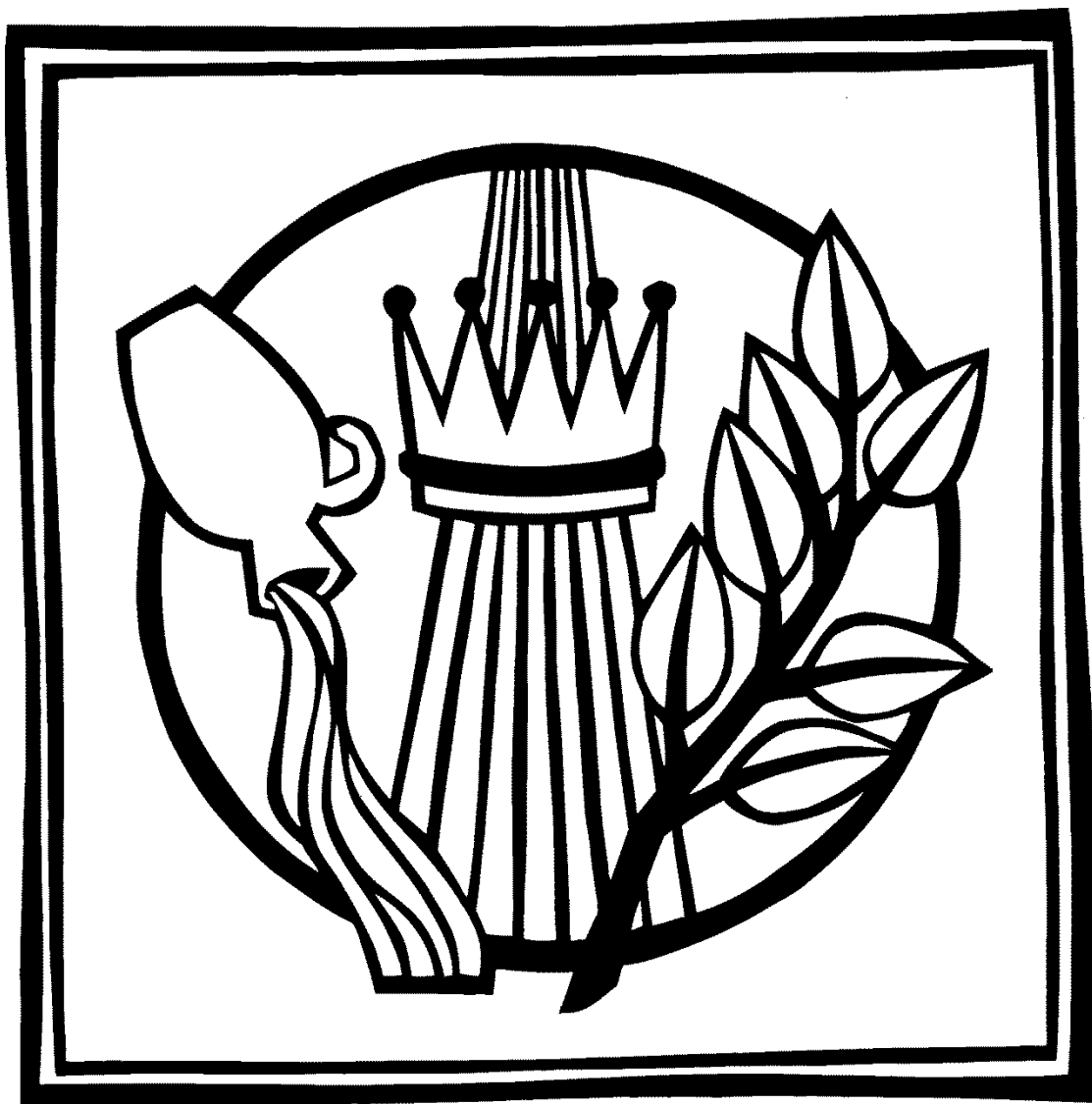


Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 12, 2021 – 9:00am

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**OUR MISSION:** We are God forgiven and mission driven.

**OUR VISION:** To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

<p><b>Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b>  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Reader:</b> Margaret Okland  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Open  <b>Sound:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Acolytes:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Ushers:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for September:</b>  Jean Rondeau &amp; Pat Thorson</p>	<p><b>Sunday--9:00am Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b>  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Readers:</b> Sondra Nelson  <b>Special Music:</b> Brady Kurtz  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Al Skellenger, Willie Skellenger, Bruce Adams, Nancy Guttormson  <b>Sound:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Live Stream:</b> Brad Evenson  <b>Video:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Acolytes:</b> Lyle Thomson  <b>Ushers:</b> Lyle and Orloue Thomson  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for September:</b>  Jean Rondeau &amp; Pat Thorson</p>
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## INTRODUCTION

*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### BELLS

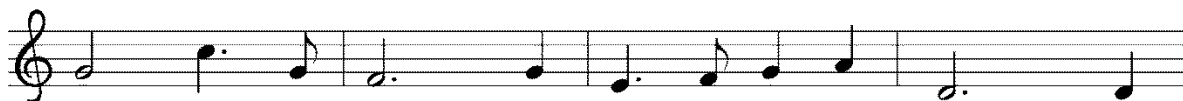
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The gathering hymn will be accompanied by the organ on verse one, by saxophone on verse two, acappella verse three and all on verse four.*

### GATHERING SONG

### *Lift High the Cross*

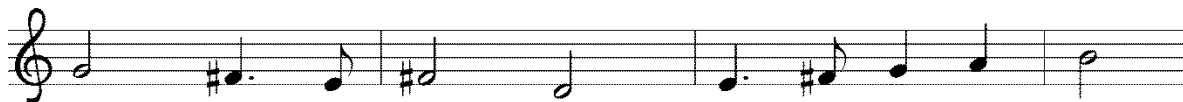
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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

*The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation. As water is poured into the font the following prayer is said.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The assembly makes affirmation:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE***All Who Believe and Are Baptized* ELW #442

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
 2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
 Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -  
 blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
 ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *Small but Mighty*(James 3:1-12)Whirl Story Bible p.498**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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**WORD**


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**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY***Sweetly Broken*

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To the cross I look, to the cross I cling  
Of its suffering I do drink  
Of its work I do sing

For on it my Saviour  
Both bruised and crushed  
Showed that God is love  
And God is just

At the cross You beckon me  
You draw me gently to my knees  
And I am lost for words, so lost in love  
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life  
 Have I been given  
 Through Christ crucified

You've called me out of death  
 You've called me into life  
 And I was under Your wrath  
 Now through the cross I'm reconciled

At the cross You beckon me  
 You draw me gently to my knees  
 And I am lost for words, so lost in love  
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## SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every



species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,<sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.<sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.<sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?* WOV p.31

*We stand for the hearing of the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

<sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be

killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

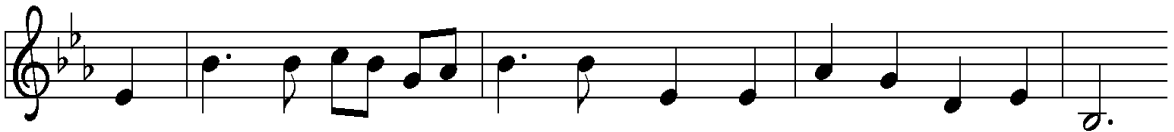
<sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* ELW #580



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters.

Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The pastor concludes the prayers*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance,  
 you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

### *Giver Of Life*

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Giver of life, you never change  
All that is perfect comes from you  
Your wonderers never cease

Not even life, not even death  
Nor any power in heaven or earth  
Could separate us from Your love

You are good  
And Your mercies last a lifetime  
You are good, always, always

Everyday, Your love is never ending  
You are good, always, always

Freely you give, New everyday  
Your mercies will never fail  
So great is your faithfulness

Your love is kind, your love is pure  
 Your love will always persevere  
 For every blessing comes from You

You are good  
 And your mercies last a lifetime  
 You are good, always, always  
 Everyday, Your love is never ending  
 You are good, always, always

You delight to pour Your goodness down  
 You delight to pour Your goodness down

You are good  
 And Your mercies last a lifetime  
 You are good, always, always

Everyday, Your love is never ending  
 You are good, always, always

You are good  
 And Your mercies last a lifetime  
 You are good, always, always

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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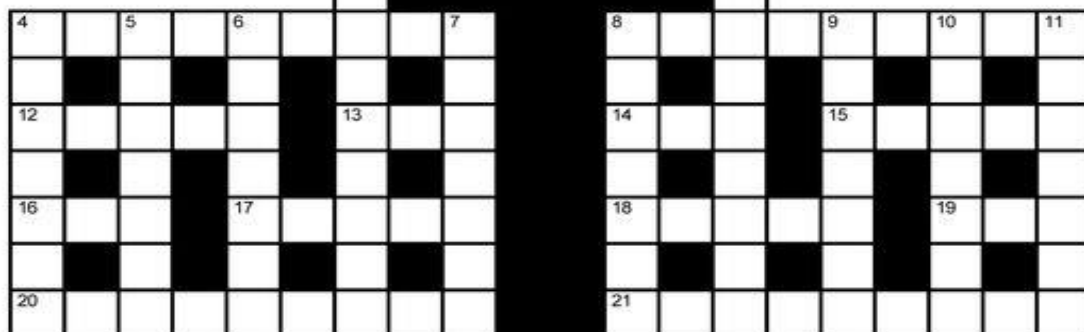
## Bible Crossword X

## Across

- 1 Donkey (3)  
2 Jesus' Father (3)  
4 One of the twelve (9)

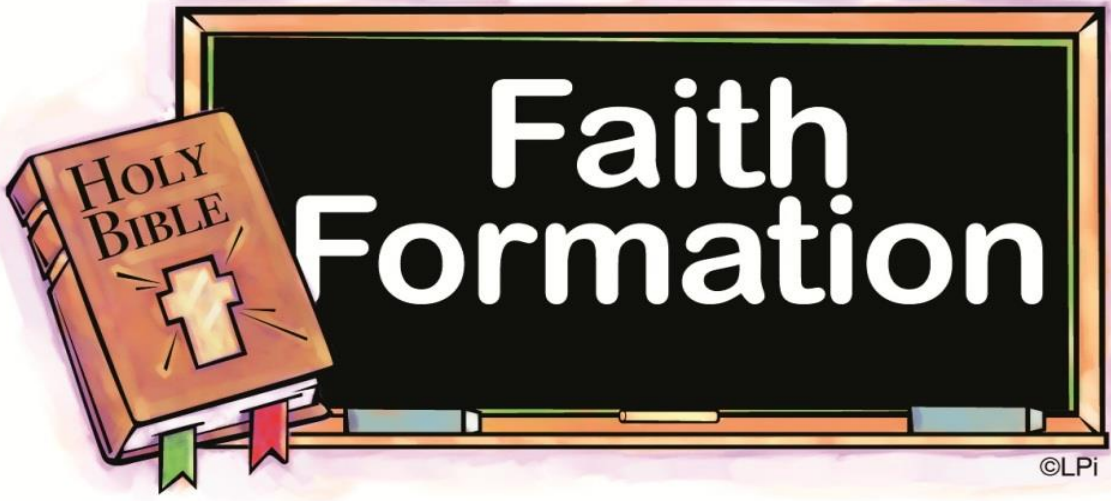
## Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)  
3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)  
12 One of David's warriors (5)  
13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)  
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)  
15 Wish harm upon (5)  
16 Hole in the ground (3)  
17 Adversary (5)  
18 Savour (5)  
19 First woman (3)  
20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)  
21 Family of priests (9)  
22 Third son of Jacob (4)  
23 Hates (8)  
26 Assurances (8)  
30 Endured pain (8)  
31 Return from the dead (4)  
32 Intercessor (8)  
35 Decorating (8)  
39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)  
40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)  
42 A wise insect (3)  
44 Dwelling place of kings (6)  
45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)  
5 Father of Jonah (7)  
6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)  
7 Defensive structures (11)  
8 Refuges (11)  
9 Dirty (7)  
10 Devout (7)  
11 Pieces of money (7)  
24 Used to listen (3)  
25 Used to see (3)  
26 Positions (5)  
27 Made available (7)  
28 Snake (7)  
29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)  
33 Finish (3)  
34 Possess (3)  
35 King of the Amalekites (4)  
36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)  
37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)  
38 Present (4)  
41 Unfasten (4)  
43 Fish traps (4)



**Growing**   
**Together**  
**in Faith**

