

**Christ Lutheran Church  
St. Catharines, ON**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 2024





## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING

God of infinite love and wisdom, we ask you to hear these, our prayers. Continue to keep us faithful to Christ so that we may one day rejoice in the resurrection of the righteous  
Amen.

**Musician** – Promise Band + **Reader** – Tom Kuhl

## DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS

Monday: Psalm 61

Wed: 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Friday: Colossians 3: 12-17

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 8: 1-18

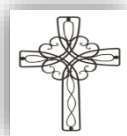
Thurs: Psalm 14

Saturday: John 4: 31-38

## July 2024 Worship Schedule



July 28 – 10<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10 AM LSB Setting 1 Communion



***TAMMY GRANTON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, immediately following the regular morning Worship. A luncheon will be served in the church basement following the memorial service. We pray for safe travels for those coming near and far as we worship the Lord for the life of His servant, Tammy.***

## LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS

Christ Lutheran is full of wonderful people and God has made each of us to serve in different ways. (Many thanks to those who have served or are still serving). Look in your heart to see if you would be willing to serve in our ladies' group. We are in need of a Secretary and a Member Development Chair! Lorraine K. would love to hear from you by text or call 905-964-5837 if you are interested.



***"Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace".***

**L.A.M.P. KINGFISHER LAKE VBS** - is happening during the second week of August when Jeff Swords, Heather Simons and the team will be heading to Kingfisher Lake.



STILL NEEDED: Motel/hotel size shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, etc. for the ladies. If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Jeff Swords at telephone number 905-931-3165.

**Please place donations in the box at the back of the church.**

Last Sunday's Attendance – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 78

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>2024-07-14</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>+/(-)</u>
Current	303,899.00	5,844.21	3,243.00	103,315.84	(36,945.24)
LCC Missions	17,500.00	336.54	123.00	11,064.00	2,987.08
Property Improvements			10.00	3,052.00	

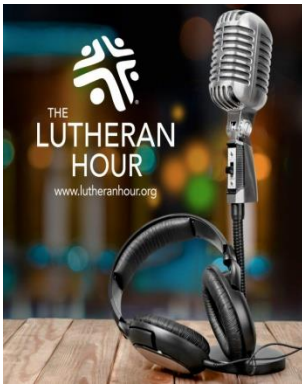
**POSITIVE LIVING NIAGARA**

Thank you so much to Pastor Todd and his community from [Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines](#), for your continued support to our community and our StreetWorks program.

Pastor Todd's community started a Bear Paws drive, called "Bear"ing Burdens, where he asks his community to donate a box of Bear Paws to help "Bear" another's burden!

We cannot express our gratitude enough for the people of Christ Lutheran Church and Pastor Todd for their on-going support and donations! For some folks, visiting us may be there only source of food for the day, and these donations go along way!





**Lutheran Hour Ministry Sermons:** *These highly regarded sermons are broadcast each Sunday morning on 99.5 FM WDCX, Buffalo, at 10:30 A.M. Check the website for participating stations or you can listen any time to a podcast or MP3 or read the text at [www.ill.ca](http://www.ill.ca).*

*They are a worthwhile addition to your regular observance of the Lord's Day and a particularly helpful alternative if you know you will be unable to attend our regular Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church for any reason. The Lutheran Hour speaker is Rev. D. Michael Zeigler.*



**ALL THIS WEEK IS OUR VBS:** Please keep in your prayers the children (and their families) that the Lord brings to our program, that they hear about and receive the love of God; all the volunteers and staff to have the patience and boldness to speak God's Word; that God keeps all of us safe and blesses our time together.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Service of Baptismal Remembrance

"All God's People Sing" Children's hymnal CPH 1992 © St Louis, MO

The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024 + 10 AM

GATHERING SONG "*Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness*"

*Vs 1 & 3*

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.  
1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."

*Refrain*

**You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,  
then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city You called once again,  
when You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

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SPRIT  
Irregular

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
There is one body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**One God and Father of us all.**

As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**Even so we should walk in the newness of life.**

FROM LUTHER'S CATECHISM – blessings of baptism

What benefits does Baptism give?

**It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil,**

and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**Which are these words and promises of God?**

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,

**but whoever does not believe will be condemned." This is most certainly true.**

*[Mark 16:16]*

*Psalms 51: 1-12 [in unison]*

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,**

**Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be truly clean.**

**Let me hear joy and gladness;**

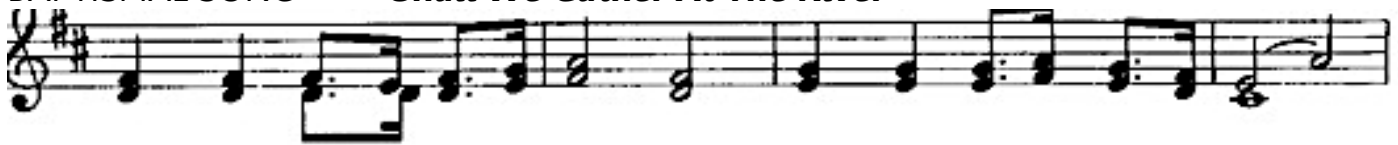
**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your holy spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free spirit.**

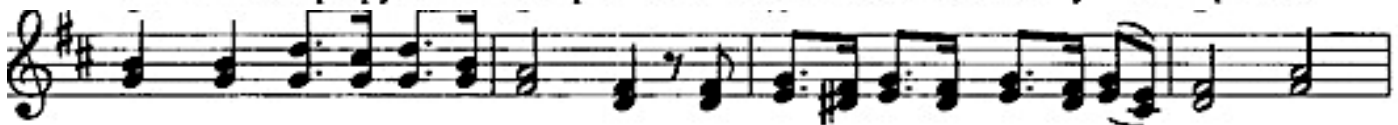
BAPTISMAL SONG "Shall We Gather At The River"



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
 Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

HANSON PLACE  
 8787 and refrain

[www.Hymnary.Org/hymn/WOV/690](http://www.Hymnary.Org/hymn/WOV/690)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord God, powerful and compassionate, Your Shepherd Son Jesus nourishes all people by faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each one of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the peace and mercy of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour, Who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**The Old Testament** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

King David was living in his palace. And the Lord gave him peace from all his enemies around him. David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I am living in a palace made of cedar wood. But the Ark of the Covenant of God is still kept in a tent!" Nathan said to the king, "Go and do what you really want to do. The Lord is with you." But that night the Lord spoke his word to Nathan. The Lord said, "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: You are not the person to build a house for me to live in. I did not live in a house when I brought the Israelites out of Egypt. I have been moving around all this time with a tent as my home. I have continued to move with the tribes of Israel. But I have never asked their leaders who take care of them to build me a house of cedar wood.' "You must tell my servant David, 'This



is what the Lord of heaven's armies says: I took you from the pasture when you were following the sheep. I took you to become leader of my people, the Israelites. I have been with you everywhere you have gone. I have defeated your enemies for you. I will make you as famous as any of the great men on the earth. Also I will choose a place for my people, the Israelites. I will plant them so they can live in their own home. They will not be bothered anymore. Wicked people will no longer make them suffer as they have in the past. Wicked people continued to do this even when I appointed judges. But I will give you peace from all your enemies. I also tell you that I will make your descendants kings of Israel after you. "Your days will come to an end, and you will die. At that time I will make one of your sons the next king. He will build a temple for me. I will make his kingdom strong forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *Ephesians 2:11-22*

[St. Paul writes:] So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God. This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SUNG GOSPEL VERSE**

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**Worship**

*Ketrau*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

**4. You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions Your people arise. *Refrain***

**The Holy Gospel** *St. Mark 6:30-44*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven, and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

So today I ask you anew. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**I do renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL HYMN *"Behold The Lamb Slain For Us"*

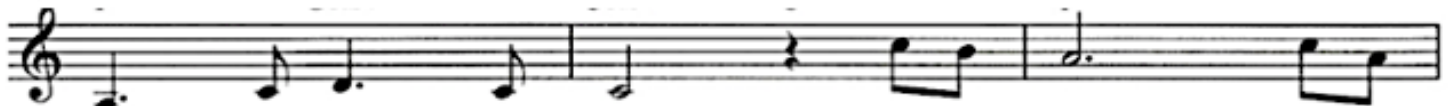
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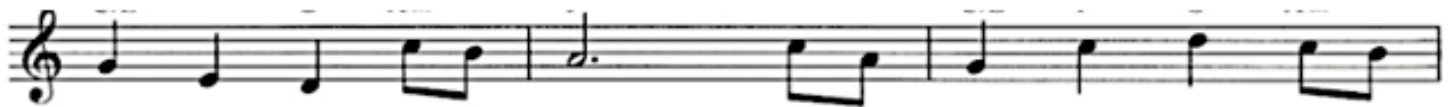
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us -  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you -  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you -



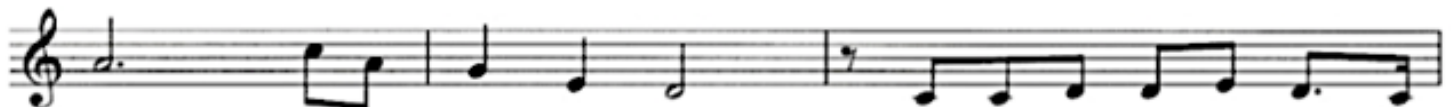
- and we re-mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -  
- eat and re-mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the  
- drink and re-mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
price to make us of one. So we share in this  
ceive the life of God. So we share in this



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the  
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the  
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the



King.  
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King.

THE MESSAGE  
OFFERING SONG *"Gratitude"*

Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe  
and Benjamin Hastings

**VERSE**

♩ = 52

A F#m7

All my words fall short; I got noth - ing new. How could  
I could) sing these songs, as I oft - en do, but ev - 'ry  
I've got) one re - sponse, I've got just one move: with my

5 E(4) D2(no3) 1 | 2, 3

I ex - press all my gra - ti - tude? I could So I  
song must end and You nev - er do.  
arms stretched wide I will wor - ship You.

**CHORUS 1a**

A E(4) D2

throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause all that I have is a hal - le -

15 F#m7 E(4) A

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king

20 E(4) D2 F#m7 1 E(4)

ex - cept for a heart sing - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

A (4) A

26 jah." lu - jah."

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*[Please greet each other with the Lord's peace with a smile, handshake, hug, wave or fist bump]*

### PRAYERS

Made children and heirs of our Father's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need: Holy God, Gracious Lord, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, missionaries & lay leaders engaged in sharing your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Help us offer our bread to the hungry, either as a loaf or as a Word of hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show no partiality Lord God. Increase peace, justice & empathy in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. We pray especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now before You.. (names added here). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place in Your care all that we need. Remember those who are downtrodden, disabled and especially those who suffer because they bear your name. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit, so that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name..."*

### CLOSING BAPTISMAL PRAYER

**Almighty God, we give thanks that Your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins. We celebrate with joy His resurrection from the dead and ascension into Heaven. We are grateful for the work of Your Holy Spirit in us. Which brought us to faith by Baptism. We know that You are faithful in Your covenant with us. Keep us faithful as well. Show us the way You would have us live. In Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour we pray. Amen.**

### CLOSING GREETING & BLESSING

By baptism we have been made members of the church, the Body of Christ.

**As we live in Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love and walk in newness of life.**

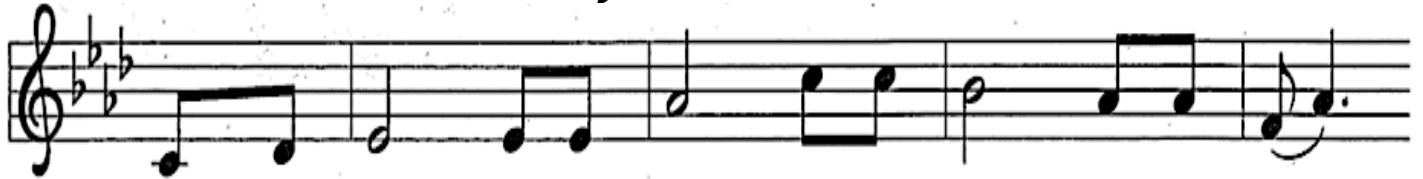
Let us now praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

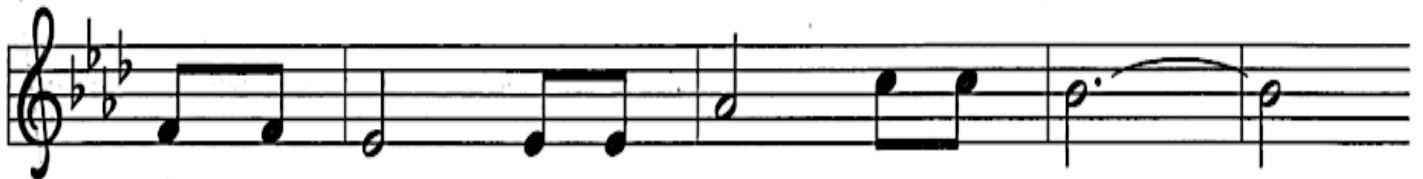
The Almighty and merciful God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

**Amen.**

LAST HYMN *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

# Getting Away from It All

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. Mark 6:30-32

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:30-34



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V X Q A H Y I G S O E A T N M

PEOPLE

APOSTLES

SHEPHERD

TOWNS

JESUS

SOLITARY

SHEEP

CROWD

EAT

BOAT

LARGE

QUIET

REST

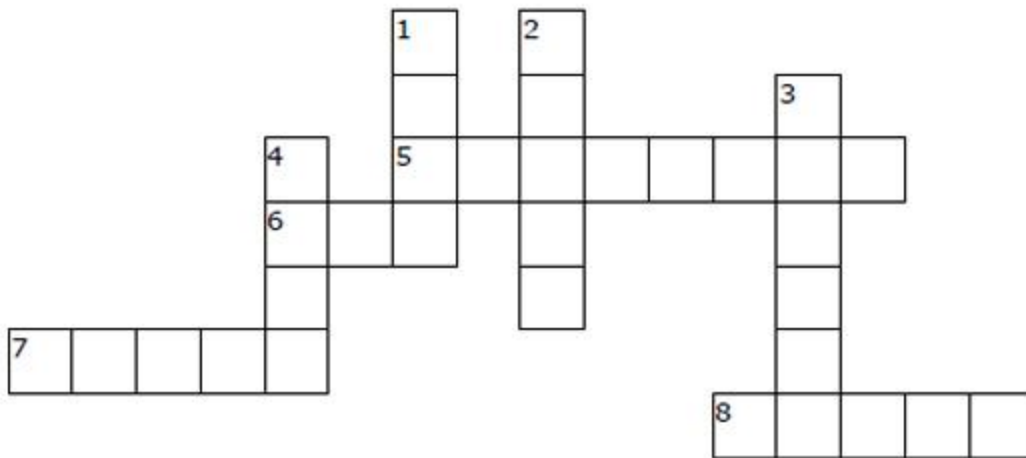
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## ACROSS

5. The early followers of Jesus
6. To take solid food through the mouth
7. Without noise or activity
8. To give knowledge or skills to others

## DOWN

1. A small vessel for traveling on water
2. A large group of people
3. Any group of men, women, and children
4. To take a break from activity

EAT	TEACH	BOAT	APOSTLES
PEOPLE	QUIET	REST	CROWD